

Deanery News

Summer 2024



Peak Deanery

Dear friends in the Peak Deanery,

I have been house-for-duty priest-in-charge for Hope, Castleton and Bradwell Benefice for 4 years, and from mid-May I was asked to take up the role of Assistant Area Dean for the Peak Deanery, supporting the Rev'd Dr David Mundy.

I find myself remembering words spoken by the leader of my first ordination retreat in 2012, that the Church sometimes appoints us to roles that we then have to 'grow into.' But I'm also reminded very strongly of Paul's words to the Thessalonians* that the one who calls us is faithful, and the quote from Hebrews** that God 'will equip us with every good thing, that we may do his will;' maybe the origin of the oft-quoted phrase that 'God does not call the equipped, he equips the called'?

All of my Christian life, I have believed passionately that the place Christians 'should' be is out in the world, connecting with God's people and God's creation. I believe passionately that God calls us to connect with one another; within churches, between churches and traditions and denominations, and with the all our wider neighbours, human and non-human. So for me, something that is very important in my new role is trying to encourage and enable communication and sharing within churches, between deanery churches, with our other church neighbours and, most especially, with all those in the communities in which we live, and with our neighbours across the globe.

I am deeply committed to caring for God's creation, partly because so many of our human sisters and brothers are dependent on us doing so, and mainly because I believe God loves his creation just as he loves us, and his creation reveals his image and his glory.

Revd Louise Petheram
Assistant Area Dean

* 1 Thessalonians 5: 24

** Hebrews 13:21



Peak Deanery Leadership Team 2024

Acting Area Dean - Revd Dr David Mundy (Glossop)

Assistant Area Dean—Revd Louise Petheram (Bradwell, Hope, Castleton)

Lay Chair - Nikki Goodhew (Chapel-en-le-Frith)

Revd Sandra Doore (Buxton Team Parish)

Revd Mary Washbrook PtO (Peak Forest & Dove Holes)

Christine McMullen (Fairfield)

Kate Gee (Dinting Vale)

Please be in contact with Deanery Administrator eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org should you wish to contact any of the team members

Diary Dates 2024

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

Wednesday 10th July

Wednesday 6th November

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

Thursday 4th July

Tuesday 12th November

Leadership Team Meetings

Tuesday 18th June

Tuesday 22nd October

Archdeacon's Visitation— Churchwardens

Monday 24th June, St Peter's, Fairfield 6.45pm for 7.30pm start

Clergy conference

14th – 16th October

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Contributions are welcome from across the Deanery

Energy Footprint Tool



Help us track how green we are!



How is your parish doing in its quest to become carbon net zero by 2030? How is the Diocese of Derby doing as a whole?



To know the answer to that, we need facts and figures. And the way to get those is to use the [Energy Footprint Tool](#) that is available to all parishes. This easy-to-use tool will tell your church what your carbon footprint is annually, based on the energy you use to heat and light your buildings. And the best part, it's free!



It's a great feeling to know that you are making a difference and as well as encouraging you and reassuring you that you're on the right path, it has other benefits, too.



There is a lot of great work being done in our parishes to push us in the right direction. All over the diocese, PCCs are moving to green-energy suppliers, others are moving away from fossil-fuel heating systems, some are moving towards more energy-efficient lighting, and all are considering how they can reduce their energy consumption.



Reducing consumption has the obvious benefit of reducing bills. But knowing your carbon footprint may support applications for funding to help you on your Net Zero journey. Reduced energy consumption means you really are caring for God's creation, helping to sustain a greener environment to live and work in, etc. And, at the same time, you are helping the diocese to fulfil elements of its vision – going greener, and ultimately challenging injustice by reducing inequalities, making the world a better and fairer place. Good news for all!



We should be immensely proud of our continuing efforts to reduce our carbon footprints and being able to demonstrate it with the hard evidence you can get from the Energy Footprint Tool. The tool makes use of data the Church of England already holds about your church buildings, and that means it needs very little additional input from you. In fact, it was designed to be simple, but if you struggle, your deanery administrators and I are here to help, so get in touch! All you need is to have your 2023 electricity and gas/oil bills to hand.



But time is running out – and I want to encourage us all to input our figures to the Energy Footprint Tool by **1 July**. It takes only minutes!



