

Deanery News

August 2021



Acting Assistant Area Dean, Rev'd Nick Gurney writes:



*"The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
than anywhere else on earth".*

Dorothy Gurney

I'm sure many reading this will be familiar with these words, often seen in Garden Centres, used on garden wall plaques and sundials, perhaps you have it written down on something somewhere? Over the summer being in the garden, going on local walks, and also away on holiday, these words from Dorothy Gurney (*connected not too far along the Family Tree to me*) have come to mind. Her own faith story as a Christian poet and hymnwriter is an interesting one, mixed with a little controversy, with an Anglican Priest Father and part-time Actor Husband who became an Anglican Priest only to then later join Dorothy in following her Roman Catholic faith.

The poem 'God's Garden', from which this verse is taken, has much to get us thinking, contemplating, and talking about too! And as we are invited to celebrate in the Church Season of Creation from 1st September – 4th October recognising God as Creator and Sustainer of all life, the words of this poem are particularly appropriate and timely I think. With what seems a poetic reflection on Creation suddenly comes full circle revealing God's restoration and salvation plan for all life in the garden. Do read the whole poem here.

So, in this Creationtide I encourage you to get into the garden, to embrace the beauty and colour that proclaims God in the world and be uplifted by the abundance of fruit that surround us, for our lives, our communities and our churches to be like, God's garden, which grows abundantly in colour, variety and beauty in God's grace.

*The Lord God planted a garden
In the first white days of the world,
And He set there an angel warden
In a garment of light enfurled.*

*So near to the peace of Heaven,
That the hawk might nest with the wren,
For there in the cool of the even
God walked with the first of men.*

*And I dream that these garden-close
With their shade and their sun-flecked sod
And their lilies and bowers of roses,
Were laid by the hand of God.*

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,--
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.*

*For He broke it for us in a garden
Under the olive-trees
Where the angel of strength
was the warden
And the soul of the world found ease.*

Dairy Dates:

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Deanery Synod Meetings

**7pm Chapel-en-le-Frith
Primary School**

Wednesday October 20th

Leadership Team Meetings

Tuesday 5th October
7.30pm

Full Chapter Meetings

TBA

Diocesan Synod Meetings

Saturday 9th October

Episcopal Confirmation

3pm Sunday 31st October
St John the Baptist,
Tideswell

PEAK DEANERY NEWS

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Contributions are very welcome from across the Deanery

Eco Church

Is your church an 'eco church'? Are you considering starting your eco journey? Look at the training below available in September 2021

Webinars to support your Eco Church journey

New webinars from A Rocha's [Eco Church scheme](#) webinars:-

1. AN INTRODUCTION TO AND OVERVIEW OF ECO CHURCH – GETTING STARTED

Thursday 16th Sep noon-1pm. [BOOK HERE.](#)

2. WORKING TOWARDS AN AWARD AND MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

Thursday 23rd Sep, noon-1pm. [BOOK HERE.](#)

3. WORKING TOWARDS NET ZERO CARBON

Thursday 7th October, noon-1pm. [BOOK HERE.](#)

[Training webinars](#) on moving towards net zero from the Church of England.

The Season of Creation and Climate Sunday

Information and Resources for Churches for the Season of Creation 1st September—4th October 2021 can be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>

And there is a dedicated Website for anyone hosting, or thinking of hosting, a Climate Sunday event:

<https://www.climatesunday.org>

The Peak Deanery Youth Network

Brothers and sisters in Peak Deanery,

The Peak Deanery Youth Network (PDYN) is a vision for organising effective and professional youth work with a Christian ethos across Peak Deanery. The vision is to connect local youth workers (and those who volunteer with young people) in the deanery so we can easily share experience and manpower, resources, indoor and outdoor spaces, connect young people through collaborative events and facilitate young people in their own fellowship and evangelism. It has been so encouraging to read over Rachel Blake's 2014 Youth Ministry Scoping Report on "how the church (as in the whole body of Christ, not solely Anglican churches) in the Bakewell and Eyam area can develop its ministry with young people in order that a new generation will learn to tell others 'the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.' (Psalm 78:4)" I believe it is possible with God and necessary to continue the establishment of professional Christian youth work in Peak Deanery. What is God calling *you* to do on the forefront of building His Kingdom in your area? I encourage you to get plugged in to what Christian youth work is going on around you. Ask what you can do to love and support the young people of the body of Christ. I would love to hear your testimonies of what God is doing!

