

Deanery News

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Into the future...

Though much of Deanery Synod business has been in suspension since March, we have nevertheless shared a fruitful journey together over the years. As the current synod comes to a close, the leadership team and I wish to thank all members who have served so faithfully. We thank too Jack Cooper who is retiring from his role as Treasurer. Jack has been a tremendous support to the work of the deanery over many years and we will miss him. Philip Leyland from Buxton Parish has kindly agreed to take on that role, so we welcome Philip as he joins us on the leadership team. Jack and Philip feature later in this newsletter.

In Matthew 14, we find the familiar story of the feeding miracle of over 5000 people.

The miracle itself, as magnificent as that is, is not the real focus. By hanging around with Jesus, by watching and learning from him, the disciples had an idea. It wasn't quite in focus, but their hearts, which were clearly moved by the need to feed the crowd, were very much on target. Jesus received that, but then turned it on its head... *'if you **really** do want to feed them, then be prepared to give up the little you have so that **you** can feed them.'* In the immediacy of the moment, their response is to protest because that meant going hungry themselves. The compassion they eventually shared by obeying is returned back to them, so they don't go hungry at all, but it's that original generosity that triggers it.

It would be worthwhile pausing for a second to reflect on what's happened here:

Being close to Jesus germinated an idea... 'the people need to be fed...' Jesus takes that idea, turns it around, makes it more costly and gives it back to them as a challenge.... *'**you** feed them...!!'* In puzzled response, the disciples offer what they have knowing it's completely inadequate.... Jesus takes it, blesses it and gives it back to them.... ***their*** job now is to pass it on to everyone else.

The affect of COVID on people's lives has been widespread and serious, and it's not over yet. Even if, one day, we are able to say that it is, the boundaries of how we think about life and death, about prosperity and poverty, about a strong and weak economy have been permanently redrawn. A return to what was is just not realistic.

Perhaps this feeding miracle is hoping to teach us that Jesus takes our well intentioned thoughts and ideas about how we can be church in this new world, he receives them but turns them inside out, makes them more costly to us than they were before and offers them back to us as a challenge. In obedience, we rise to it, offering what we have, and though it doesn't seem much, Jesus takes it, blesses it and asks us to pass it on to everyone else.

As parishes conclude this year's round of annual meetings and elections, each parish has an opportunity to fill elected places to both PCC and Deanery Synod as best as your local context and resources will allow. We will need a full and strong synod as we engage with what church will look as we head into that future. I wonder what challenges Jesus will offer back to us? What will 'more costly' look like? What will our response be? I would encourage you to be part of the journey.

Rev'd Colin Pearson, Area Dean

PEAK DEANERY SYNOD MEETING

**Following the Bishop's
Instrument of 25th
August 2020 we are
now able to hold our
Deanery Synod
meetings virtually.**

**Our next meeting will
be held via Zoom on
Wednesday 14th
October 2020 at
7.30 pm**

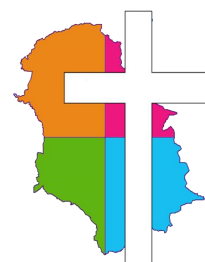
**A link and meeting
Agenda will be sent
out nearer the time**

PEAK DEANERY NEWS

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Contributions are very welcome
from across the Deanery for our
November edition



Fond 'farewell' to Jack Cooper

As I come to the end of my term, serving as your Peak Deanery Treasurer, I am very grateful to have been given this opportunity to thank treasurers and other parish office holders that I have had the good fortune to work with.

I also offer my thanks to Deanery Leadership Team colleagues, both Lay and Clergy with whom I have very much enjoyed working with too.

In addition to the Deanery Treasurers job I thought I would use this opportunity to give some background to another position I hold within the Diocese which is as a Trustee/Director on the Derby Diocesan Board of Education. I hope you find the information that follows both insightful and encourages a greater working together and understanding between our Churches, Schools (Church or State) and Parents.

Our acting Director of Education is Alison Brown who heads up the team that makes up the Derby Diocesan Board of Education (DDBE). The team supports the 111 Church Schools within the Derby Diocese.

