

Deanery News

Spring 2023



Dear Friends

As the new Area Dean I have asked myself an obvious question. I thought I ought to think about it before anybody else asks me the question and I respond with an awkward silence.

What is a Deanery? Of course having been ordained for nearly thirty years I know that technically it is a geographical grouping of parishes, within a Diocese, under the care of an Area Dean and guided by a Deanery Synod. That, however, sounds a bit 'bureaucratic and middle management' and quite frankly pretty boring.

Would it excite you, however, if I could persuade you that the deanery is much more than that. That it is actually a group of Christians, followers of Jesus Christ, who want to see the kingdom of God come in the place where they live. A group of Christians who are there for each other, willing to celebrate each other's successes, willing to walk alongside others in the difficulties, willing to support each other in the practical and spiritual tasks that are common to all of us.

My prayer is that increasingly we will see ourselves as 'comrades in arms', not struggling alone but part of something bigger than just our little corner shop. One of the glories of the Deanery is that, though we have different traditions and different contexts, we are on the same team with the same goal of the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

I certainly don't underestimate the task. The reality is that many of us feel we are facing an uphill task which makes it all the more important we have others to lean on and be encouraged by.

As I write this Spring feels as if it is just around the corner. There is birdsong in the air and an eruption of early growth in the ground and on the trees. Likewise in our churches there are signs of life springing up everywhere to be celebrated, cherished and blessed, however small.

Let's celebrate with others, even if it is not happening in our parish, that there is a church with a gold eco-congregation award and others with bronze and silver awards in our deanery. Let's be encouraged that there are churches engaging and nurturing our young people. Let's appreciate the service and love expressed in a variety of ways in our many churches in the deanery, whether they are small or large, rural or urban. The signs of life are there, God is amongst us by the power of His Spirit.

Yours,

Mike Gilbert

Rector of Baslow and Eyam

Area Dean



Dairy Dates 2023

**Deanery Synod –Chapel-en-le
-Frith Primary School 7pm for
7.30pm**

Wednesday 29th March

New Synod 2023– 2026

Wednesday 12th July

Wednesday 15th November

**Full Chapter meetings – St
John's Institute, Tideswell
10am for 10.30am**

Thursday 26th January

Tuesday 16th May

Thursday 6th July

Tuesday 7th November

Leadership Team Meetings

Thursday 16th March

Monday 26th June

Monday 30th October

Archdeacon's Visitation

Wednesday 28th June, St
George the Martyr, New Mills
7pm for 7.30pm start

Clergy conference

16th – 19th October

PEAK DEANERY NEWS

Eileen Burt,

Deanery Administrator

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Contributions are very wel-
come from across the Deanery

New Assistant Area Deans

Revered Liz England

Team Rector of Buxton Team Parish, Assistant Peak Area Dean

I am Team Rector in the beautiful market town of Buxton, where over the last four years I have overseen the six churches that make up Buxton Team Parish. In my first year I supported each church through a vision process, to help them understand and embrace their own personality and identity. We are now working towards being six churches, each one with its own individual worship style and church traditions.

I am currently the chair of 'Churches Together in Buxton' and in 2021 was privileged to have a year as chaplain to Louise Potter, the High Sheriff of Derbyshire. I have recently launched a charity called PrayGo (www.praygo.net) which aims to create a new prayer app. I am leading a team of talented trustees, working to raise the necessary funds in order to develop the app. PrayGo will use augmented reality to help people visualise prayers within their environment – a little like Pokemon GO did – but for prayers rather than monsters!

My natural skills lie in the initiation of projects, using statistics and strategic planning. I enjoy assessing ongoing projects and improving specific areas where necessary. I have experience in the leadership of people, change management, strategic decision making, inclusion, mission, creativity, presenting and facilitating projects and events.

I had a varied career before my ordination. I ran a consultancy business whilst training at theological college; prior to that I was working in Birmingham, as an operations manager, within a charity for adults with learning disabilities.