Most of all, the number one priority of anyone who wishes to help with developing a PDYN is to pray. Pray for the young people, parents, schools, youth workers, neighbourhoods, groups and events, etc. We must be people who come to God with a childlike expectation for Him to do exceedingly abundantly more than we can ask or even imagine. This way, awesome things happen, and all the more glory goes to God. (Ephesians 3:20-21) otherwise we do things in our own strength, forget to be inspired by what God's business is, and take pride in doing the mediocre. If you feel called to pray for young people (and even if you do not, I still encourage you) or want to know more and see what we are hoping to develop in Glossopdale as a possible model for Youth Ministry, then please get in touch with me at sam@whitfieldparish.org or Tel: 07918 489499 and I can link you in with regular prayer meetings dedicated to praying for young people in High Peak. If this vision excites you, if it stirs your spirit, do something! I would love for you to get in touch to see how you can serve the Kingdom or share what God has been doing in your area for young people.

Grace and peace,

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Leadership Team News—Meet the Team



Rhiannon Singleton

I have lived in Glossop and worshipped in Whitfield Parish since 1999 and been part of Deanery Synod for several years. I am married to Geoff, have two adult sons and a 'foster daughter' who has been part of our family for 30 years. I am currently an ordinand and in my past life was a physiotherapist working with children with disabilities and their families.

Being part of Deanery Synod has been a blessing to me, as conversations with synod members from around the deanery have given me a much wider appreciation of the joys and struggles going on in deanery churches. I am passionate about the seeing God's kingdom come in our area and churches supporting each other as we work with God for this.

Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm



Bishop Malcolm has also been out and about and is pictured below at St Peter's, Fairfield, with Rev'd Carl Edwards and Rev'd Mary Washbrook.

It has been good to see Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm with our Peak Deanery Clergy.

Rev'd Catrin Hubbard (above left) was ordained priest and is Curate to the Buxton Team Parish, she is pictured with Bishop Libby and Buxton Team Rector, Rev'd Liz England.

Also ordained priest was Rev'd Nicola McNally (Tideswell)

We also welcome three new ordained deacons, Rev'd Mel Hartley (Baslow & Eyam), Rev'd Chris Nowak (Whitfield) and Rev'd Charlotte Wallington (Hathersage with Bamford & Derwent, & Grindleford)



A vision for the Church of England in the 2020s

Discerning the vision and strategy for the Church of England in the 2020s. Click on the link: [A vision for the Church of England in the 2020s | The Church of England](#)

The Emerging Church of England is the name for four strands of work which together will help leaders in every diocese to discern the shape, life and activity of the Church of England in the 2020s. The main aim of the Emerging Church of England is to follow a shared vision - to share what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and continues to do through the Holy Spirit - with simpler national governance structures. To find out more—click on the link

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/emerging-church-england>

Synod Vacancies

The Peak Deanery currently has 5 Lay members and 5 Clergy members on the **Diocesan Synod**.

LAITY: Mrs Christine McMullen, Canon Jack Cooper, Mrs Nikki Goodhew, Mrs Gail Lilley and Mrs Eva Lawson

CLERGY: Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven, Rev'd Nick Gurney, Rev'd David Mundy, Rev'd Liz England and Rev'd Clive Thrower.

As you are aware the new Diocesan Synod began on 1 August 2021. As there were a number of vacancies following last months elections Bishop Libby is keen to encourage active engagement in the recruitment of casual vacancies (which according to Church Representation Rules must be done within 6 months of the vacancy arising – See CRR 45(1) [Church Representation Rules online - part 4 | The Church of England](#)

CASUAL VACANCIES

We have **6 Lay places and 5 Clergy places** still to fill and currently 2 people interested. We will shortly be sending out nomination forms to fill these places, please consider if you would like to be nominated. Anyone on the church electoral role is eligible, even if they are not on Deanery Synod, so please share this information.

The Presiding Officer for the House of Laity is our Acting Area Dean, Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven

The Presiding Officer for the House of Clergy is our Lay Chair, Mrs Christine McMullen

Should you be interested, please contact Eileen Burt, Deanery Administrator, eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2021

You will have received the General Synod Election information from Nadine Waldron. The closing date for nominations is WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

[General Synod Elections 2021 \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/general-synod-elections-2021)

Representation on Deanery Synod

We have 79 places for House of Laity representatives on our Peak Deanery Synod and currently 58 of these are filled.

Places are allocated using a formula based on electoral roll membership

Vacancies are in the following parishes: Bakewell, Baslow, Biggin, Birchover, Bradwell, Charlesworth, Chelmorton, Curbar, Edensor, Eyam, Glossop (2), Hartington, Dove Holes, Rowsley, Sheldon, Stoney Middleton, Tideswell and Youlgrave (2).

We would like to see more parishes represented, the Casual Vacancy can be filled at your PCC meeting, candidates must be on the electoral roll of your parish.

A Church Near You

A church near you (ACNY) is the Church of England platform that provides key information about all of our churches – every church has its own page on ACNY and there are **thousands** of views daily however, most churches don't utilise their page or the benefits of the platform. Sadly, this means that a basic internet search may not give the searcher your details – no good asking Alexa about the church closest to your wild camping site if it isn't where it's at on ACNY! The website contains details of service times, contact details and information about regular activities that take place. You will also find information about fundraising activities, concerts, special events and services and information about important church festivals.