Alison featured in a video (link attached) which gives a wonderful visual precis of how the Church of England were pioneers in providing education. The video illustrated, through the generosity of many donors, how the building of many church schools was funded. The video also revealed that in 1944 when the Church of England was responsible for one third of the provision of education in England the then government agreed to take a more active part in both the maintenance of these buildings and educating our children. At this time a school could make an election to be totally or partially financially supported by government. The fully supported schools became known as a V.C. Church of England schools' (Voluntary Controlled Schools') alternatively the partially supported schools became V.A. schools' (Voluntary Aided Schools'). V.A. schools retained their independence and distinctive nature. Both VC and VA schools retained collective worship.

So how does this manifest itself as far as our Diocesan Church of England schools are concerned? Well none of our schools directly receive money from the DBE, the government fully fund our schools. The Government give this money in the form of School Condition Allocation (formerly known as LCVAP) to dioceses to use on their VA school buildings. The money for VC schools is part of the money local authorities receive to maintain both community and VC school buildings.

However, in addition to Government funding the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) give to the work of the DBE which then enables schools to receive support, advice and training which in turn enables them to live out what it means to be a Church school.

An example of this is in 2018 the DBF granted to DBE £342,000. In 2019 the grant was £348,000. These grants cover the following:

Pastoral support of Head teachers and other school leaders/staff.

Training for Heads, teachers and other staff, governors and clergy covering a wide range of areas (RE, collective worship, spiritual development, governance, school leadership...)

Support through the whole statutory church school inspection process

Running various aspects of schools' admissions.

School building development (VA schools only)

Enabling participation in national work such as the Church of England Professional Qualifications for Headship and Peer Support Networks.

Administration of foundation governance

Advice on all sorts of aspects to do with being a Church school.

In addition to the support offered above at the Diocesan level we should also remember the work undertaken by National Church Institutions. It is well worth looking at the Church of England website (churchofengland.org) for information on support offered on education as well as many other areas.

In closing I would also like you to know about the Diocesan Academies programme (DDAT) which in turn has led to our first Secondary School in Derby. The new building, which will ultimately house the school, is currently in the process of construction in the centre of Derby. The school is currently based in a temporary building in Derby. In addition to this success there are also many other examples of the excellent progress being made by the DDAT Academies team where funding has also been secured to build a new Church school within a new housing development in Derbyshire.

I trust the information provided here helps in strengthening the links we have within our Church and School communities in Derbyshire. You may also want to consider becoming a school governor. In any event please do not hesitate to let me know if you require any further information and I will endeavour to secure this for you. jc.hd@btinternet.com



Schools

With schools due to return across the Deanery in the next week, please remember in your prayers all those in the Education service, the children, and their families. It will be a time of anxiety for some, relief for others and expectation for all. Most children will have not been in school since the middle of March and have been isolated from friends who they will be happy to catch-up with and may wish to be close to. Others may be fearful about bullying in the 'new normal'. Some teachers will be keen to open the doors and will easily return to the curriculum. Others may have concerns about the time lost and the effect on their pupils. Headteachers will be joyful to once again have a full school, others may be at a loss as to how they are going to enforce social distancing in buildings that were already too crowded. Please pray for them all.

Alison Brown is our Diocesan Deputy Director of Education and Schools Advisor, she has a short video explaining the Church of England school system and its progression.



Board of Ed Video Alison Brown 3.mp4

Welcoming our new Deanery Treasurer

Hi, I'm Philip Leyland. I'm a Lancastrian, retired from paid employment, but am busy working for the six Anglican churches in Buxton, where I have served as Treasurer for nearly ten years. I'm also Treasurer of Churches Together in Buxton

I'm married to Glynis and like all good wives, she keeps me on the straight and narrow.

When I'm not working, I enjoy coarse fishing and am a lifelong philatelist. I'm also a season ticket holder for Burnley Football Club, and can't wait to start watching them again.

I'm really excited about this new chapter in my life and hope I can be of service to the Deanery and its members. Ultimately we are all working for the same person.



APCM's FAQ's

Q. Considering the Covid19 pandemic, does this year's APCM have to be a face to face meeting?

A. On 17 August 2020 Bishop Libby instructed an instrument which allows the provision of remote meetings, up until 31 August 2021. This allows PCC's to call a virtual meeting using such technology as video conferencing software. See the Instrument [here](#).