Outside of my parish work I love dancing; cinema trips and trying out our many wonderful local cafés.

I am very much looking forward to working with Mike and David, gaining a greater working knowledge of the Peak Deanery, visiting its parishes and meeting with its parishioners and my fellow priests.

I echo the Peak Deanery prayer – that my hope is that God will **'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'** Amen.

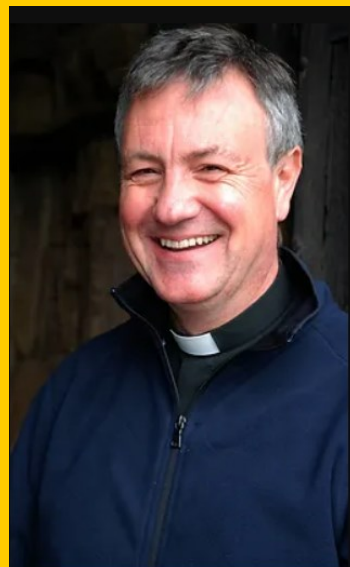


Rev'd Dr David Mundy

Priest-in-Charge Self Supporting Minister, All Saints, Old Glossop, Assistant Peak Area Dean, Acting Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby—from March 1st 2023

The Revd Dr David Mundy, Priest-in-charge of Glossop and Assistant Area Dean of Peak Deanery, has also been appointed part-time acting Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby, alongside his current roles. David will start in post on Wednesday, 1 March 2023. David's contact details for this period will be: david.mundy@bishopofderby.org.

We will catch up with David in the next newsletter.



Peak Deanery Leadership Team & Synod 2023

Area Dean Rev'd Mike Gilbert, Rector of Baslow & Eyam benefice tel:07947-092951

Assistant Area Dean Rev'd Liz England, Team Rector, Buxton Team Parish tel:01298-212667

Assistant Area Dean Rev'd Dr David Mundy, Priest in Charge, All Saints, Old Glossop tel:01457-856554

Lay Chair Christine McMullen, Reader St Peter's Fairfield, Lay chair Derby Diocesan Synod

Clergy members: Rev'd Canon Tony Kaunhoven -Bakewell

Rev'd Simon White - Tideswell

Rev'd Nicola McNally - Tideswell (leaving the Deanery to take up a new appointment)

Lay Member: Nikki Goodhew - Reader, St Thomas Becket, Chapel-en-le-Frith

Treasurer: Philip Leyland - Buxton Team Parish (position vacant from July 2023)

Secretary: Eileen Burt - Deanery Administrator 01332 388664

Our Leadership Team are seeking to celebrate the successes on our 58 Peak Deanery churches and to give support. There is a Diocesan definition:

There shall be a standing committee of the Deanery Synod, known as the Deanery Leadership Team.

a. The functions of the Deanery Leadership Team are:

i. To prepare an agenda for meetings of the Deanery Synod;

ii. To transact the business of the Deanery Synod between meetings;

iii. To act, as required, as the Mission and Pastoral Committee of the Deanery;

iv. To encourage and co-ordinate the mission of the church in the Deanery;

v. Any other roles delegated to it by the Deanery Synod.

b. The membership of the Deanery Leadership Team shall be:

i. The Area Dean

ii. The Lay Chair

iii. Any Assistant Area Dean(s)

iv. The Deanery Secretary

v. The Treasurer of the Deanery Synod (who may be elected or co-opted in the same way as the Secretary)

vi. Such others as the Deanery Synod shall decide

vii. Up to two people co-opted by the Deanery Leadership Team.

viii. If not appointed as Deanery Secretary, the Deanery Administrator may be invited by the Area Dean to attend the meetings of the DLT.

We have places to fill on our 2023- 2026Deanery Leadership Team, including a new Treasurer, and we would like more Laity involvement.

There will be a new Deanery Synod 2023 - 2026. New Deanery Synod Representatives will be elected at the 2023 APCM. Every church can elect at least 1 representative any every church has to pay the Deanery Levy which is £20 per representative this year. Please encourage your PCC to fill the Deanery Synod places. It is going to be an exciting time as we explore the working out of the Diocesan Vision and how every church can engage and be supported.

