

Deanery News

Spring 2022



Dear Friends

The terrible situation in Ukraine is changing by the hour and has the courage being shown in defending homes and freedom, together with the plight of those fleeing the conflict, has deeply moved all of us and called us rightly to prayer and responding in whatever way we can to appeals for support.

Naturally there is fear for how this will all turn out for the Ukrainian people and the Continent of Europe. The experiences and lessons of the Second World War have largely maintained a peace that slowly has built greater bridges and a spirit of cooperation. Whilst struggling to understand the reasons for the Russian President's actions in ordering the invasion, we stand with the Ukrainian people in their fight for freedom and their right to live in peace and make decisions as to who they collaborate and work with.

Somebody has commented that there is one bad thing after another happening within the world without time to take breath and work out the consequences. Somehow, bad and challenging things put some perspective within our lives and whilst we worry about fuel prices, the cost of living and the future of our local church, they pale into the background when we listen to the stories of individuals and their families sheltering from indiscriminate rocket attacks or saying goodbye to husbands, fathers and sons as they return to take up arms to defend their homeland.

As Christians, we have hope that God's peace with justice will prevail and that all of our actions will be accountable before God ultimately. We must embody the hope and peace of Christ through all of our thoughts, words and actions and it these, together with the prayer we offer and the compassionate care and love for our neighbour, that will ultimately bring change and the Kingdom of God into the suffering, injustice, pain and brokenness of the world. Don't lose hope of this becoming a reality.

With love and prayers. Tony

Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven
Acting Area Dean, Peak Deanery

Daíry Dates 2022

Deanery Synod

Venue to be announced 7pm

Wednesday 6th April

Wednesday 13th July

Wednesday 16th November

Full Chapter meetings

Venue to be announced

10.30am start

Thursday 10th March

Tuesday 17th May

Thursday 7th July

Tuesday 8th November

Leadership Team Meetings –

Agenda planning

Monday 21st March

Monday 27th June

Monday 31st October

PEAK DEANERY NEWS

Eileen Burt,

Deanery Administrator

eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org

Contributions are very welcome from across the Deanery

A prayer for the crises in Ukraine [Ukraine Crisis Appeal | British Red Cross](#)



For more information
visit our website:

[https://europe.anglican.org/
main/latest-news/post/1781-
prayers-across-europe-for-](https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1781-prayers-across-europe-for-)

Prayers Across Europe for Peace in Ukraine

Tuesday 1 March

1800gmt / 1900cet /
2000eet (Kyiv) / 2100gmt+3 (Moscow)

Led by Bishop Robert Innes

with

Rev'd Canon Malcolm Rogers, Chaplain of St Andrew's, Moscow,
Area Dean of Russia and Ukraine
and Representatives of Christ Church, Kyiv

Join by visiting [Diocese in Europe Youtube channel](#)

Ukraine statement from the Archbishops



"The horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine is an act of great evil.

"Placing our trust in Jesus Christ, the author of peace, we pray for an urgent ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian forces.

"We call for a public decision to choose the way of peace and an international conference to secure long term agreements for stability and lasting peace.

"We invite Christians to make this Sunday a day for prayer for Ukraine, Russia and for peace.

"We also give our support to the call from Pope Francis for a global day of prayer and fasting for peace on Ash Wednesday, March 2."

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Lent 2022

#LiveLent: Embracing Justice is the Church of England's theme for Lent 2022. Both the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2022 Lent Book, *Embracing Justice* (SPCK), and the daily reflections booklet for adults (CHP) have been written by Isabelle Hamley.

It invites us to examine our own lives truthfully, to see the world more deeply and to pray – for the church and the world far and near – that 'justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream' (Amos 5.24).

Each week we follow a different thread through the many stories of justice in the Bible to explore how God works with humanity to bring justice, wholeness and salvation to all. As in recent years, the weekly themes of the Archbishop's Lent Book (supported by online resources for churches and groups) will also be explored in daily reflection from the Church of England.

#LiveLent: Embracing Justice will offer a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and a prayer, as well as a practical challenge linked to the week's theme. An accompanying child's version will also be available to help children and their families explore how we can live well together.

