

# Deanery News

## November 2021

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Dear Friends

How does the build up to this Christmas differ from last year for you? Whilst we are still living with Covid and a rise in transmission, hopefully we will not face a lockdown and whilst being careful and attentive to our neighbour's health and well-being, to enjoy opportunity to spend Christmas with loved ones.

We do enter the important Season of Preparation, Advent, against the backdrop of feeling tired and trying to cope with the concerns about potential shortages, price rises for energy consumers and an uncertain economic climate. Naturally there is concern, but Advent is a Season of Hope, acknowledging the promise of God to bring light into darkness, hope into despair and life into places that are dry and lifeless.

The birth of Jesus, foretold by the messengers of God, continues to be a message of hope for the world, reminding us that God's love is stronger than our fears and his entering our world is a sign that God never gives up loving us, no matter how much humanity might try to reject or ignore it. The angel's message to Mary inviting her to bear in her womb the Saviour of the World is an invitation for us all to welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives and to share God's love in our love, compassion and care for one another.

We so hope and pray for a New Year to be better than the last and for us to be able to continue to emerge into the light from the darkness of vulnerability, fears for our loved ones and looking for greater freedom to pick up lives that feel even more normal than they may do at the moment.

The message of Christmas does not end at midnight on 25<sup>th</sup> December. The feast of the Epiphany on 6<sup>th</sup> January might traditionally be the time when Christmas decorations are taken down, but it merely a staging post on the journey of revealing God's light to the world, revealing signs where there is hope as people defend justice, seek to feed the hungry and speak up for the oppressed.

Hopelessness comes when we feel that we have no control over anything anymore and all we can do is to surrender ourselves to what will be. Advent, Christmas and Epiphany encourage us to find the strength, purpose, courage and faith to not give up, to fight for what is right and true, whatever the cost, and to share the gift of our life, opportunities, skills, compassion and determination to change what we can and create the very best relationship possible with our neighbour.

Jesus is the inspiration for us in how he demonstrates love and it is our love for one another that will create a blessed and peaceful Christmas and hope for 2022, and not how much we spend, how hard we work to create the impossible (a perfect Christmas) and think that Christmas can never be the same again without loved ones around us.

We enter 2022 as a Deanery and local Church with some uncertainty as to the impact of change and questions as to how we can be a simpler, bolder and more flexible Church, especially against a backdrop of vacancies and clergy enduring concerns for their health, putting inevitable responsibility and concern on Churchwardens and other colleagues. But we are Easter People and we seek to be faithful, resourceful and open to the life God seeks to breathe into us.

God gifts Jesus to us to embrace, love and follow as he offers us the gift of life through faith, hope and love.

Every blessing for a peaceful, healthy and hopeful Christmas and New Year.

Canon Tony, Acting Area Dean



# Christmas 2021

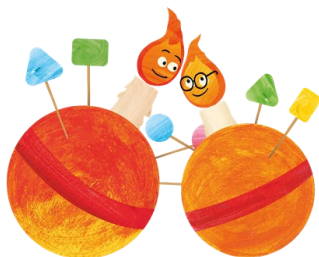


*Christine McMullen*

Lay Chair

I always think of Christmas Day as a kind of oasis in the middle of short hours of cold daylight and long hours of impenetrable darkness... white days and dark nights! At last the shops are shut and we can sit at home with family, friends or memories and go quietly to sleep in the chair. This year there are many things we need to keep outside for a day – Covid, heating costs, the rulers of the world ..... But for this one day we can let our minds open a bit and think about the story of angels and shepherds and kings and camels and all the other bits and pieces of an ancient story which at its heart speaks into a wicked world of oppressors, meanness, poverty and misused wealth. It was a day when a baby was born into a penniless family. He was Jesus grew up to offer people a way to another world where people can feel loved and be loving, where evil exists but can be overcome where fears can be replaced by hope. So, if you can trust God to give you strength in challenging times, rejoice in the Christ

## Children's Society



The Children's Society have issued new materials and resources this year to cover actual and virtual Christingle events including 'Christingle in a bag' and new resources for inclusive services including dementia friendly and for use in care settings

[Celebrate Christingle | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

To directly support the work that Christians are doing, and work that is close to the heart of our own Bishop Libby, please go to [The Children's Society | UK children's charity \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk) Any donations made here will go directly to support the work of the Children's Society and you will be able to see how they are supporting the lives of our Young People.

