

# Deanery News

## Autumn 2022



Dear Friends

Welcome to this next edition to the Peak deanery Newsletter and my thanks to Eileen for her work on compiling and producing this important way of keeping in touch, sharing information and promoting that we are the top of the 'Premier League' of Deaneries in the C of E!

As I draw you into the content of the Newsletter we acknowledge what we have faced since the last one. Record temperatures have scorched the earth, left a wake of destruction through wildfires and drained reservoirs causing water shortages and many are facing a difficult winter ahead as people contemplate record high energy prices to pay to heat and service your home.

In the First World 21<sup>st</sup> century it feels a scandal that some families will face choices of heating or eating and clearly for the most vulnerable and deprived there needs to be greater help and support to avert real suffering. Not only are churches providing Food and Clothing banks; Community Lunches; hot food during the holidays for families, debt advice, but also we are hearing of the opportunity to create Warm Centres during the winter, where people can gather to meet, eat etc.

We recognise that many of our churches and congregations are not able to provide the resources if there was a demand, and many may well struggle themselves to heat their buildings and pay the bills. Therefore, it is really important that we work together within the deanery and our benefices/parishes where we can to support one another and perhaps enable some real opportunities to collaborate, share resources and ideas, signpost people to churches offering specific support for the vulnerable; meet together for joint worship in the coldest parts of the winter, and initiatives being worked through to support older members of our churches and communities, as well as families who may struggle in the times ahead.

As schools return and we move from the holiday period back into routines, may we feel refreshed and ready to play our part in making positive contributions to the commitments we have and the compassionate causes that we care about. How we wish that life was a bit calmer, less uncertain and things would return to a default point when we felt life was good. The reality is that we can't.

It is true as well of the Church. There feels to be a state of flux between what we hold dear and count as traditional, against a fuzzy picture of what might emerge from the many vacancies in the deanery we are living through or facing that will in some situations reshape and redefine ministry and what we understand to be mission. This too is unsettling and placing huge demands of Churchwardens and existing ministers to maintain patterns of worship and offer pastoral care.

I wish I had Harry Potter's wand to make it all right, but there are no magic tricks or words to solve anything we are facing at the moment. It will be through engaged faith, prayer, talking, listening, courage, trust in God, compassion, care, collaboration, learning, challenging, hope and desire to engage that will bring change, renewal, transformation and life, whether it is reversing climate change, bringing a lasting and just peace in Ukraine, supporting and helping people who are in need, or working for the growth and well-being of God's Church in the Peak Deanery.

It is going to be tough and costly, but together and with God, we can do it!

Thank you for your support and prayers for me in this funny world of Acting and my prayer is that you will have more permanence and continuity to move forward together with an Area Dean when they are appointed.

**Every blessing. Tony**

*A. J. Kambona*

### *Daíry Dates:*

#### **Deanery Synod**

7.30pm Chapel-en-le-Frith  
Primary School  
Wed 16th November 2022  
**2023**

Wed 29th March 2023  
Wed 12th July 2023  
Wed 15th November 2023

#### **Leadership Team**

Mon 26th Sept 2022  
Mon 31st Oct 2022  
**2023**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

#### **Full Chapter**

Thurs 29th Sept 2022  
Tuesday 8th Nov 2022  
**2023**  
To be decided

#### **PEAK DEANERY NEWS**

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Contributions are very welcome from across the Deanery

## From our Lay Chair, Christine McMullen

Well, what a summer we have been having! Temperatures such as I remember from my childhood, airports and railway stations in confusion, a wonderful Buxton festival in the middle of beautiful well-dressings and fast approaching 15 churches in the Deanery with no incumbent (Eileen's calculation, not mine - though she is usually right.) Perhaps I should be saying, 'what a challenging summer we have had!'

As a Reader in a church whose vicar went off sick in August 2021, I have, like many of you worked with our Wardens to find priests to take baptisms (We have them on three Sundays each month), to celebrate the Communion with us and to officiate at weddings .... though we have fewer of these than we do baptisms. Several local clergy have been very helpful. The wardens have looked after the fabric of the building, led the new Bible study group and master minded social events: I have preached mostly and taken the funerals and including the burial of ashes, there have been 43 of these this year so far. Together we have led Services of the Word, started a baptism visiting scheme, maintained Vestry Hour each week and kept in touch with our local school. And we rejoice in the positives of all these signs of life and potential growth.