Q. We have had to reschedule our APCM as the last one was cancelled due to Coronavirus. Does this mean we have to republish all the APCM and Electoral Roll forms we already had displayed before lockdown?

A. Yes. The dates of the notices must be in line with the timeframes set in the CRR. Full details [here](#).

Q. Do we have to be quorum to hold an APCM?

A. There is no minimum quorum at an APM or APCM, therefore whoever turns up form the quorum.

Q. We haven't opened our church yet since lockdown so how do we announce the upcoming APCM?

A. Put up **notices** in the usual way, advertise it well online and in whatever way is appropriate for your parish. Make sure you include in your notices, perhaps as notes at the bottom but not in such small print or so tucked away that people don't notice them, the following information and anything else which you consider it would be sensible to add:

Please note that people attending the meetings will be expected to:

- a) wash their hands thoroughly on entry (delete this and re-phrase it if no such facility is accessible at the point of entry) or use the hand sanitiser provided;*
- b) wear masks, unless a Government exemption applies to a particular person;*
- c) give his/her name, address and telephone number for contact tracing purposes upon arrival. These details will be destroyed after 21 days.*
- d) bring to the meeting relevant paperwork which will have been sent out previously to members on the Electoral Roll.*

Q. Do reports presented at the APCM, such as the Deanery report, have to run from e.g. March 2019 to March 2020 or from March 2019 to present (seeing as we have had to reschedule our original APCM date)?

A. Reports relate to the financial year of the accounts being scrutinised. See [CRR Drawing attention to M5](#)

Q. Who is allowed to vote at an APCM?

A. Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

Q. Is postal voting allowed at APCMs?

A. The new rules about the possibility of postal voting for the APCM are not available for use this year. If you want to use them next year, you will need to pass a resolution to that effect at [this year's](#) APCM.

Q. As Electoral Roll Officer, am I allowed to contact those on the electoral roll via email if I have their email address (even if I haven't had written consent/signed GDPR form to do so)?

A. Yes. If a person on the electoral roll has given you their e-mail address, you are allowed to use it for the purpose of notifying them of the APM and APCM because it is for the purposes of fulfilling your obligations under the Church Representation Rules.

Q. What qualifies someone to be added to the Electoral Roll?

A. See [CRR Part 1 Rule 1](#).

Q. CRR 1 (4)(c) and 1 (5)(c) state if the member has "habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months" they are entitled to be added to the Electoral Roll. As our church has been closed due to lockdown no-one has been able to attend. Can we base this rule on the previous six months prior to lockdown?

A. Yes.

APCM's cont..

Q. If a church warden resigns before his term of office concludes at the next APCM does he automatically lose his place on the PCC?

A. Under [Church Representation Rule](#) M17(1)(b) if a member resigns from office as churchwarden they no longer qualify to rule M15(1)(e) and therefore PCC membership ceases. They can't fill the vacancy caused by their own resignation, as that'll be reserved for the next church warden. However they may be put forward for election as a member if there is a casual vacancy on the PCC (an election open to all on the roll would apply – See M18) or co-opted if there is room to do so (see M15 (10) for detail).

Q. Can we communicate all APCM matters via email and accept email response as acceptable or must completed forms have wet signature?

A. During the lockdown all APCM , APM and Electoral Roll forms may, if desired, be completed and signed electronically with a scribed signature (which has either been added as an image to the document or if the document including the signature has been scanned) and submitted by email where the parochial church council has provided an email address: [see rule 76.](#)

Communicating by email or post

76 (1) If a person has provided an email address –

(a) any communication required or authorised to be given to that person by or under these Rules may be sent to that email address, and

(b) any disclosure of the person's name and address required or authorised by or under these Rules must include that email address.

(2) A communication sent by email is to be treated as being in writing if it is received in a form which is legible and capable of being used for subsequent reference.

(3) Where a communication is sent to a person by email at the most recent address provided by that person, it is to be treated as having been given to the person at the time at which it is sent.

(4) Where a communication is sent to a person by post and addressed to that person at his or her last known address, it is to be treated as having been given to the person by the time at which it would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

I finally remember what Zoom meetings remind me of.