The book and booklets will be accompanied by daily social media posts from Ash Wednesday (2 March) to Easter Day (17 April), together with a wide range of free digital resources for individuals, groups and churches. <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2022->

LIVE LENT Embracing JUSTICE



What are you doing on Tuesday afternoon?

If you are free and would like a chat, a drink, and maybe some tasty food why not come and join us?

We meet every Tuesday from 1pm to 2.30pm in the Upper Room at Cornerstone Christian Bookshop

Everyone is welcome



CHURCH
ON THE BUS

2 Dale Rd, Matlock DE4 3LT
[Cornerstone Christian Bookshop](https://www.cornerstonebooks.co.uk)
([cornerstonebooks.co.uk](https://www.cornerstonebooks.co.uk))

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Elections of wardens and PCC members should take place by 31st May 2022. This year, electoral rolls should be updated as necessary, but a new roll is not required.

The APCM gives you the opportunity to fill any vacant parish places on **Deanery Synod** but current members remain in post until 2023. It is important that any changes to synod members are recorded and details passed to the diocese. Please use this opportunity to come forward to represent your parish and join in the deanery discussion.

It is important that the relevant forms are completed after the APCM and are returned to the diocese so that the information held on file can be updated. All forms can be found on the diocesan website [APCMs - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/apcm)

If you have new officers on your PCC, please also ensure that they complete a GDPR form.

Diocesan Synod representation 2021—

The Peak Deanery has 6 casual vacancies on the House of Laity available on the Diocesan Synod and 3 House of Clergy vacancies. We are under-represented in comparison to the size of our Deanery. Should you be interested in joining the Diocesan Synod please be in contact with your Deanery Administrator, Eileen Burt eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org

The Diocesan Synod Members Guide can be found on the website: [Diocesan Synod - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/synod)

Members of the Diocesan Synod are able to ask questions in writing prior to the meeting so they can be answered publicly. It is a forum to have the voices of on-the-ground laity and clergy heard.

HOUSE OF LAITY—ANYONE ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL CAN STAND FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD

Safeguarding Training

The national church is apparently now requiring that all those needing **renewal of Safeguarding Training** (after 3 years) **must go back to square one** and repeat all the training ie Basic and Foundation, an hour each on the national portal, [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://www.cofeportal.org) and for many, Leadership training by Zoom. This is because new Basic and Foundation modules were introduced in 2020 and 2021 respectively. Once the new modules are completed it is hoped that people will not need to start at the beginning again in the future.

To see which training is applicable to you, please refer to the Safeguarding Training Matrix February—April 2022 that is available on the Diocesan Website [Safeguarding Training - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/safeguarding)

Zoom Safeguarding Leadership Training Courses can be booked on-line via Eventbrite [Safeguarding Leadership Training - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.eventbrite.com/safeguarding-leadership-training)

Some thoughts on becoming a Reader

I remember as a schoolboy being left in charge of cooking the baked beans at a Crusader camp. They all burnt! I also remember learning there a Bible verse that has meant much to me over the years: *"Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call on him while he is near."* (Is. 55:6). We will each experience the call of Christ in many different ways.

I was born in rural southern Ireland in 1945. My father was the village Church of Ireland Rector. Being brought up in a Christian home was formative for me, but I later realised that by itself it did not make me or mean that I was a Christian. God calls us as individuals. It's a call that requires a response. The love and example of my parents were foundational. The invaluable companionship of my wife and family has subsequently been the greatest joy and support to me. Encountering a great cloud of witnesses in many and varied experiences of church life have been God's gift. Living as part of the family of God has, by his grace and faithfulness, enabled me to encounter so many wonderful experiences to enrich my life.



Alongside working as a graphic designer I've used my gift in ways that support and promote gospel life where we have lived. I'm a typographer – loving letters and designing words. That's something I feel is close to the heart of God, the Word himself. I love displaying the Word of God!

