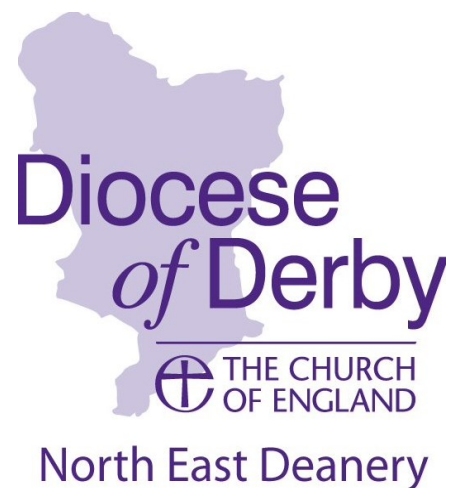


Inbetween

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Daniel writes.....



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the new phase of “Inbetween”, our Deanery Newsletter. Many thanks to Jacqueline, our deanery administrator, who has been working to bring this new newsletter together and thank you to everyone who has contributed to the content of this newsletter.

The past year has seen quite a lot of transition in our Archdeaconry and Deanery. I’m sure that you all felt the disturbance in the force as we transitioned from Chesterfield Archdeaconry, to become part of the new East Derbyshire Archdeaconry. Our previous Area Dean, Karen Hamblin, of course moved to become our Archdeacon, while I’m sure that you would agree with me that Karen is a wonderful appointment to that role, it of course left us without an Area Dean for quite a significant amount of time. Also, our previous Deanery Administrator, Kathy Crawshaw-Moore, left at around the same time to become a member of the Archdeacons’ office. We have seen a number of new appointments in the Deanery Team, notably Rev’d Sarah Colver as Assistant Area Dean and Jacqueline Clayton as our Deanery Administrator, as well as myself moving from being your Assistant Area Dean to Area Dean. It is my hope and prayer that this year sees less transition, and more stability in our Deanery, allowing us to get on with what we are all really here to do, engage with God’s Mission and Ministry in our Deanery and Parishes.

Our Lay Chair, Christine Holmes-Elener, has recently brought a new motto to our Deanery Leadership Team meetings (where we plan deanery synod meetings and seek to find ways to support the work of the church across the whole deanery). This motto is a question for the Deanery Leadership team to ask ourselves constantly: “What will this do to support our parishes?” This question has been at the heart of our conversations and planning, and I hope that this will shine through in our future programme for deanery synod meetings in particular. We are proposing a series of visits from members of the diocesan Discipleship, Mission and Ministry Team who are being invited to come and speak with synod about the support that they are keen to offer out to parishes to support us in Mission, Church Growth and enabling our Church members to grow in their personal discipleship.

We do have some other ideas currently being explored, but the Deanery Leadership Team are keen to hear from you. We would welcome suggestions of what you and your parishes would like to explore. How can we work together as a Deanery to enable activities, events and ideas to become a reality and to flourish, that we may not be able to do as individual parishes. Please do get in touch via all the usual routes of communication, and do engage with asking questions for submission to synod meetings. We have opened up an opportunity at every synod meeting for members to submit questions.

Asking questions is a practice that has recently been re-instituted at a diocesan synod level, and is an important part of synodical governance. Members are invited to ask any questions regarding our shared church life for discussion and exploration at synod. Recently a proposal from another deanery synod is being discussed at Bishop’s Council and Diocesan Synod. A local deanery synod member asked if there was any possibility of parishes in vacancy receiving additional administrative support from the diocese, this question was passed from their deanery synod onto diocesan synod, and is now being explored by a team from Bishop’s Council to see what the possibilities are, and what form a real proposal could and should take. Many members of Bishop’s Council and Diocesan Synod are keen to see some concrete outcomes from these conversations that will bring real benefits to local parishes, so watch this space on that one, please do consider submitting a question to synod. You, members of our local churches, are the best placed people to bring the real needs of the local church to the attention of the wider diocesan governance team through deanery synod.