Season of Creation ~ 2020

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2020 is Jubilee for the Earth. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from exploitation, and to restore ecosystems and people. The ideas and resources in the [Celebration Guide](#) will help you find a way to pray or to hold an event or special service, whether your church has been able to open or not. Find out more about the Season of Creation [here](#).

The Season of Creation is a great time to encourage children and young people to take part in the [Letters for Creation](#) project. This is a way for them to reflect on what caring for creation means to them, and how they want their voice to be heard in the climate justice conversation.

[Climate Sunday](#) will also be launched during the Season of Creation. In the year leading up to the UN global climate change talks in November 2021 (COP26), we'll be encouraging churches to hold a special Climate Sunday service or event, to make a commitment to tackle climate change, and to raise their voices to call on world leaders to do the same.

You can find out more about how to take action on environmental issues on our [Environment Programme page](#). To keep in touch, sign up to the [quarterly newsletter](#).

You can still find lots more ideas from previous years on this [resources page](#).



Safeguarding

There have been changes to senior personnel in the Derby Safeguarding Team as Julian Hodgson resigned and we will be welcoming a new **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA), Hannah Hogg.**

Mrs Hogg is currently Corporate Safeguarding Lead at Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust and brings with her extensive experience of working across a multi-agency partnership at a senior level.

Having studied law at the University of Durham and Chester College of Law, she trained as a solicitor and has also previously worked at Derby City Council as Head of Service and legal adviser to the Derby City Safeguarding Children Board, and for the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.

The Derby Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser post is a key role and Mrs Hogg will advise the diocese on all safeguarding matters ensuring that all advice is in line with the law, government guidance and national policy and guidance from the House of Bishops.

She will take start her new role in October.

Helen Jebb has been appointed the Independent Chair of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel.

Mrs Jebb is a former Detective Chief Superintendent with Nottinghamshire Police, where she was Head of Crime and Intelligence with responsibility for Public Protection and Safeguarding.

She will join the diocese in September.

Safeguarding Training

There is a wealth of Safeguarding information on the Church of England Safeguarding Portal <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> and if you create an account (i.e. a Username and password) you can access the **C0 Safeguarding Basic Awareness** and the **C1 Safeguarding Foundations** courses.

C0 –Basic awareness Recommended for anyone who needs a basic level of awareness of safeguarding. This module is also a pre-requisite for attendance at any other core training module. **This module is available on-line.**

C1 –Foundation Required for anyone who has safeguarding responsibilities/contact with children and/or vulnerable adults.

C2 –Leadership Required for anyone who has safeguarding leadership responsibilities and/or leads activities involving children and/or vulnerable adults. **PLEASE NOTE:** The on-line **C1** is only for those who are required to complete **both the C1 and C2—Safeguarding for leaders** i.e Parish Safeguarding Links, Church Wardens, Group Leaders, Deacons, Licensed Ministers (lay and ordained without Incumbent status), Diocesan Officers and all paid workers with youth, families, children or adults. If you only require face-to-face C1 Training, having completed C0 online, we are awaiting information.

Meet Fr. Owain and Rev'd Claire Mitchell, New Mills

Father Owain and Revd. Claire moved to New Mills at the end of January 2020. His Induction at St George's was on 6th February 2020.

Before moving to Derbyshire, Father Owain was Vicar of five churches and six communities in North Lincolnshire from 2005.

There is a saying... if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. Owain had many ideas for the first six months in his new parish... visiting the faithful, developing our pastoral ministry through life events (Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals), and building relationships with the wider community. He was very much looking forward to shifting from reactive ministry to ministering proactively here in New Mills. That was the plan!

The reality was several funerals in the first fortnight. That was followed by having to decamp to the Parish Hall after the church's weather vane worked loose in the high winds of early March. And then the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown came. All plans and aspirations for the beginning of Owain's new chapter went out of the window!

Not the start he had imagined; but Owain feels it has been wonderful in so many ways. It hasn't been possible to build up the breadth of relationships, yet the depth of relationships which have emerged though our current situation has been a true blessing. Thanks to a fantastic team of hard working volunteers, he has learned new skills and new ways of ministering through the internet. For that, Father Owain thanks God, the congregation of Saint George's and the people of New Mills.

Claire adds that, prior to moving to New Mills, I was serving my title in The Wolds Gateway group of churches, in North East Lincolnshire. I was Ordained Priest in June 2019 at Lincoln Cathedral and as a self-support minister in secular employment offered one week day and Sunday in parish.