We have seen so many positive results from our previous Synods, with many churches engaging in Eco-church, our support of local Foodbanks and charities, and the take up of parish and contactless giving. We have a warm, welcoming atmosphere and it is a great networking opportunity.

Celebrating Success— Growing Faith

Rev'd Nick Gurney, Holy Trinity, Dinting Vale and Pioneer Minister writes:

Great news, please read on...

Some of you know that off the back of the October half-term I was asked by the diocese to consider applying to be a nationally funded trial learning hub for the Church of England initiative called Growing Faith: which is developing ways to connect **Church** and **School** and **Homes** together. This was because of the work we've already established working along with Dinting School, Messy Church, and the Youth Work I'm leading across the Glossopdale area with ROOTS, Whitfield Youth, and especially the success of TNT. This was a lot of additional work putting the application together within a very short timeframe before Christmas but the good news is... that my/our application has been successful!!!!

What does this mean? Rev'd Nick's 0.5 Pioneer Role will be focussed on developing this work to grow Church and School and Households in faith working across the area and partnering with others for the benefit of the children, young people, and families in Glossopdale. The Church of England initiative is for 12 'Learning Hubs' across the country to be set up for a trial period of 3 years in order to learn from one another, share, and be resourced through training and funding. The National Church financial commitment to help with this will be £10,000 for each of the first two years and then the third year reviewed for further funding. Further, each supporting diocese was asked to match fund to support this work if successful. In effect that's £20,000 a year as Glossopdale will be one of the 12 National Church Trial Hubs and the only 'Hub' for and in the Diocese. Do take a look at the Growing Faith web link for more details, and read the email below ready to ask more at PCC.

Growing Faith link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/growing-faith-foundation>

This is great news for the work with young people, schools and families. At our Synod meeting on March 29th, Rev'd Aidan Watson, the Diocesan Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry will be coming to share with us and Rev'd Nick will be updating us on the work in Glossopdale. **Please bring along your own stories to share, it is good to encourage one another and hear of good works throughout the Deanery.**

Celebrating Success— in our schools

Two of our Peak Deanery CoFE Schools have been featured in Case Studies in the Derbyshire and Derby City SACREs'

Report 2022 (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)

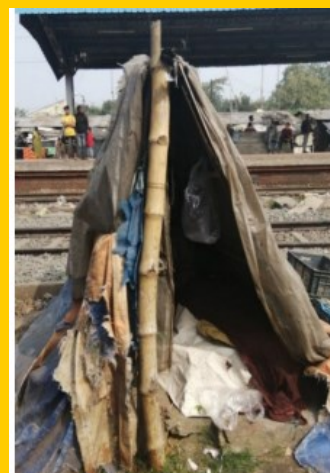
Full report: [Derbyshire and Derby City SACRE Report 2022](#)

[SACRE report Case Study | St Andrew's CoFE Junior School](#)



St Andrews Junior School are also taking part in the Wild Peak Programme.

https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/blog/wild-peak-programme-st-andrews-junior-school?mc_cid=b7843e7f97&mc_eid=77cf3b7610



[India | Baslow St Anne's CE](#)

A beacon of hope: Derbyshire's first gold Eco Church award

Glossop parish church of All Saints has become the first church in the Derbyshire diocese to achieve a gold Eco Church award. The award is the highest accolade given by A Rocha UK, a Christian conservation charity, and reflects the church's commitment to putting creation care at the heart of their activities, benefiting biodiversity and reducing their carbon footprint.

To achieve the award Glossop parish church developed their churchyard to be a living sanctuary at the heart of the community. The planting scheme encourages bees, butterflies and birds, there are bird boxes, bug hotels and hedgehog hotels, and the hedges aren't cut when birds might be nesting. The land is used for outdoor services and learning about creation, and events such as the Big Garden Birdwatch, a barbeque for the Bellringers and the end-of-season party for Dark Peak Children's orchestra.