This one simple task will make a huge difference to your church, the diocese and the Church of England nationally.



For further help with the Energy Footprint Tool, contact our Diocesan Environmental Engagement Officer, Samuel Ojok: Tel: 01332 423368 or email:



samuel.ojok@derby.anglican.org



Parish Online Returns

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to everyone who returned their Mission Statistics, we had a 98% return which is a wonderful result for the Peak Deanery.

Now it's the turn of the PCC Treasurers:

The Finance Office is now requesting submissions of Return of Parish Finance online, using the Parish Returns System. The deadline for this is **28 June 2024**.

You can access the Parish Online Returns by clicking the link:

<https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>

Should you require access to the Parish Online Returns or a reset of your Username and Password please be in contact with Eileen Burt, Deanery Administrator

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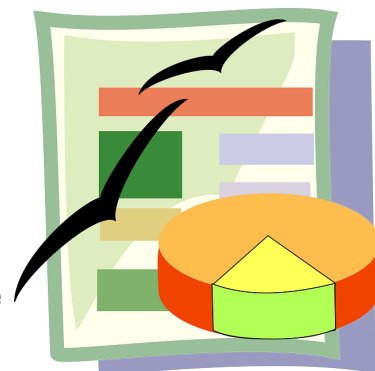
A copy of your annual accounts must be sent to the Finance Team, either via email

finance@derby.anglican.org or

post to Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR

The person responsible for the verifying the data is Lottie Holmes, who is also able to answer any queries

You can also access the Energy Footprint Tool on the Parish Returns webpage. This year they have simplified the form. Whilst it may seem an onerous task, your church could gain from submitting the data, this is how the distribution of the energy grants made available from the national church were calculated.



A paper copy of the return is here:

<https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/UserGuides/2023EnergyFootprintToolPaper.pdf>

APCMs

PCC Secretaries please make sure that after the APCM:

The form 10-APCM Results of Elections has been completed and sent back either by post to Enquiries, Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR, or by email to diosec@derby.anglican.org.

You can access the forms here: [APCMs - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/parishreturns/apcm)

Please also inform the Deanery Synod Secretary of any changes or additions to your Deanery Synod Representation—Eileen Burt eileen.burt@derby.anglican.org

Also note that any new officers will need to complete a GDPR form [Contact Information - Data Form - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/parishreturns/gdpr)

Please ensure that all Churchwarden forms are sent to the Archdeacons' Office: Peak Deanery Visitation is on Monday 24th June at St Peter's Church, Fairfield, Buxton at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start.

Clergy Updates

We welcome the following clergy to the Peak Deanery:

The Revd Dr Laura Neilson as Assistant Curate at Dinting Vale,

The Revd Mark Griffin as Priest-in-Charge of Edensor and Beeley, and

The Revd Howard Robson as Priest-in-Charge of Fairfield, Dove Holes, and Peak Forest.



Left, Bishop Libby with Revd Mark Griffin

Above, Bishop Libby and Revd Nick Gurney with Revd Laura Neilson

Right: Bishop Libby, Archdeacon Nicky and congregants with Revd Howard Robson



We say farewell to the Revd Adele Barker, previously interim Priest-in-Charge of the White Peak Group and interim Priest-in-Charge of Youlgreave, Middleton, Stanton-in-Peak and Birchover, and now Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby.

We say farewell to the Revd Nicholas Radford-Powell as he moves from being Assistant Curate at the Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale Team Ministry to be Assistant Curate at the Wirksworth Team Ministry.

We also say farewell to the Revd Liz England as she moves from being Rector of the Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale Team Ministry to be Incumbent of the Rural Daneside parishes in the Diocese of Chester.

Finally, the Revd Lisa Price is moving within the Peak Deanery from Assistant Curate at the White Peak Group and Assistant Curate at Youlgreave, Middleton, Stanton-in-Peak and Birchover, to be Assistant Curate at Hope, Castleton and Bradwell.