But we can feel abandoned, not by our local clergy, many of whom have been wonderful, but more by the diocesan arrangements that can leave so many of us in this situation. One problem is that the diocese can only afford 1 full time incumbent to every 15,000 people (or thereabouts) and how many rural communities do you have to pull into one to get to 15,000 people? Covid did not help because any plans that were in the pipeline had to be put on hold, but at last there are now 3 Archdeacons, so let's pray that they get their combined plan together soon, so they can concentrate on building up their specialist Archdeaconry.

This is not how I planned to spend retirement, like many of you, but I do it because my faith has been at the heart of my life since I was a child. Working through a church is one way of sharing the gospel in places where it is unknown and standing alongside people in times of loss, pain and stress as well at times of celebration and hope, as Jesus did.

So please, people further up the hierarchical ladder than we are, please get on with finding ways to help the rural areas!

*Christine McMullen*

## Have your say

We have 5 casual Lay vacancies and 3 Clergy vacancies on Diocesan Synod to fill. Please 'Have your say' and join in the Diocesan conversation.

The Peak Deanery requested Common Fund (Parish Share) contribution is 16.3% of the total, this is just second to Derby City (17.9%) with NE Deanery (15.6%). These 3 Deaneries are 50% of the total request. The Deanery needs you to represent your benefices and ensure support for growth within our benefices.



## **Come and Sing Workshop**

**at St. Anne's Church, Baslow**

on

**Sunday 11th September**

**Join us to learn and sing the exquisite choral anthem**

**'The Lord is My Shepherd' by Schubert**

*... a perfect way to start singing again after the summer break!*

Join the St. Anne's Church Choir and Bel Canto for a free open choral workshop to learn Franz Schubert's 'The Lord is my Shepherd', together with a short blessing by Peter Lutkin, and then sing them during a special Choral Evensong that evening.

2.30pm to 5.00pm      Afternoon workshop

6.00pm      Choral Evensong

All voice parts – soprano, alto, tenor and bass - are welcome, and music will be available to borrow on the day.

Some familiarity with music and singing would be helpful, but you don't need to read music fluently to enjoy the experience. We will work through the music, voice part by voice part, before bringing it together, and there will be plenty of support from more experienced singers for those who feel less confident, so it's a great opportunity to have a go!

To join the workshop and sing, please register by calling or emailing  
Claire De la Haye: Tel 07515 287222 Email [claire.delahaye@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claire.delahaye@hotmail.co.uk)

Everyone is welcome to the Evensong service.

# Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy

After much thought and reflection, the Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy has decided to move its work from Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) into a charity called Chaplaincy Derbyshire. Chaplaincy Derbyshire coordinates around 150 chaplains that support a broad range of sectors from police and fire chaplains to retail, education, and social care chaplains. The Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy feel that Chaplaincy Derbyshire will be a fitting home to help us remain focused on supporting the agricultural community now and into the future and we are looking forward to this new chapter. David Legh, the Chair of the Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy said: "This move is the right one for DRC. Re-locating our work into a new charity formed specifically to co-ordinate chaplaincy in many workplace sectors makes financial and managerial sense. We will keep our separate identity and will maintain close links with our friends at RAD." Offering Spiritual and Pastoral Support to the Agricultural Community Bev Parker, the CEO of Rural Action Derbyshire said: "I have been extremely proud to be associated with the work of the chaplaincy and look forward to maintaining close links with Alan and the team in the future. As a farmer myself, I understand only too well the pressures that farming brings; the challenge of making a living in a very uncertain world, bovine TB, new environmental land management schemes and volatile markets. It is so important that support is there when people need it. I wish DRC all the very best for the future." Please visit our new website at:

[www.derbyshireruralchaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.derbyshireruralchaplaincy.org.uk) to 'meet the team' and find out more about our work. Alternatively, you can call Rev'd Alan Griggs for more information on 07710 088972 or email him at

[alan@derbyshireruralchaplaincy.org.uk](mailto:alan@derbyshireruralchaplaincy.org.uk)

[Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy](http://www.derbyshireruralchaplaincy.org.uk)

<https://www.derbyshireruralchaplaincy.org.uk/docs/DRC-News-Summer-2022.pdf>



## Good Reads

Archdeacon Carol has a copy of this book for every parish, if you would like a copy please contact her.