To help you and your church get the most out of your ACNY page **Liz Morgan from the digital team and Dave King from the communications team are running a training webinar on Tuesday 5th October, 2pm – 3.30pm**

This webinar will give you more information on ACNY and will be tailored for clergy, website managers and parishioners of the Diocese of Derby. There will also be plenty of time for Q&A. You can book a place on the webinar by following the link below:

[Getting the most from your ACNY site - Diocese of Derby Tickets, Tue 5 Oct 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

You can find your ACNY page at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> where you will be able to see what details are on there and consider what you might like to do with your page.



Parish Returns

Thank you to all who completed their Parish Finance Return. The Mission Statistics information will be circulated imminently. If you are the person responsible for completing the returns and need log-in details or if your email address has changed please contact Eileen at eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org

If you still need to send your accounts into the Parish Support Office, please contact Mary Kemp, mary.kemp@derby.anglican.org

Around the Deanery



Picture Perfect, St Hugh's church in the village of Foolow. Grade II listed and opened in 1888. A beautiful and tranquil gem of a church in the Peak District National Park.



The Big Church Read

THE BIG CHURCH READ: 8th Sept – 17th Nov 2021

"You'll bounce back"

How many of us have heard these well-meaning words when faced with mental or physical health challenges, trauma or the loss of dreams? And yet, life's battles can leave us scarred and changed. Why would we want to go back when what we've been through has taught us so much?

It's time to bounce forwards instead. [video at <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/bouncing-forward/>]



Patrick Regan's book 'Bouncing Forward':

As we emerge out of lockdown and learn to live with the virus, psychiatrists are predicting a tsunami of mental health issues. How do we as people in leadership positions help those in our care to respond well? In 'Bouncing Forward' Patrick Regan explores resilience, acceptance, and emotional agility, and shows how we can find meaning in some of life's toughest moments and the hope to journey on.

It seems that the shared experience of reading a book together with the author is deepening faith, friendship, and fellowship. This is an important book for leaders to read and that joining in the Big Bounce Forward will be a really helpful journey for Churches to go on.



To find out more, or if you are a Church leader and would like a FREE copy, simply fill out the form at <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/bouncing-forward-leaders-page/>

Local Building Development Plans

From Gareth Greenwood, Community Project Development Officer gareth.greenwood@derby.anglican.org

It's been said many times and in many ways that church buildings can be blessing or burden, but the one unescapable reality is that unless we have a 'plan' to sustain the effectiveness of those buildings (even if that plan is birthed from desperation) we will at best not be maximizing the blessing, and at worst we will be dragged under by the heaviness of the burden. The buildings game is not played on a level playing field. Some communities are rich, some less well off. Some church buildings are Grade 1 listed and some not listed at all. Some in good repair and some in poor condition. Some are looked after by a numerous and well-resourced PCC and congregation, whilst some are in the trust of a dedicated but dwindling few. Whatever your local context is, this tool simply links your ministries and activities with the utility of the church building, and how it might need to be developed to enable a sustainable future within its community. It will take you through four simple steps towards creating a local building development plan, and identifying where the resources might come from.

Capable buildings enable discipleship, mission and ministry:

- They play a key role in Transforming Lives, by acting as the stage for people's major life events.
- They play a major role in Growing Church by providing a sanctuary of peace, a space to worship God, and a place to teach and inspire.
- They play many roles in Building Community - meeting place, polling station, community hub, food bank, spiritual resource centre, to name just a few.

A sustainable and relevant church building will potentially look very different from parish to parish, but working towards a Local Building Development Plan will give the PCC an opportunity to consider all the options and in turn, help reset or strengthen the connection between:

- The church building and the vision of the PCC and congregation.
 - The church community and wider parish community
- Creating a Local Building Development Plan is one way that can help you:
- Identify or reaffirm the core vision and ministries of the PCC and congregation in relation to your local context.
 - Assess the current attributes and elements of the building.
 - Determine what the building needs, to support your vision & enable discipleship, mission and ministry within your local community.
 - Prioritize the changes needed and identify the resources required.

The very simple 4 step toolkit is something a PCC can use on its own or in concert with other resources. However, it should always involve the wider parish community beyond the four walls. Remember, a church building is not a clubhouse, but a parish's place of gathering, worship and sanctuary.