My role as a Benefits Team Manager for North Lincolnshire Council allowed me to pioneer, on behalf of the service, managers being remote workers when we moved. Of course, at that point we had no idea that the whole working culture of Local Authorities and indeed many other industries would be changed, perhaps forever, by the Covid-19 pandemic.

I had no experience of Derbyshire, so the landscape here in the High Peak took my breath away and does every morning as I look out of the window! I feel very aware of God's presence in creation here and am truly blessed to be able to continue my curacy at All Saints Parish Church in Glossop. The short journey over the hill into Glossop truly makes my heart sing with joy at the beauty of this area. The opportunity to start my curacy virtually rather than physically has been a bit of a learning curve, but actually I love that we as Christ's body in this place are reaching people we would never have done if we had not developed a greater on-line presence.

Around the Deanery - A Church Near You

Grindleford

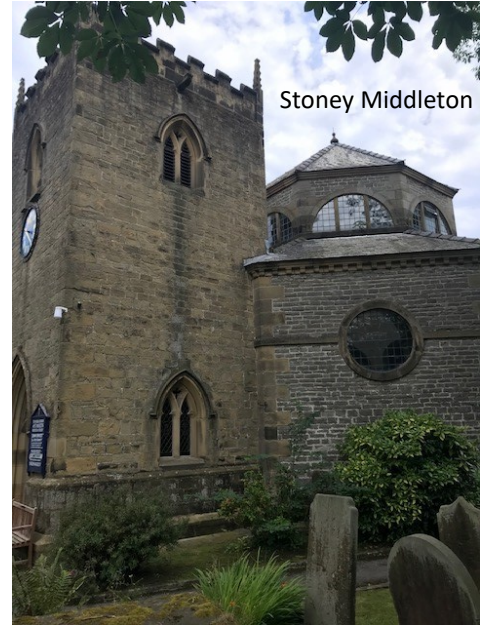


With 'Staycation' being part of our 'new normal' I've taken the opportunity to visit more of our Deanery and whilst I've not ventured inside these churches, this summer I have enjoyed their beauty and history by walking through the Church yards .

Eileen, Deanery Admin



Stoney Middleton



Have you recently visited the C of E 'A Church near You' website? <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

You may be surprised how much information and resources there are.

The C of E also run 'Learning Lab' webinars to help you engage with your page. It really is easy to do.

The new ACNY means churches have more control over their profile. The vicar of each church can now approve up to five people to edit each profile. Remember, you only need to register for an account if you're responsible for editing a church's profile.

It may also surprise you just how many people view your page, thousands each year.

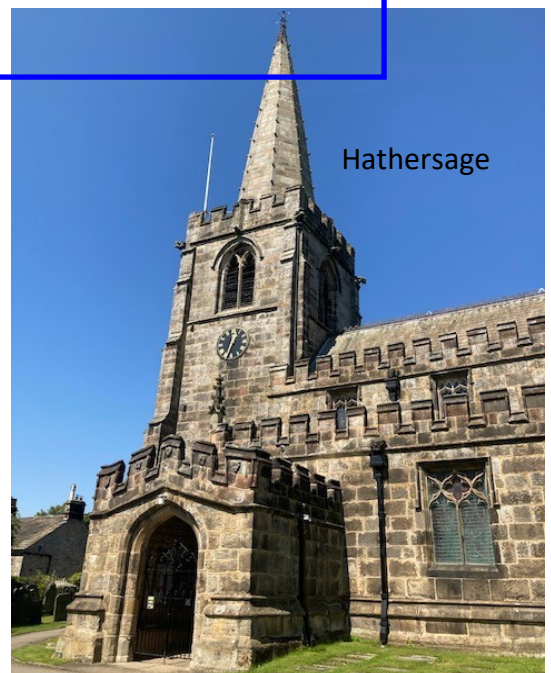
If you are in vacancy, you can ask to have access to edit your page.

It really is worth the time to keep it up to date.