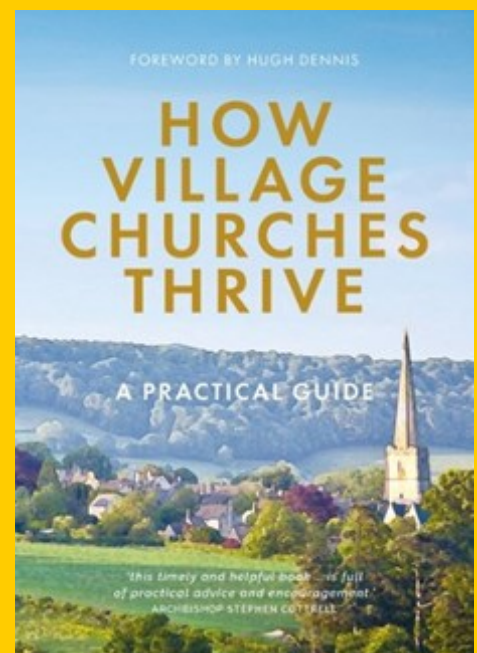
This inspiring and practical handbook draws on the wisdom of a wide variety of practitioners in ten key areas that enable village churches to flourish:

- 1) Extending a warm welcome
- 2) Making the most of Life Events
- 3) Using buildings creatively
- 4) Caring for God's Acre
- 5) Being the heartbeat of the community
- 6) Celebrating our heritage
- 7) Cultivating fruitful festivals
- 8) Welcoming more children
- 9) Reaching the isolated and lonely
- 10) Communicating effectively

Packed with practical advice and inspiring case studies, *How Village Churches Thrive* will encourage and increase confidence in all who work or worship in a village church.

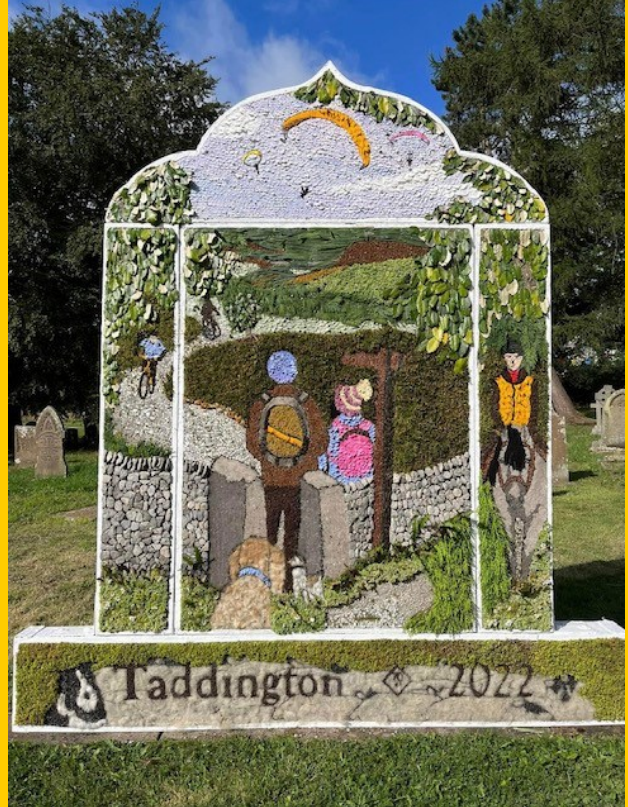
All the contributors are active in supporting the growth of rural churches through their roles in the Church of England or through organizations such as the Arthur Rank Centre, the Churches Conservation Trust, Caring for God's Acre and Praxis.

[How Village Churches Thrive A Practical Guide by Robert Atwell, Gill Ambrose, Helen Bent - Paperback / softback - 9781781402191 \(chpublishing.co.uk\)](https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/how-village-churches-thrive)





# Around the Deanery



Rev'd Adele Barker (above) has been out and about amongst the villages of her White Peak and Youlgreave benefices and has some lovely photographs of the Well Dressings. This year the theme was 'journeys'

We are blessed that Adele journeyed all the way from the Diocese of Rochester to take up her position amongst the 10 churches here.