Click for the Local Building Development Plan Tool [Local Building Development Plan Tool](https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources/building/strategic-buildings-review/local-buildingdevelopment-plans.html) or go to <https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources/building/strategic-buildings-review/local-buildingdevelopment-plans.html>

Safeguarding Update

Training Update

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the new national Church of England Learning and Development Framework was released in May this year and requires full implementation in every diocese by January 2022. We have been working hard to ensure that we are fully prepared for the changes this will bring, including revisions to who should attend which training, the requirement that training should be refreshed every three years and new versions of Domestic Abuse and Safer Recruitment training. All of this goes alongside the rolling programme offering training at Leadership level, induction for Parish Safeguarding Officers, and development of new training for specific groups and activities.

Basic and Foundation Training – This is currently delivered as a national e-learning package. We are aware that some people find it impossible to complete this as they don't have computer access. If this is the case, please send details of the people concerned as soon as possible to Judie Fogarty at:

Judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org

The new version of the Training Matrix, which explains who is required to do which training, is available on the diocese website by following this link:

[Who needs to have Safeguarding training? / Book a course \(anglican.org\)](#)

Leadership, PSO Induction (open to any PSOs), Safer Recruitment, and Domestic Abuse are all taking place in the Autumn and are now open for booking. These are required courses for some people and roles, but open to anyone... best practice is that as many people as possible attend safeguarding training and get a wider understanding of the issues.

For more information on safeguarding training: nick.harding@derby.anglican.org

Training bookings: <https://derbysafeguarding.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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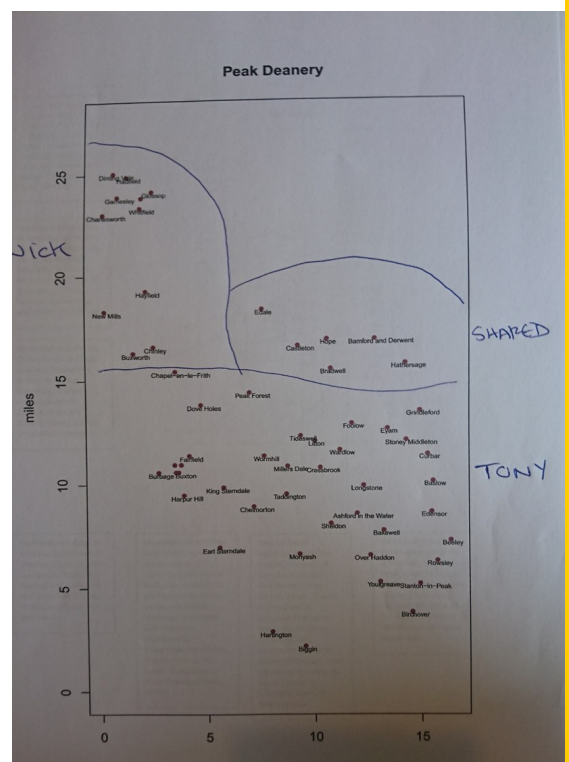
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The Map on the right shows where Nick and Tony have primary oversight.
Nick covering Glossopdale, New Mills and Hayfield benefice.

Tony covering from Chapel-en-le-Frith southwards of the Deanery, Buxton Team Ministry, Fairfield benefice, Eyam benefice, Longstone benefice, Tideswell benefice, Youlgrave benefice, White Peak benefice and Bakewell benefice.

Tony and Nick covering the Hope Valley including Edale, Castleton, Bradwell, Hope, Bamford, Hathersage and Grindleford



Prayers for the Peak Deanery



A prayer for Peak Deanery

Loving God,

We rejoice every day in the beauty, diversity, heritage and richness of community life in the part of Peak District covered by The Peak Deanery.

Strengthen your Church in her mission and ministry to serve the hamlets, villages, market towns, schools, industries, farms, markets and communities that we have the privilege to answer your call to build your Kingdom within.

Equip us with the positivity, passion and gifts of your Spirit

that we may not see challenges, but opportunities;

shrinking congregations, but potential for growth;

anxiety for the future, but faith in your love,

direction and call to follow and engage as your Church

outside the walls in the public spaces within our Deanery.

Thank you for the ministry and faithfulness of all engaged in ministry within our Deanery

and we pray that they may know your refreshing and renewing Spirit

through their responsibilities and oversight, as we pray for increased vocations.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Peak Deanery Prayer

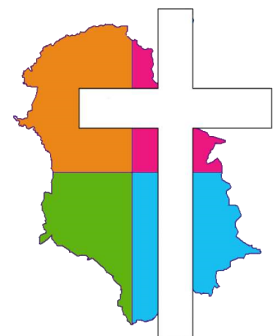
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

pour your Spirit of Inspiration on the churches and ministries of the Peak Deanery,

as we seek to minister to those you entrust to us.

Guide our hearts and minds to be close to each other as we follow the way you are calling us to walk.

In mission, generously living your love, may we offer our faith and service so that we may be instruments of transformation in the building of your Kingdom. Amen.



Our Vision is 'the Kingdom of God: good news for all'

The Kingdom of God: Good News for all – transformed lives, growing church, building community.