Flying the Flag

New and useful dates for flying the Union Standard are:

17 June: Official Birthday of His Majesty The King

21 June: Birthday of The Prince of Wales

17 July: Birthday of Queen Camilla

8 September: His Majesty's Accession

14 November: Birthday of His Majesty The King



Peak Deanery Confirmation Service 2024

On the Seventh Sunday of Easter, 12th May 2024, Bishop Libby confirmed eight candidates from across the Peak Deanery and one candidate from the North East Deanery.

We rejoice as we share in the continuing journey of faith of those who were confirmed by Bishop Libby:

- Andrew France and Jeff Sheldon from All Saints, Bakewell
- Adam Cowdy from All Saints, Glossop (baptized by Bishop Libby before his confirmation)
- Kaye Chelton and Clive Moore from the Buxton Team Ministry
- Esther Harrison and Dr Victoria Lomax from St Lawrence, Eyam
- Cordelia Garner from St Edmund's, Castleton
- Lynda Warner from Ss Augustine, Chesterfield



Prayer

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with you
heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more
and more,
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.

#PrayYourPart: General Election 2024

The General Election will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. **Pray Your Part** is an invitation from the bishops of the Church of England to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens.

This 21-day journey of prayer and reflection (from Friday, 14 June until Election Day on 4 July) is designed for use in the run-up to the UK General Election. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life.

Sign up: [Pray Your Part: General Election 2024 | The Church of England](https://www.churchofengland.org.uk/pray-your-part-general-election-2024)



Readers Licensing 2024

Whilst no new Peak Deanery Readers were licensed this year, it was a joyous occasion for all Readers, here are some highlights of familiar faces:



Left, Kate Gee, Dinting Vale, Glossop

Below, Christine McMullen (centre), Fairfield



Left, our Peak Deanery Lay Chair, Nikki Goodew

If Lay Ministry is your calling, find out more about becoming a reader on the Diocesan Website: [Becoming a Reader - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/peakedecanery/becoming-a-reader)

Diocesan Synod 2024-2027

You will all be aware that 2024 is the start of a new term of office for the Diocesan Synod and the Peak Deanery has eleven Lay places and nine Clergy places.

RESULTS:

House of Laity – 4 nominations (all elected, 7 casual vacancies)

Jack Cooper (nom. Mark Titteron, sec. Nicola Margaret Goodhew)

Nicola Margaret Goodhew (nom. Christine Elizabeth McMullen, sec. Marion Ruth Overton)

Christine Elizabeth McMullen (nom. Nicola Margaret Goodhew, sec. Marion Ruth Overton)

Pamela Margaret Torry (nom. Philippa Jayne Peacock, sec. Nicola Margaret Goodhew)

House of Clergy – 2 nominations (all elected, 7 casual vacancies)

Revd Clive Thrower (nom. Revd Canon Tony Kaunhoven, sec. Revd Mark Griffin)

Revd Sandra Doore (nom. Revd Nicholas Radford-Powell, sec. Revd Mary Washbrook)

Around the Deanery



Photo Credit: Mark Lomas



Youlgrave—Palm Sunday, Archbishop Justin, Pommie Pilgrims



A group of walkers from Youlgrave All Saints is embarking on a marathon journey to all of England's 42 Anglican cathedrals to raise £42,000 for improvements to the church. Starting at Derby Cathedral, they are now well on their journey and have raised just over half of their target. They have a JustGiving page [Petra the Pilgrim is fundraising for Youlgrave Church \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Petra-the-Pilgrim-is-fundraising-for-Youlgrave-Church) and you can follow their journey on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556380469912>

The Diocese of Derby is the Church of England in Derbyshire, Derby City and a small area of Staffordshire.

Our vision is

The Kingdom of God: good news for all.

Our missional aims are

Transformed Lives through Growing Church and Building Community

recognised as we strive towards our objectives to deepen relationships with God, make new disciples, serve local contexts and challenge injustice

as we prioritise

our poorest communities, growing younger, greener and more diverse

being shaped by our values of

Generous Faith, Courageous Hope and Life-giving Love



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,

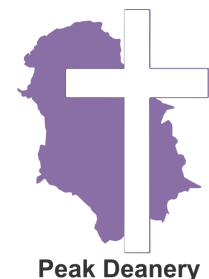
Pour your Spirit of Inspiration on the churches and ministries of the Peak Deanery, as we seek to minister to those you entrust to us.

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.