God bless

Rev’d Daniel Cooke



Welcome Rev'd Sally Anne Beecham

Hi, I'm Rev'd Sally-Anne Beecham and was licensed Priest-in-Charge of SS Augustine Church in Chesterfield in December. The area isn't new to me however, as I had the privilege of serving some of my curacy in the Parish and I've lived in Chesterfield for the past 20 years. I'm delighted to be continuing, as the sense of community spirit here is wonderful, despite the multiple social challenges the locality faces. We've been working closely with all sorts of local organisations, other churches and community groups to try to meet the needs of local folks, and, having the only large building left in the area, we are trying to steward it as generously as possible. We are proud to be flexible with our space, hosting a weekly Food Hub, clothing bank, social eating café, as well as our regular church services. Income is a challenge though and heating this large building through the winter has been hugely demanding. The next twelve months will need a focus on our failing lights and the reordering needed to stay open next winter. However, our prayers have been answered time and time again, local churches and individuals have been extremely generous, and grant applications successful, and so we are making progress. The most exciting ventures for me have been trying new approaches to worship, using accessible language. Our carol service was very informal at Christmas, on a Food Hub day, when the community was already gathered, and we invited the local school to provide the choir. Our Messy Church is happening similarly. We have also begun a 'seeker style' evening service and the local homeless hostel are joining us. It's early days, but noticing where the Holy Spirit is already at work, and joining in, seems the very best use of our time.

If you have time to pray for us, please pray for more local people to come to know the love of Jesus, and for local leaders to come forward. Please pray also that we can facilitate appropriate Christian teaching for children and young people - the next generation of Christians. Thank you.



Welcome Rev'd Elliot George

Only seven months ago Megan and I were living in Bristol, excited and apprehensive about what we'd said yes to by accepting a curacy in Dronfield. Fortunately, as usual, God knew what he was doing, and we're so pleased to be able to return to our home diocese, having both grown up in South Derbyshire - back home where people call you "duck"! The churches and neighbourhood have been so welcoming to us that we can't help feel like we're home, and these seven months have been such a rush.

In all honesty, serving in five churches has been a challenge at times, as it just takes that little bit longer to get integrated and remember people's names and stories, but the grace people have shown us has been incredible touching. It's through this support that we've been able to get stuck into church- and community-life. Our nearest church, St Philip's, has shown steady growth (spiritually and numerically) since we've been there - having explored an Ezra-Nehemiah sermon series and what it means to "rebuild" after a global pandemic - and has recently agreed to commit to a garden refurbishment project in order to make the building and grounds more accessible and usable for the community, and make the church itself more "visible and awake", tying into its vision of the last few years. We've also re-shaped the worship space internally in order to help the church have a greater sense of intimacy and inclusion: one body of Christ, not a collection of individuals.

When our beloved Queen died in September, there was such a beautifully collaborative community spirit here, and an outpouring of love and grief for a life well-lived. It also demonstrated good and growing ecumenical connections, as well as a growing partnership with the junior school next door, who joined with us to pay their respects and stuffed the condolences book full to bursting with tributes and memories! Being able to do assemblies at several of the schools in the area has been a privilege too, and showing the children the joy and love that God desires for each of us as we get to know who he has made us to be, in all our beautiful diversity and uniqueness. My skills in biblical languages has also been put to the test in our new weekly Bible Workshop, as we try to slowly and thoughtfully unpack the scriptures together - what God might have been saying to the original audience(s), and what God might be saying to us today.

So, it's been a whirlwind, but there's no greater relief than going through three years of discernment and three years of college and eventually finding yourself actually doing what you feel God has been calling you to for so long - hallelujah! We're very grateful for Rev'd Ian Webb and his family's support, as well as the dozens of people here who are always looking out for us. I'm sure there will be tough times ahead but if we're together trying to keep in step with God then we can't go too far wrong.



Welcome to:

Rev'd Gary Weston - St Thomas' Brampton

Rev'd Sally Anne Beecham - SS Augustines Chesterfield

Rev'd Jo Harbidge - Curate at Walton

Rev'd Elliott George - Curate at Dronfield

Jacqueline Clayton new Deanery Administrator

Congratulations to:

Rev'd Rhoda Blackwell, Assistant Curate of Newbold, Diocese of Derby, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the same benefice.

And farewell to :

Rev'd Roy & Janet Bradshaw—Sutton Cum Duckmanton, wishing you both a long and happy retirement



Have you seen:

The Greenhouse Initiative has been running nationally for about 3 years, as part of the Fresh Expressions movement within the Church of England. The Diocese of Derby has piloted it with a number of churches across the Diocese. These churches were trialling new ways to reach the community and proclaim the Gospel in accessible ways, with an emphasis on lay involvement. All these 'new shoots' formed a 'Greenhouse' with representatives meeting (mainly on Zoom) to share stories, encourage and support one another.