## Bible Society

Christmas children's booklet, '*The Impossible Promise*' gives us a fresh perspective on the nativity from Bob Hartman. Also includes a video to show in church or online [Celebrate Christmas with Bible Society! - Bible Society](#)



# Christmas and Advent Resources 2021

'At the heart of Christmas' is the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas

**At the heart  
of Christmas**



**But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2.19**

December will offer us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at its heart: God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ. Inspired by readings from the Gospels of Luke and John read at so many Christmas services, At the heart of Christmas is an invitation to everyone to discover – or rediscover – the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts – as Mary did – what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

At the heart of Christmas is a deliberately simple and open theme to invite communities to share in celebrating the good news of Christmas in a whole variety of ways, whatever the prevailing circumstances. The message is designed to work alongside a wide range of local, diocesan and national initiatives and activities – supporting and highlighting the many ways churches help their communities connect with the heart of Christmas year in, year out.

Website: [Advent and Christmas 2021 resources: At the heart of Christmas | The Church of England](#)

A Church Near You Resources: [At The Heart of Christmas - A Church Near You](#)

## Bishop Libby's Visit to the Deanery to Share the Diocesan Vision

Covid-19 struck Bishop Libby's Chaplain and a positive PCR test 45 minutes before the Eyam gathering at the end of October brought the inevitable postponement of the day, with the necessary haste to try and prevent people travelling to Hayfield for the afternoon session. Forty or so people were already in Eyam and several travelled to Hayfield, despite our best efforts. I know you all understand the reason, but I do want to apologise and acknowledge the hard work in preparation for food and offering hospitality.

### **NEW DATE**

A new date has been re-arranged for **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** with a morning session at Eyam Parish Centre starting with refreshments at 9.45 am and finishing by 12.30 pm. There will be a mirror afternoon session beginning at St Matthew's, Hayfield at 2.15 pm and finishing by 5 pm. All are welcome to listen and engage with Bishop Libby and the Bishop's Leadership Team on the Diocesan Vision.

Canon Tony, Acting Area Dean

# Living in Love and Faith

## Come and engage with Living in Love and Faith

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) is a Church of England Initiative and the Diocese of Derby is committed to participating. Using study and prayer, people across the Church are asked to try to understand more about what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society. We are called to engage with Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage and to help the Leaders of the church discern a way forward as a church that honours God and all of His children.

**LLF engagement and learning is primarily through attending a five-session course for a small group** which explore these matters by studying what the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences have to say, and by telling the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions

**Come along whatever your involvement in the church and whether you think you know what you believe, aren't sure or have no idea!** Deanery facilitators have been trained to provide a safe space to examine these issues. A primary point of this initiative is enable members of the church to learn together, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and to work out how we can live well with fellow Christians with contradictory convictions. At least five Benefices across our Deanery hope to run courses after Christmas. There will be a mix of in-person and online (Zoom) courses. Nicola McNally (Tideswell) is acting as a communications point for our Deanery – get in touch at [nicola.curate@outlook.com](mailto:nicola.curate@outlook.com) if you want more information. Alternatively these, and other courses available, are/will be advertised on the diocesan website

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/living-in-love-and-faith.html>



LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH

## 2021 Mission Statistics

A reminder that the online recording system is now **open to record statistics**. At present figures for 'The October Count' can be entered and at the end of December data for church attendances, weddings, baptisms etc. during 2021 can be entered.