Baslow



Hathersage



Grindleford rises to the COVID-19 challenge



<https://www.grindlefordshop.co.uk/>

Grindleford shop, which opened in 2014, is community run, mostly by volunteers but one FTE manager post. After the last commercial shop closed in about 2011, there was a noticeable hole in the centre of village life. Armed with enthusiasm and a lot of local support, and very little else, a small group managed to set up a viable project, first with Saturday morning pop-ups and then from June 2014 in permanent premises.

Finding suitable premises was difficult, but eventually St Helen's Church very kindly gave us use of the former choir robing vestry.

The shop was never set up just to buy and sell things, although providing a convenient place for residents to buy essentials without getting in their cars has been a good spin-off. It also provides a life line for older residents, those living alone or with caring responsibilities, and in times of crisis like these. Children also come down after school to do some independent shopping, and we provide DofE volunteering opportunities for local youngsters. We also try hard to support local businesses.

We are also hoping to run an exhibition in the church telling the story of St Helens, from the late 1890s when the railway came to the village through to the opening of the shop, and the church's current work with local groups and wider charities. This will have to be next year now.

We are also working on some other proposals which have stalled this year, but we hope will happen next. Examples of local projects we hope to contribute to next year in cash or kind are:

- As part of the Hope Valley Climate Action Group, a Green Open Gardens day, finishing up with cream tea at the shop. Proceeds going to the school.
- A project with the primary school to build a temporary turbine in the river, big enough to power a couple of strings of Christmas lights.

A village archive on the Grindleford website. The church, school and shop have a treasure trove of pictures and documents.

Sara Batarbee is the Treasurer at St. Helen's to hear the story of how they have met the challenges of the pandemic, please watch the YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtE8OU0uEck>



My house is loved ~ Rev Catrin Hubbard, Buxton

Having never lived in my own place before, since moving I've been thinking a lot about the house that I live in here. I'm told that it is typical of houses in Buxton of that era and thankfully its still got a lot of its original features.

It's a quirky house. It has unsymmetrical alcoves, floorboards that aren't right angles to the walls and some tiles on the dining room floor that aren't as flat as a perfectionist would like. The kitchen drain sometimes smells of egg (even though I don't eat eggs) and the bathroom taps like making interesting noises. Some of the floorboards creak at odd times and the beautiful sash windows don't always open when I want them to.



But it is a beautiful house. The original features are a joy to a geek like me, it has an open fireplace, the front door is a glorious shade of red and my back yard is perfect for someone who isn't the best gardener. I also love how big the windows are and how much light they let in. I love this house.

Thinking like this about my house has made me think about how God sees and feels about me. I have all the original features that God gave me (although if my right knee keeps acting up I can see a replacement operation in my future), my Scouse/Welsh sense of humour, my bilingual way of seeing the world, my background and experiences. I too am quirky. There are things about myself that I would like to be different, things that the perfectionist would like changed and things that sometimes aren't right.

However, if I can love my house in spite of and sometimes because of the quirks, I know that God's love for me is even greater than that. Because God loves us.

This love is often because of as well as in spite of our quirks, the beautiful parts of us, the glorious front that we show to the world, **and** the not so nice smelling parts of our lives.

We are loved.

I can't say this enough because it is only once we know that we are loved that we can begin to start loving ourselves, giving ourselves the permission to be the person that God created and then loving others out of that place of knowing that we, ourselves, are loved.

So no matter what our earthly house (life, body, self) looks like or how we may feel about it, please know that you are unconditionally loved by the God who made you, who knows you inside and out, who delights in you. Give yourself the permission to be loved, give God the opportunity to show you just how vast and deep that love is.

Catrin

Catrin is one of our new curates who will be ordained on **Sunday 27th September 2020**

Bishop's Harvest Appeal

A prayer for Harvest 2020

Loving God,
we give thanks for those who produce our food:
for farmers and fishermen, factory and shop workers.
We pray for those for whom this has been a difficult year:
farmers who have battled the weather to grow food,
delivery drivers and shop workers who kept working despite the pandemic.
Help us to value and support each other.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Bishop's Harvest Appeal will be launched in September, please see the Diocesan website for details.

Children's Society

Bishop Libby is Vice-Chair of Trustees at the Children's Society, to see what the Charity is involved in, please visit:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>

The website is informative and also shows ways in which our churches can be involved, including prayer resources.

Please support social justice for the young and vulnerable.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