Over the past 6 months the Diocesan Greenhouse initiative has been reviewed and, as a result of participant feedback, it is now beginning a more local (Deanery) focus. The hope is that we will have a NE Deanery Greenhouse in the near future. We are, therefore, on the look out for Churches who are running, or thinking about starting, new ways to reach the community with accessible ways to share the Gospel. These may include Messy Church, children's groups, Muddy Church, informal worship, care home outreach - to name a few. Rev'd Bryony Taylor has volunteered to collect the information.

New Grant Programme

The Cherish Partnership is a new programme that will provide churches and chapels with practical solutions to improve how their buildings are cared for and secured for the future. This will be delivered through financial support, heritage management skills initiatives and training.

The funding will target the most critical areas improving economic and community resources, providing important benefits to places of worship and communities.

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 will be dedicated to maintenance, project development and small repairs. Available from May 2023 via the [National Churches Trust's online Grants Portal](#).

News from the Archdeacon's Office

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC), the global ecumenical prayer movement, is now in its eighth year. At the heart remains the invitation to Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Learn more and register your events and services at www.thykingdomcom.global.

[Diocesan Synod Report](#) can be found via the following link:

[Diocesan Synod Reports - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

North East Deanery Synod Report 2022

Deanery Synod met three times during 2022. The first was a Zoom meeting on the evening of Tuesday 8th February & was used as an opportunity to reflect on the last two years & how Covid-19 had affected our lives. Using the analogy of a great storm bringing large & powerful waves, the Area Dean asked representatives to consider how the pandemic had “battered” people, society & the Church. Both Covid & storm waves brought death, damage & destruction, & Synod was encouraged to reflect on what had been destroyed & what had remained & how this had affected normality. However, it was pointed out that there were constructive elements in that the waves deposited new things on the shoreline or had altered the landscape; similarly, the pandemic had brought potential for restoration, reconstruction & change.

This theme was taken up in a brief presentation on Micro Mission which assessed the new opportunities resulting from the Church moving on-line during the lockdown periods. Various local initiatives had occurred during the pandemic. Whitwell had introduced Compline on Zoom to keep people together. At Barlborough, a quote of the week had been written on a chalkboard outside the church which had provided a talking point in the community. As the elderly might not have internet access, Telephone Church had been introduced whereby those unable to attend church could partake in the service by being linked in on a conference call (the latter being offered as a free service).

The second meeting was held on Wednesday 13th July at Holmesfield Parish Centre. The guest speaker was Stella Collishaw (Diocesan Environment Officer) who advised Synod about Eco Church & the aim to achieve a Net Zero carbon footprint by churches by 2030. In a bid to reduce high energy costs, it was suggested that heat pumps & LED lighting could be installed; both of these were currently costly to do but, as technology developed, it was hoped that prices would come down. Examples were given of how some parishes in the Diocese were endeavouring to become Net Zero Churches by using electric instead of gas or oil, by fixing windows & doors that were letting in draughts, & by wasting less & sharing more. Parishes were requested to submit energy data to the Diocese; once submitted, it would enable churches to compare their carbon footprint year by year to check if improvements were being made.



North East Deanery Synod Report 2022 cont.

St Michael & All Angels church, Brimington was the venue for the meeting on Wednesday 2nd November. It saw a return visit by Jason Kennedy (Diocesan Missioner) whose presentation was to explain how to use the Mission Action Tool-kit with particular emphasis on how it may be an aid to those parishes in interregnum. The Tool-kit is designed to assist parishes to develop & implement the Diocesan Mission Action Plan which, in turn, promotes the three Missional aims of transforming lives, growing Church, & building communities. It was stressed that there was no compunction to do everything suggested by the Tool-kit; it was best to select one area & do it well. It was also advised that churches should start from where they were already rather than starting afresh & that it was best to tackle things that were possible rather than striving for objectives that were unachievable. With regard to parishes in vacancy, it was suggested that the use of the Mission Action Plan & Tool-kit would give the parish time to take stock, thereby showing potential to a prospective incumbent; furthermore, setting out a time frame & direction for a missional journey could help find a leader with the right skill-set to promote the selected aims. Local examples were given in which the Tool-kit had been used as a series of courses within parishes with positive results.