Each church should have a Username and password to get on to the system. If you cannot access the site or would like some help entering the data, please be in contact with Eileen : [eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org](mailto:eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org)

The Parish Returns website is [Parish Returns Online \(churchofengland.org\)](https://churchofengland.org/parish-returns) If you or others in your parish need help in using the system, the user guide should give you all the help you need. If you don't have a copy, you can download one once you're logged on through the Users Menu.

Although the diocese does not accept returns submissions on paper forms, you may find it helpful to use a paper form to collect the data in your parish before then submitting it online. It can be downloaded a copy from the home page of the Parish Returns website.

# Safeguarding Training

The Diocese continues to implement the National Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework, which must be fully in place from January 2022. This means there are a few changes to how long safeguarding training lasts, and how to access Basic and Foundation levels of training.

## Basic and Foundation Training - delivery in parishes

Basic training is required for many roles within the churches across the diocese and many are also expected to complete Foundation training.

The safeguarding department strongly encourages all people who need to complete these modules to use the national training portal: [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://cofeportal.org) However, it has now made it possible for small groups of people who are required to complete Basic and Foundation to do so in their own parish. This will involve a small group (maximum 8) gathering around a computer screen or projection and working through the e-learning module/s together. The organiser (PSO or incumbent) must deliver the course in this way, as there is no flexibility for it to be changed or adapted. For full information on the process, please contact Nick Harding or check the information on the PSO page of the website: [Resources for parish safeguarding officers - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://resourcesforparishsafeguardingofficers-dioceseofderby.org)

## Safeguarding Training Renewals

The revised Church of England Safeguarding Training Learning and Development Framework, which the diocese is required to follow, states that all safeguarding training on the 'core' pathway (Basic, Foundation and Leadership) must be renewed at the highest previous level every 3 years. This means (for example) that those required to do Leadership must renew it every 3 years but are not required to repeat Basic and Foundation, and those required to complete Foundation must repeat that every 3 years, but not Repeat Basic. **There are a large number of people in the diocese whose certificates say that they last for five years, but this is no longer the case.**

For more information please email

[nick.harding@derby.anglican.org](mailto:nick.harding@derby.anglican.org) - safeguarding training requirements and content

[judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org](mailto:judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org) – safeguarding training bookings, DBS, and certificates

## DBS Update

Under the new Safer Recruitment Guidance, **DBS checks are only valid for 3 years**, after which it must be renewed. Volunteers can update their certificates free of charge using the DBS Update Service – this saves time and money in future years when certificates are renewed

Please note: DBS Certificates added to the service are not automatically updated, and the Diocese is not informed that people have subscribed to the service. Therefore, PSO or DBS officer must request a new confidential declaration each 3 years and submit details of the original certificate to the safeguarding dept for an update check. More details at : [Disclosure and Barring Service \(DBS\) - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://disclosureandbarringservice-db.org)



# Eco Award

In September 2021 **Glossop Parish Church of All Saints** received the Eco Church Silver Award in recognition of their work to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth through:

- worship and teaching,
- management of our building and churchyard,
- engagement with the community and the wider world, and lifestyle.



**Since achieving the Bronze Award in 2019, a small team at All Saints, Glossop has worked hard to achieve the Silver Award. Activities have included:**

- an annual celebration of Creation Season and small group studies on what Pope Francis calls 'Our Common Home';
- using environmentally-friendly products in the church building and encouraging biodiversity in the churchyard;
- twinning toilets in the local VC Primary School to promote safe sanitation in the Global South and joining in litter picks in the parish; and
- promoting Fairtrade and environmentally-friendly products within the worshipping community at All Saints, Glossop.