The church also had a green Christmas, renting a Christmas tree which is returned after Christmas so that it can continue growing. They sent candle stubs and used tea lights to a company in south-west England who recycle them to produce 'new' candles, and are currently part of 'Buy Nothing New Month', trying out alternatives like renting, repairing and buying pre-loved items - to save money and the planet.

Reverend David Mundy, All Saints' Vicar, said, 'The Eco Church award scheme has been instrumental in helping us understand practical ways to engage with the Anglican Communion's Fifth Mark of Mission, which is **"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"**. Working to achieve the different award levels challenged us about our faith. Increasingly, we recognised that our lifestyle choices – what we eat and wear, how we travel and dispose of our waste and so on – have implications not only for the planet but also for our sisters and brothers in the global south. This award is not the end of our journey, it's a staging post. I am very proud of the Eco Church team at All Saints. Our next steps include investigating how we might work towards net zero targets, and supporting other parishes on their Eco Church journeys'

Reverend Lucy Foster, A Rocha UK's Eco Church Officer for Northern England said, 'All Saints' creation care is deeply rooted in their worship and prayer life and flows through all they do - from the beautiful, accessible, sacred space of their churchyard, to Toilet Twinning and initiatives with community partners to combat air pollution in areas of deprivation. They are an inspiring example of how church environmental action benefits global and local neighbours'.

Now in its eighth year, the Eco Church award scheme has created a national community of churches addressing the environmental crisis, using a common framework, and learning and speaking up together. There are over 5,500 Eco Churches in England and Wales, more than 10% of all the UK's churches. Most are Church of England churches, 1,580 of which have achieved an award - 31 of them gold. By 2025, A Rocha UK aims to have engaged at least 25% of the UK's churches in the award scheme.

You can follow Glossop Parish Church's journey on their Facebook page: [Glossop Parish Church | Facebook](#)

And on A Church near You: [All Saints Parish Church Glossop - A Church Near You](#)

Want to get involved?

A while ago Rev'd Dr David Mundy and Margaret Roberts gave a short presentation at Deanery Synod on eco church and since a few churches have now registered with A Rocha and beginning their journey.

To help others along their journey, a simple idea would be for churches to collect candle ends and tea lights for recycling. These could be collected at **Deanery synod meetings** and Glossop have agreed to be a hub to collect and send off to the company in South West England.

Glossop also now know of a company who reuse the outer plastic casing of 7 day sanctuary lights and would also be happy to collect these on behalf of other churches.

Small but important steps along the eco-journey.

The Climate Emergency – churches and the energy crisis

Thursday 16 March 2023, 7pm, Hathersage Methodist Church

Organised by Hope Valley Faith and Climate Network

Are you wondering how to deal with rising energy costs in a large hard-to-heat building? How to keep your church warm and welcoming? How to support people in our community who are struggling with energy bills?

Use of energy derived from fossil fuels is one of the most significant aspects of the climate crisis. It is also now a significant financial burden. Come along **on 16 March 2023 to Hathersage Methodist Church from 7.00 – 8.15 pm** to discuss how use of church buildings might change in response. There will be opportunities to hear local examples of action already taken.

Themes will include:

Saving energy – should we be re-thinking our use of church spaces?

Generating energy – using church property to generate renewable electricity

Warm spaces – helping to meet needs when people are struggling to heat their homes

Telling the story – using our voice to influence those inside and outside the church.

Hathersage Methodist Church and Hathersage Parish Church will share how they are responding to some of these challenges. There will be opportunities to exchange ideas in groups. We will also be signposting to resources and expert help.

This evening will be of interest to anyone re-imagining the use of community buildings post-Covid, with the planet and energy saving in mind.

Hathersage Methodist Church is a short walk from the train station and bus stops. To plan your journey by public transport visit www.traveline.info

The Faith and Climate network is an informal network of people of faith in the Hope Valley, who meet to share ideas and encouragement for faith-based action for the climate.