The meeting was then given a short talk by Steve Johnson (Diocesan Living Generously Advisor). He indicated that there was a movement towards a cashless society &, accordingly, churches should be thinking about making provision for contactless giving. From February 2023, there would be a promotion to encourage churches to use contactless devices, QR codes, & on-line giving. He was willing to visit parishes to advise them on how these methods of giving can be set up at minimal cost.

In June 2022, the Diocese created three archdeaconries from the existing two. Our Area Dean (the Rev'd Canon Karen Hamblin) was appointed Archdeacon of the newly-established East Derbyshire Archdeaconry; subsequently, the Rev'd Daniel Cooke (*Brimington*) headed the Deanery for the second part of the year in his capacity of Assistant Area Dean until his official appointment as Area Dean in November 2022. The Rev'd Sarah Colver (*Old Brampton, Loundsley Green, & Great Barlow*) became the new Assistant Area Dean, & Jacqueline Clayton the new Deanery Administrator. John Taylor was elected to the post of Hon. Deanery Treasurer at Synod's November meeting.

Seven parishes within the Deanery were in vacancy (Dronfield; St. Mark's, Brampton; Newbold; Ss. Augustines; Calow; Staveley; & Wingerworth). The Rev'd Gary Weston was appointed as incumbent at St Thomas', Brampton, & curates were appointed at St John's, Walton, & to the Dronfield team. Deanery Prayer evenings continued monthly on Zoom but, with the lifting of socialising restrictions, they were becoming less well-attended. On a concluding positive note, in 2022, our Deanery had paid 73.8% of its requested Common Fund; this was a significant increase on the previous year (2021 : 65%), & had made our Deanery the third best contributor in the Diocese.

Faith in the Countryside 2023

Events in the North East Derbyshire Deanery

“Rural Derbyshire is a mix of varied Landscapes from high moorlands in the north to fertile soils in the south with beautiful market towns and villages to explore. This is so much to do and see in Derbyshire. I invite you to explore the many opportunities listed in the “Faith in the Countryside” leaflet to join our rural churches and villages in celebrating faith and rural life in Derbyshire, building community, and discovering together the God that offers life in all its fullness.”

Revd Alan Griggs

Associate Priest in Carsington Deanery

Lead Agricultural Chaplain for Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy

June

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| 16 -19 | Flower Festival 11.00am to 5.00pm (2.00pm to 5.00pm Sunday) | St Bartholomew Old Whittington, S41 9QY |
| 17 | Lunches, raffle, stalls, as part of the Flower Festival 11.00am - 1.30pm | St Bartholomew Old Whittington, S41 9QY |
| 24 | Summer Fair 10.00am - 2.00pm | St John the Baptist Clowne, S43 4AZ |
| 25 | Summer Fair 2.00pm – 4.00pm | St Peter and St Paul Old Brampton, S42 7BJ |

July

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| 2 | Open gardens – Barlow 10.00am – 4.00pm | St Lawrence Barlow, S18 7TR |
| 15 | Summer Fair 11.00am - 1.30pm | St Bartholomew Old Whittington, S41 9QY |

August

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| 16 - 22 | Church Flower festival 10.00am – 7.00pm | St Lawrence Barlow, S18 7TR |
| 16 | Refreshments and Cream Teas 1.00pm - 4.30pm | St Lawrence Barlow, S18 7TR |
| 19 | Barlow Carnival Day From 2.00pm | Barlow |

Faith in the Countryside leaflets can be found in many churches across the Diocese or view it online at derby.anglican.org.

Diocesan Vision Prayer

Gracious God,
in your mercy and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us
with generous faith, courageous hope and life-
giving love that, in transformed lives through
growing church and building community
We may see your Kingdom come and be good news for
all.

Amen.

Deanery Prayers—consultation is currently ongoing with the intention of implementation after the next Synod meeting in June.

Dates for your Diary:-

Archdeacon Visitation

North East Deanery Visitation Service

7.30 pm, Thursday 6th July, All Saints Church,
Wingerworth

Deanery Synod Dates 2023

Tuesday 27th June

7.30 pm - St Swithin's Holmesfield

Tuesday 8th November

7.30 pm - Venue TBC



Do you have any news, ideas, events, interesting information to share with the Deanery?

Please send items to include in the next edition of Inbetween to:-

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Parish Online

Returns

The deadline for your 2022 online Parish



Finance Return is 31st May & the Energy Footprint Tool returns for 2022 are required by 30 June 2023

If you need assistance please email:; finance@derby.anglican.org.