Meanwhile, Rev'd Mike Gilbert (below), renowned for his feats of endurance, got his gang together for a spot of DIY at the church centre in Eyam. 'No flies on them—but plenty in the light fittings' is an apt caption. With thanks to Lynn Jackson, Warden.



# Gaia at Derby Cathedral

22nd September – 16th October 2022

Gaia is a touring artwork measuring seven metres in diameter and created from 120dpi detailed NASA imagery of the Earth's surface. The artwork provides the unique opportunity to see our planet on this scale, floating in three-dimensions above the nave of the Cathedral.

A specially made surround sound composition by BAFTA award winning composer Dan Jones is played alongside the sculpture.

This spectacular installation stimulates thought over key issues of climate change, creation, and our place on the Earth. The [events programme](#) that runs alongside Gaia invites visitors to enjoy wellbeing events, music, and nature walks, and contemplate the themes presented by the artwork.

Gaia is programmed in association with [Derby Festé](#) and is kindly sponsored by the [University of Derby](#) and [Cosy Direct](#).



*Photo is from the Diocesan website*

Entry will be free with a suggested entry donation of £3 per person. Donations will go towards the care and work of the city's Cathedral, helping to keep its doors open for all.

The Cathedral are looking for volunteers to help with the visitor experience during Gaia. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete [this form](#).

There is a wealth of information regarding environmental issues on the Diocesan website, just go to:

[Environment: what's happening - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

## Safeguarding

### From the Diocesan Safeguarding Team

The second Parish Safeguarding Officers on-line event will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. This will be a repeat of the event held earlier in the year. We will provide national and local updates specifically around training, DBS checking and PSO support. The latter part of the session will take a look at how and why we need to manage people who/may pose a risk in church settings. The afternoon will close with an opportunity to reflect on the session with final questions and comments before we all go and enjoy what we hope is some later summer sunshine. Please book your place here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-safeguarding-officer-event-tickets-402383268187>

### From our Peak Deanery Safeguarding Lead—Rev'd Clive Thrower

Churches with on-line website presence please can you ensure that there is a clear link to Safeguarding on your website and that any telephone number is to a Safeguarding Officer or to Clergy (Not to an office number). Please ensure that there is no requirement to sign-in or register to raise a Safeguarding issue.



# Training

## Licensed Lay Ministry Training

Do you see yourself as bringing God's love into your community/workplace?  
Do you regularly help out with leading worship and/or preaching in your church?  
Do you help out with bible study sessions and see yourself as an enabler?  
Would you like to do some or all of these things if you don't already?

If so, then our Licensed Lay Ministry Training may be for you. The next course starts in the late Autumn (closing date for applications Friday, 30 September 2022).

More details are available on our website - [www.discipleship-training-llmr.org](http://www.discipleship-training-llmr.org).

If you have any questions at all, please contact Dawn Glen, Course Director by email: [dawn.glen@derby.anglican.org](mailto:dawn.glen@derby.anglican.org) who will be pleased to help.

## A bit of 'Admin'

### Parish Returns

Thank you to all who have been involved with Parish Returns for 2021, the Peak Deanery had a whopping 95% submission for Statistics for Mission and 99% submission for the Return of Parish Finance. I am so grateful to you all for your support and graciousness when I bombard you with emails and telephone calls. 11 parishes have still to send in their accounts to the Derby Finance department, so if you are one of these, please attach them to an email to **finance@derby.anglican.org** Our contact in the finance team for returns is Lottie Holmes.

The 2022 Statistics for Mission will open shortly, you can find out more about the recording and use of the information at: [Statistics for mission - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](http://Statistics for mission - Diocese of Derby (anglican.org))

If this is the first time that you will be entering the data you will need a Username and Password, please contact [eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org](mailto:eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org) . It would also be useful to know who to remove from the system, as emails will continue to go to their addresses. The system isn't linked to our CMS database.