For more information about the event, contact Gill Tishler on gilltishler@yahoo.co.uk

Energy Footprint Tool

The Energy Footprint Tool allows all churches around the country to enter their utility bills and find out their "carbon footprint".

The easy-to-use Energy Footprint Tool will tell your church what your "carbon footprint" is, based on the energy you use to heat and light your buildings. You can find it on the [Parish Returns Online](http://Parish>Returns/Online) (churchofengland.org)

PCC Treasurers or clergy are likely to be the people to upload this information... and thanks to those who have already updated this years data.

There is information regarding support during the energy crisis and cost of living crisis at [Looking after your building - Diocese of Derby](http://Looking%20after%20your%20building%20-%20Diocese%20of%20Derby) (anglican.org) Thank you to all churches who supplied their bank details to receive the energy support grant.

Webinars on getting to net zero carbon are available from the National Church on their website: [Webinars on getting to net zero carbon](http://Webinars%20on%20getting%20to%20net%20zero%20carbon) | [The Church of England](http://The%20Church%20of%20England)

For your information, Stella Collishaw, who has been the Community Action Officer, Diocesan Environment Officer Currently seconded Sustainability lead will be leaving the Diocese, her last day is 15th March.

A bit of Admin

A heartfelt 'thank you' to all those parishes who completed their 'Mission Statistics'. You may now know that Jason Kennedy is moving on from his position as Diocesan Missioner, his last day will be Maundy Thursday, 6th April, I am sure that we all thank Jason for all his hard work, in particular the Mission Action Toolkit [Mission Action Plans \(MAP\) - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

Return of Parish Finance forms and Annual Report and Financial Statement

The deadline for the 2022 returns is Wednesday, 28 June 2023. However, it would be greatly appreciated if parishes could submit their returns (via the on-line portal) by Wednesday, 31 May 2023 so that the Finance Team has additional time to verify the data. [Parish Returns Online \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

Please send any queries to : finance@derby.anglican.org.

Remember that the Finance Team also need to see a copy of your accounts, which should be sent to the email address above.

If you need to have your Username or Password re-set, or if you are a new Treasurer, please be in contact with eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org I hope that you know by now that I am here to help!

Diocesan Advisory Committee for the care of churches update

Mrs Kat Alldread has been appointed Acting DAC Secretary with effect from Wednesday, 1 March 2023. From this date, Kat can be contacted on 01332 388683 or dac@derby.anglican.org.

If you have a DMPC query, email dmpc@derby.anglican.org or contact Cathy Luffman, Senior PA to the archdeacons on 01332 388676.

Safeguarding

Our wonderful Diocesan Safeguarding Team offer a range of help and support to our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Although the importance of this job may prevent some from coming forward at the APCM's, there are experienced people on hand at Derby to guide you and our own Deanery Safeguarding leads, Marion Overton and Rev'd Clive Thrower to support you.

Sue Griffin at Derby is championing the PSO drop-in sessions:

The next PSO drop in will be on **Tuesday 7th March from 6pm until 8pm**, hopefully some of those who can't attend in an afternoon session due to other commitments will be able to attend. Please come armed with any questions, queries or hints and/or advice for others – remember these are YOUR meetings. Please be in contact with Sue for the link to the session sue.griffin@derby.anglican.org

PSO Event

The face to face event will be on 1st July, venue to be confirmed, there will be a Zoom PSO event mirroring this in September, we hope you will be able to attend.

Dashboard Drop in.