Somehow I had never found time to study more about the Bible and how the Christian faith can relate to today's culture. Time never seemed to allow for further theological study and more wholehearted commitment. I realised that if God wanted me to be used in further ways then that call needed also to be approved by the church. I was attracted to the (then) two year 'Transforming Faith' course. The studies were stretching and demanding but proved to be worth the challenge. 'No pain without gain', they say! A final year of Reader training followed. I'm most grateful for all those who have guided and encouraged me through these years, not least the Diocesan training programme. Together with my ever-supportive and long-suffering wife Elisabeth we made it!

The service of licensing in Derby Cathedral on 26 February 2022 was a special and wonderfully humbling occasion – for myself, for Debbie and Lucy also licensed; a time when we saw God continuing to build and equip his church to transform lives. Bishop Libby reminded all of us not to feel we are ever too old, too young, not educated enough, not eloquent enough. All have a role in living out the gospel. Such services show that God continues to call afresh in every generation.

Seek the Lord – while you can! Tomorrow may be too late. I'm 76! Abraham was called when 90. And don't be put off by the Old Testament Temple ministers being told to retire at 50! 'Call on him' – ask him what he could have in store for you. He's right beside you - and always will be.

Bernard Madden, Reader, Hathersage

Around the Deanery, Biggin



This beautiful church at Biggin is now a Festival Church—here is their story told by
Julia Hewgill

We knew before the first lock down that we needed to change the way we served our local community. After much prayer, thought and consultation with the regular congregation, the primary school and wider community we decided that the best course of action to build a sustainable future for our lovely little Victorian parish church was to become a festival church. A festival church is a church which does not have regular weekly or twice monthly worship. We opted instead for six festival services a year as well as for rites of passage (baptisms, weddings and funerals). We also recognised that we needed to have community services – we began with an All Souls' Service at the request of a member of the congregation in 2021. We also recognised we need try out new kinds of service, of offering messy church, providing a space for local events on a more medieval model of the way church buildings were used and interacting more with visitors to the Peak District. The next step was to write our mission action plan and begin the process for changing our status.

Our first service of the year is Candlemas, which is the conclusion of the Christmas season. Rather than calling the service a Candlemas service we decided to develop a snowdrop festival. This kind of service can be found all along the Welsh marches where it is common to bring snowdrops which are symbolic of purity into churches at this time. St Thomas's has a carpet of snowdrops in the churchyard planted when the church was finished in 1848 so it seemed appropriate.

Key stage 1 children from Biggin school came and planted bulbs in the autumn to decorate the church during the service, whilst key stage 2 studied Wordsworth's poem 'The snowdrop' which they read during the service itself and the whole school came for its own service on the Friday of the festival service reflecting the way in which church and school are working closely together. We were unable to provide refreshments after our snowdrop festival service because of our covid risk assessment so the Bishops' office suggested goody bags – after all it was a service of celebration. Each bag contained some bulbs to get the community planting as well as cake. We hope to develop the snowdrop festival in the future to get more people involved and welcome more of the community and visitors to the Peak District. For us this year the flowers not only provided the promise of spring to come but the promise of bringing people together in a flourishing festival church.



Julia Hewgill with Bishop Libby



First Snowdrop Festival

Meet Steve Johnson



*Hi – my name is Steve Johnson, and I have been afforded the privilege of being appointed the **Generous Living Advisor** for the Derby Diocese for which I am extremely excited about, and I am endeavoring to ascertain the complexities of what the role will demand. I am very grateful for all the support, encouragement, resources, and friendship offered to me, and the opportunity to connect with new people in and around the diocese.*

I am Derbyshire born and bred, I live in South Derbyshire with my wife Joanne and our two children, Joanne also working for the Diocese as the Accounts Assistant. I graduated from Sheffield University in 1993 and have spent all my professional career in commerce and retail running my own multi franchised company.

I have been a Christian all my life increasingly nurturing my faith through the last 20 years, I find myself in the second year of LLM (Reader) Training in the Derby Diocese, looking forward to combining the commercial expertise I have gained over 30 years in business together with the application of my evolution of my faith learning journey.

On reflection I passionately believe God determined events in my life which have guided and equipped me, calling me to this new challenge for which He has prepared me. At present I am making my introductions, discovering the requirements and challenges of the Generous Living Advisor together with the resources, tools and processes I must learn to enable the creation of a consistent, deliverable, and sustainable program for our diverse parish network.