### Energy Footprint Returns

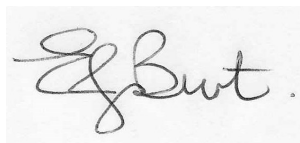
Incumbents, wardens, or treasurers in each parish have access to the Energy Footprint site within the C of E Portal and need to enter their information even though it is now 'closed for 2021 data collection'. It will help you with your Energy Audit and an aid for Parish Buying. Again, those with access queries please contact [eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org](mailto:eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org)

41 parishes in the Peak Deanery are still to complete this information for 2021. With energy prices increasing rapidly, this could be a great aid.

For further information on the Energy Footprint Tool, please contact Stella Collishaw at [stella.collishaw@derby.anglican.org](mailto:stella.collishaw@derby.anglican.org)

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Deanery Administrator



# Deanery Announcements

We have recently had the retirement of the Rev'd Carl Edwards, Fairfield, Dove Holes and Peak Forest. Carl has been struggling with his health for some time and we wish him well for the future. Carl has moved away from the Diocese.

Also retiring:

September—Rev'd James Croft, Gt Longstone, Curbar and Stoney Middleton who will be moving away from the Diocese

October—Rev'd John Hudghton, Hayfield, Chinley and Buxworth who will be moving away from the Diocese

January 2023—Rev'd Canon Dave Perkins, Beeley and Edensor who will remain in the Diocese

We also say goodbye to Rev'd Toby May—St James and St Luke, Whitfield, who has announced his resignation and will leave at the end of September.

The Peak Deanery thank them all for their loyal service and all that they have contributed.

**A fond 'farewell' to John Wood, Reader, was recently made in Buxton, Rev'd Liz England writes:**

John, we wish you well with your retirement from Ministry here in Buxton Team Parish. So many of us love you and have been inspired by your gentle and caring nature that we wanted to celebrate you and Meg today and the work you have done here across the six churches. Many of the Ministry Team and the CWs have added their thoughts and memories to this goodbye message.

You have been a lay reader here for around 40 years—it may be even longer. During this time, you have shared with us your profound knowledge of the Bible and the Christian faith through preaching, home groups and pastoral support. You have also helped out on many occasions playing the organ for services, and particularly recently for St James in Harpur Hill, often multitasking playing the organ, leading the service and preaching as well! You have also been a mentor for other Lay Readers.

You have been part of the Franciscan third order for many years and this has been a large part of your ministry, caring for others and preaching the good news.

I hear you were an excellent actor for many years, performing here in the Opera House in Buxton as part of the Buxton Drama League in one of C S Lewis' plays. And apparently you played a pantomime dame at some point—we would love to see any pictures of that!

Going back a bit further to your time at university where as a young man at Oxford, you were actually taught by none other than CS Lewis, before he moved onto Cambridge. You told me on the phone the other day that you don't think it was your fault that he moved to a different college!

So many people have said – you are kind, generous and gentle. You preach sermons that are easy to listen to as well as having a clear message. Many more commented that you have a lively sense of humour that you also showed within your sermons. You are positive and wise.

John, we have all been greatly blessed by your ministry here - thank you.





## Ordinations



### CONGRATULATIONS

New Deacons in the Diocese, including Rhiannon Singleton (second from right), Glossopdale

Also congratulations to our new ordained priests in the Peak Deanery, Charlotte Wallington (Bamford, Hathersage & Grindleford), Mel Hartley (Baslow & Eyam) and Chris Nowak (Whitfield)

## Generosity Week 2020

It takes time, support and above all prayer to grow a generous culture.

Generosity Week this year starts on 25 September 2022. It is designed to give us the time and space to reflect on God's generosity and to celebrate it within our church's ministry and mission.

We invite you to explore God's generosity through eight days of service and worship materials, as well as stories from our churches of God's generosity in action.

By the end of Generosity Week all of us will have a deeper understanding of God's generosity towards us and how we can live more generously in our daily lives.

There will be a national online Eucharist to celebrate generosity on Sunday 25 September.

Links to a wide range of resources are available here: <https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources/giving-and-generosity/generosity-week-2022.html>

If your church will be holding any generosity week events please let us know [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org)



**Listen to the  
Voice of creation**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation.

## Closing Prayers

### Diocesan Vision Prayer

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

### 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.**



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