Dave and Sue have been touring the Diocese delivering information and support regarding the Safeguarding Dashboard Audit tool, they have been in each of the Deaneries and did a Zoom catch up. Dave suggested that it may be useful if we had a Drop-in for the Dashboard, on Zoom on the **3rd Tuesday evening, of the month from 6pm till 7pm**, they will see what the uptake is regarding regularity and attendance (you could all be experts by now!) Dave was asked if a 'tutorial link' could be added to the Dashboard, we will look into this but it is available on our webpage [Parish Dashboard - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

A request was made to all Parishes that if you have a room that is available to use that you let Amanda know

Amanda.sandland@derby.anglican.org, as she is trying to compile a list of appropriate venues across the Diocese. If you could let her know capacity (must be 25-30), accessibility, is their use of toilet and refreshment facilities and

Farewell to Archdeacon Carol

Rev'd Liz England writes: We were privileged to welcome Archdeacon of Peak and Dales, Carol Coslett for her farewell service of thanksgiving to St Johns Church, Buxton. What a wonderful service of choral music sung by a choir made up of choirs across Derby Diocese. Bishop Libby Lane led the service.



We all wish Archdeacon Carol the very best for her future in the Diocese of Southwark and send our grateful thanks for all her support from the parishes of the Peak Deanery.



Welcome to Acting Archdeacon Nicky



Acting Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales

The Revd Canon Nicky Fenton, Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby & Residentiary Canon at Derby Cathedral, has been seconded to be acting Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales. She will be working as acting archdeacon from Wednesday, 1 March 2023, and will legally become acting archdeacon on Saturday, 1 April 2023.

Contact details for Nicky during this period will be:

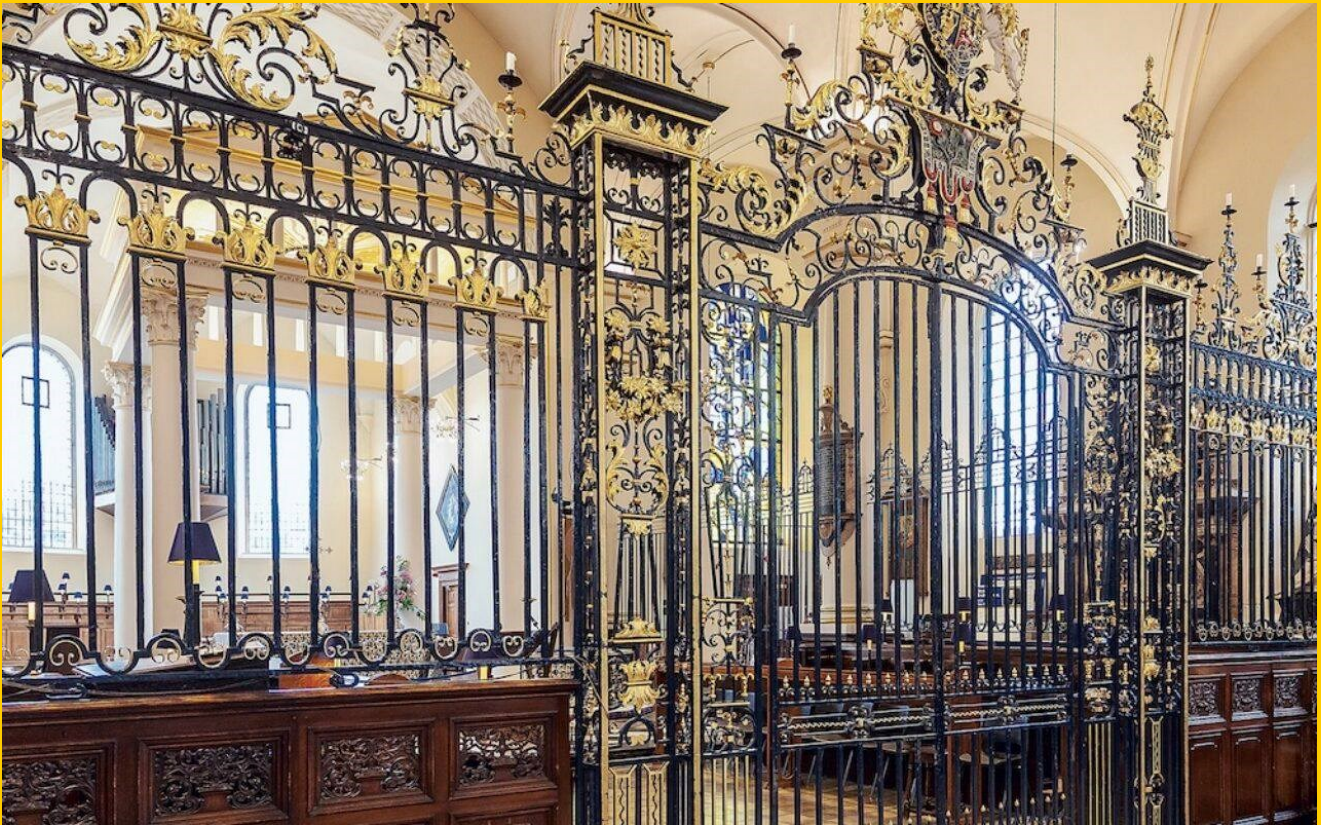
nicky.fenton@derby.anglican.org.