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

## Bishop's Badge 2021

Congratulations to those who received their Bishop's Badge from Bishop Libby at a special service at Derby Cathedral. The Peak Deanery also thanks you for your commitment and hard work in your service to

### **Awards for Mission and Innovation**

Paul Black—St John the Baptist, Tideswell

Lorraine Marrow—Buxton Team Parish

Simon Marrow—Buxton Team Parish

Leon Shufflebotham—St George the Martyr, New Mills

### **Awards for Long Service**

Meleta Barlow—Charlesworth with Gamesley

John Roberts—St Andrew's Hadfield

Pauline Boon—Buxton Team Parish

Peter Robinson—St John the Baptist, Tideswell

Barrie Clayton—Charlesworth with Gamesley

Paul Taylor—Buxton Team Parish

Lesley Mundy—St Andrew's Hadfield

Diane Peet—Holy Trinity, Stanton in Peak

# Growing Faith Foundation

## **The Church of England's first Head of its new Growing Faith Foundation has been announced as Lucy Moore.**

Lucy is a secondary school teacher by training who in 2004 began Messy Church. Originally a Fresh Expression in a church near Portsmouth, Messy Church now has more than 3,500 settings in over 30 countries.

The Growing Faith Concept began in 2019 to promote partnership between the church, school and household to encourage and nurture Christian faith in those of all ages within those communities

This has resulted in a number of initiatives at diocesan and parish level, and a major series of 'Faith at Home' video resources, which were widely used during Covid-19 lockdown, including as Collective Worship for the Oak National online Academy.

The new Foundation will seek to build on and expand this work, and to be a strategic lead across the Church of England to grow a younger church and increase engagement with children and families in different settings.

During her work with Messy Church at BRF, Lucy has written many books and been responsible for developing the work of the initiative nationally and internationally.

She is part of the Leadership Community of Fresh Expressions, a member of the College of Evangelists and has previously been a member of General Synod. Lucy's husband is the Venerable Dr Paul Moore of the benefice of Hathersage with Bamford & Derwent and Grindleford. The benefice is delighted that Lucy has been appointed to this new role which will start in February 2022.

Please offer Lucy your supportive prayers from the Peak Deanery.



## New Diocesan Secretary

The Bishop's Office has now announced that Kate Godfrey is to be the new Diocesan Secretary and will take up her post on Wednesday 1st December.

Derbyshire born and bred, Kate is the daughter of a local teacher and GP. Following university, she moved to Kenya as a research trainee working for The Guardian, before transferring to work in research and advisory with international organisations including the United Nations Development Programme and UNESCO, focussing on education and multi-lateral infrastructure development.

After more than ten years working across Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia, Kate returned to the UK in her thirties and bought her first home just outside Derby. Over the next decade, she established a national professional practice working for social and environmental change, including as engagement director for the largest membership campaign in UK history.

More recently, Kate has again specialised in education as operational director for a trust working across areas of complex and multiple deprivation in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Experienced in charities' governance, she holds legal and safeguarding qualifications and works in her spare time with local organisations supporting victims of violence against women and girls, families in crisis, and distressed communities including those at risk of food poverty.

Kate says: "I am honoured to have been appointed as Diocesan Secretary; and moved by the trust that Bishop Libby and her colleagues on the appointment committee have shown in me. It is particularly meaningful to be able to join the diocese at this special time of year, and I look forward to meeting my new colleagues across the Diocese and in Church House."

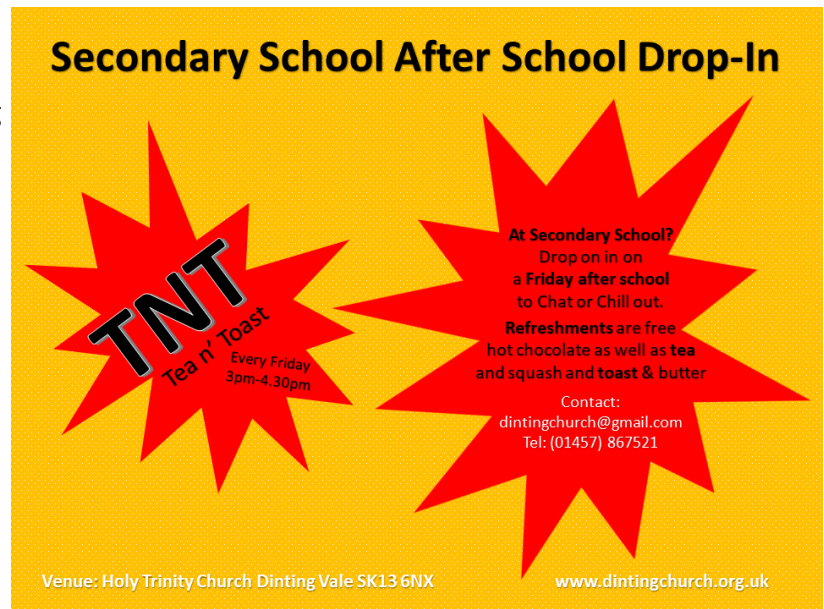
# Explosive start to Secondary School drop-in