I hope to be in touch with as many as I can over the next few months as I make my way out into the parishes.

With the increase in energy prices and the increasing pressure on church budgets, please remember the Parish Buying resources available and go to the website:

[Parish Buying - Parish Buying - Buy together Save Together](#)

Parish Online Statistics

Many thanks to the 55 (out of 59) Peak Deanery parishes that have, to date, completed and submitted their 2021 Statistics for Mission. It is very much appreciated. The deadline date is now 20th March 2022

The 2021 Return of Parish Finance is now open for completion the deadline for submission is 31st May

Should you require your login details please be in contact with Eileen Burt, Deanery Administrator,

eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org

Living in Love and Faith

A Participants View

'This five session course is designed to get people thinking and then sharing their thoughts with others on difficult relational issues including same sex marriage.

By watching video clips of ten couples in unconventional relationships and especially by opening up to one another about our own experiences within the group, we had the opportunity to develop our attitudes.

The Church of England needs to adapt to the changing face of modern society. We, the laity, can help this forward by contributing to the debate our considered and prayerful views. I enjoyed the course very much and found it stimulating.'

You can find out more about the Living in Love and Faith course on the Church of England website [Living in Love and Faith \(churchofengland.org\)](https://www.churchofengland.org/living-in-love-and-faith)

Courses within the Diocese are listed on the Diocesan website [Living in Love and Faith - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/living-in-love-and-faith-diocese-of-derby)

On-line courses (generally via Zoom) are usually available to anyone in the Diocese.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Lent Course for Glossopdale

Tuesday Afternoons 1pm-2.30pm

(March 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th & 12th)

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm-9pm

(March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th & 13th)

at The Vineyard, Charlestown Road Glossop SK13 8JN

&

Wednesday Afternoons online 1pm-2.30pm

(March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th & 13th)

Thursday Evenings online 7pm-8.30pm

(March 17th, 24th, 31st, April 7th & 14th)

How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

Explore through Lent with this free 5 session facilitated course.

Sign-up now or ask for more details by contacting
Rev'd Nick Gurney at:
GlossopdaleNick@gmail.com
or
Tel: (01457) 867521

Christian teaching, listening & learning about identity, sexuality, relationship and marriage

From Sarah Brown, Children's

Raise Up Faith is a curriculum platform with resources for children and young people. <https://www.raiseupfaith.com/>

Would you like a free chance to explore this new resource? I have had a guided tour of what's on offer and I think it's an excellent resource. I hear from children's and youth leaders who are spending hours searching for suitable material online. This would save you that time.

There is a cost, and the cost reflects the fact that the material is professionally produced. However, the makers are keen that the resources should also be available to smaller churches and have said that they will look at flexible ways of covering the cost, for example across a number of churches in the same Benefice.

Material covers pre-school age to teenage groups, so do pass on this invitation to others who might be interested.

- Amazing Multimedia
- Worship videos, talks, bible stories and animations, RaiseUP is an engaging resource to inspire children and young people
- Library of bible based series and lessons by age or verse
- Lesson Planning - or use you own material and ideas, combined with online ideas.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE ZOOM DEMONSTRATION OF RAISE UP ON Tuesday 15th MARCH at 6PM. If you would like to come please email Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org for the Zoom link.

ALSO: Free of charge resource packs:

- Experience Christmas
- Experience Easter
- Experience Pentecost
- Experience Harvest.

Do think about whether this could be something your church might think about. Email me if you'd like to talk it through. Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org

More information here <https://jumpingfishpublications.co.uk/product-category/experience-journeys/>

Peak Deanery Prayer

Peak Deanery Prayer

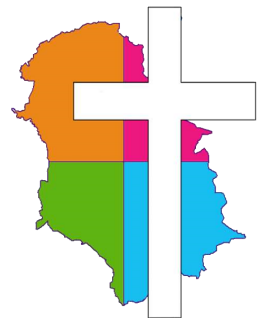
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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.**



**Thy Kingdom Come 2022:
26th May - 5th June**

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

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