Ellie Ballard will act as PA to Nicky:

Ellie.Ballard@derby.anglican.org | 01332 388658.

We all look forward to working with Acting Archdeacon Nicky as we look towards the Diocesan Vision and welcome her into our Peak Deanery family.

A true Treasure at Derby Cathedral



We've made the Top 3!

The results are in for the [Association of English Cathedrals #CathedralTreasures](#) competition and our wonderful **Bakewell Screen** has made the podium!

We've finished in third place, and have been voted one of the top three cathedral treasures in England and Wales. Thank you to all who voted and shared their stories of Derby Cathedral.

A masterpiece from the dawn of the Industrial Revolution, the Bakewell Screen was commissioned in 1722 and installed by 1725. It's a stunning focal point inside our Cathedral and a true treasure!

Lent 2023

Help to promote your Lent events

Looking for ways to help spread the word about your Lent and Easter events and services?

Add them to [AChurchNearYou.com](#) and then head to the [Resource Hub](#) to customise your own Lent social media graphics and videos, download free stock photography and more.

On the Resource Hub, you will also be able to access our Lent and Easter music collection, with more than 80 tracks specifically for church services.

Amazing Grace from the Diocese of Derby [Amazing GRACE \(amazing-grace.co.uk\)](#)

**Amazing
GRACE**
every nation, every tribe, every people



Dust and Glory from the national church [Dust and Glory - Resources for Lent 2023 | The Church of England](#)



Help needed

We are all in shock at the sheer devastation following the major earthquakes that have hit **Turkey and Syria**. Many thousands of men, women and children have died or are injured in the aftermath.

It is not too late to save lives. Christian Aid is already working with partners in northwest Syria to provide winter kits to people seeking shelter. Every prayer, every gift, every action brings hope to people hit by disaster.

If possible, please share the Christian Aid emergency appeal information with your congregations and communities.

[Donate to the Christian Aid emergency appeal](#)

The Children's Society are Recruiting for Volunteer Speakers

Can you talk with passion to audiences both large and small?

Would you like to help the most vulnerable children in the country?

If so, support us by becoming a Volunteer Speaker for Children's Society

We need people like you to make a real difference by increasing awareness of our vital work. By reaching out and sourcing talks in your local community you will inspire people to support us and strengthen our ties with your local area, through churches, schools and businesses.

You will thank existing supporters and motivate new people to get involved in our work and donate their time and money.

We want your time with us to be enjoyable and well as impactful, which is why we will reward as provide you with all of the support and training you need to be effective in your role and to get the most out of volunteering.

What the Role Involves : Attending training on how to be a confident and effective public speaker in various places, including churches schools and community groups for The Children's Society

Delivering talks in your local community groups schools and churches

Speaking to raise awareness of the issues vulnerable children and young people face

Explaining how we are here to help and letting them know about the impact their support has had

Encouraging audience members to get involved through House Box network campaigns Christingles and other fundraising events Proactively sourcing talks in your local area

If you this you have what it takes to become a Volunteer Speaker for The Children's Society please contact Jane Foster on jane.foster@childrenssociety.org.uk or call 0114 2890323

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.