TNT, which stands for tea n' toast, is the new youth ministry for the secondary school pupils in and around Glossopdale. Many pupils walk past the doors of Dinting Church along the Dinting Vale road as a main cut through to Glossopdale High School, and others from St Philip Howard Secondary School in Glossop town centre and Glossop based students from Longdendale High School, technically just into Hollingworth.

With so many walking past every day Dinting decided to open its doors offering a safe haven, a safe space, at the end of each school week for them. Rev'd Nick Gurney Priest-in-Charge at Dinting and Pioneer Missioner for Glossopdale (as well as our Assistant Acting Area Dean) says "This is a space we are offering to them, with no agenda, for them to come and be with their friends and share, if they want, how they are doing?". On the first Friday about twelve came in from the three schools, a mix of years 7 & 8

and 11's. After which the word has spread and this was followed by nearly 30 and now 40 pupils. "This ministry is not a new idea, I was involved with something similar with Ashby Youth for Christ in Leicestershire about ten years ago, but it seemed the right idea for Glossopdale. It is being run with a team of people from Dinting & Whitfield Parishes and led by me together with Samuel Klemperer the part-time youth worker for Whitfield" says Nick, "with an obvious follow on to 'Roots' the Glossopwide Youth Club Samuel runs more centrally in Glossop, which some have already asked about".

"This is a real joy for me" continues Nick, "and meeting these young people and the conversations already developing are so good. What has been also a real encouragement is having some of the former Dinting Primary School pupils next door to the church coming in. Now having moved up to Secondary School in the past year or two to see them again and continue an ongoing relationship and hopefully nurture and connection is truly wonderful".



## Youth Mental Health Resource

Kooth is a free online Mental Health and Wellbeing resource for children and young people aged 11 to 25 in Derby and Derbyshire that requires no formal referral, instead only requiring the user to set up an account on the website. Available 365 days of the year via mobile, tablet and desktop devices from 12 noon to 10pm Monday-Friday and 6pm-10pm at weekends, the service provides access to accredited counselling support, peer support via online forums and relevant articles detailing a variety of topics.

[Home - Kooth](#)





# Around the Deanery

One glorious October Day I visited **St Margaret of Antioch Church in Wormhill.**

The site of this beautiful Grade II\* listed church is said to have originated in 1273 when the rector of Tideswell gave leave for a chapel of ease, but the current church was rebuilt in 1864. What struck me is the unusual church tower/spire which is said to be a replica of the Saxon tower at Stomping in Sussex.

Wormhill is in the Tideswell Benefice. Close by is the river Wye and in my opinion Chee Dale gorge is one of the most spectacular in the area, although they are all worth a visit.

As a bonus I managed to pick up a sack of potatoes from a local farmer.

Eileen, Deanery Administrator



## *Daíry Dates 2022:*

### **Deanery Synod**

**Venue to be announced 7pm**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April   Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July   Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

### **Full Chapter meetings**

**Venue to be announced 10.30am start**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January   Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May   Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July   Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### **Leadership Team Meetings – Agenda planning**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March   Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June   Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

## **Peak Deanery Prayer**

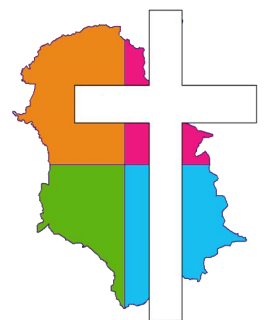
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**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**



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