

Deanery News

Autumn 2024



Peak Deanery

Dear Friends

It is really good to be able to introduce myself as I take on the role of Assistant Area Dean, working alongside David and Louise.

I'm the Priest-in-Charge of Beeley and Edensor in the south of the deanery, being licensed in April. I also look after the heritage and tourism strategy for the diocese and have been getting to know the wider diocese through visiting parishes and meeting those involved in heritage and promoting the county as a visitor destination.

My life before April was quite different as for the first time since I was ordained in 1996 I'm ministering away from Kent where I was born and brought up. I served in the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, beginning as a curate in Walmer on the East Kent coast, then serving as Vicar of three rural parishes just outside Canterbury, moving on to a suburban parish south of the M25 in Sevenoaks and finally going back to Canterbury in 2017. In Canterbury I was Rector of St Martin and St Paul's, two churches near the centre of the city, St Martin's being the oldest church in the English-speaking world, where St Augustine worshipped in the 6th century on his mission to southern England, sent by Gregory the Great. In my time in Kent, I worked a lot in vocations ministry, and was also Rural Dean of Sevenoaks, later Area Dean of Canterbury. I'm married to Clare, who works in Initial Teacher Training.

I'm enjoying getting to know a new area of the country and discovering the Peak District. I'm also finding my way around the diocese and the deanery, as I minister in a different part of the world.

For me ministry is about people and about working with them to help them flourish as individuals and as disciples of Christ. I look forward to meeting people across the Peak Deanery and hearing the stories of God at work in a new part of the kingdom for me, as I serve in my new role working alongside the other members of the Deanery Leadership Team.

Revd Mark Griffin

Assistant Area Dean



Revd Mark in Ilam Park.

Diary Dates 2024

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

Wednesday 6th November

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

Tuesday 12th November

Leadership Team Meetings

Tuesday 22nd October

Clergy conference

14th – 16th October

Diary Dates 2025

To be announced

Peak Deanery Leadership Team 2024

Acting Area Dean - Revd Dr David Mundy (Glossop)

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

Assistant Area Dean– Revd Mark Griffin (Beeley & Edensor)

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)

Coat of Hopes

In July the Coat of Hopes came to the Hope Valley . The coat was created in 2021, to be carried from the south coast of England to Glasgow for the COP26 climate conference. It is made of 600 colourful patches, which were sewn by different communities, including one from Hayfield. Margaret Roberts, Reader, Glossop, says ‘When you put it on you feel its weight and the weight of the responsibility that you’re carrying. Each of the patches represents somebody’s hopes and dreams and thoughts and love for the place they come from, and their concern about what will happen in our future climate catastrophe’ (taken from the BBC news website. [Coat of Hopes: Climate message travels through Derbyshire - BBC News](#))



Above, Barbara Fearnley (Glossop) wearing the Coat of Hopes



Top right: the Coat of Hopes in the Hope Valley with Revd Louise Petheram

Bottom right: the Coat of Hopes carried by Margaret Roberts (Glossop)



If you missed the coat in the Hope Valley in July, it will be in Derby from Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th September hosted by Derby Cathedral and the Museum of Making. For information on this event contact Samuel.Ojok@derby.anglican.org

Parish Online Returns

Just a reminder that the October count for 2024 is imminent and the Parish Online Mission Statistics will open shortly.

This was the final 2023 result for the returns for the Peak Deanery

2023 Return of Parish Finance	N	%	2023 Statistics For Mission Return	N	%	Energy Footprint Tool 2023	N	%
Not Submitted	3	5%	Not Submitted	1	2%	Not Submitted	12	21%
Submitted	6	10%	Submitted	0	0%	Submitted	46	79%
Verified	49	84%	Verified	57	98%	Total	58	
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Thank you to everyone who completed the online forms, submitted their data and sent the parish accounts to the finance department for verification.

A particular thank you to those who tackled the Energy Footprint Tool for the first time.

In-person Safeguarding Training Autumn 2024

Planned in-person training (times can be found on our website [Who needs safeguarding training? / Book a course - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#))

Basic & Foundation Combined Course

- Monday 16th September – St Oswald’s Church, Ashbourne
- Tuesday 17th September – Derby Church House
- Wednesday 20th November – Cotmanhay

Domestic Abuse Awareness

- Monday 16th September – St Oswald’s Church, Ashbourne
- Tuesday 17th September – Church House
- Tuesday 1st October – St Peter’s Church Hall, Chellaston (2 sessions)
- Thursday 3rd October – St Barnabus Church, Old Whittington
- Wednesday 20th November – Cotmanhay
- Thursday 21st November – Buxton Holy Trinity (2 sessions)

Leadership

- Wednesday 2nd October – Newbold
- Tuesday 19th November – Derby Church House

Modern Day Slavery training is now bookable on Eventbrite – the next dates are:

- Thursday 26th September – Zoom 11-12pm
- Tuesday 5th November – Zoom - 7.30-8.30pm

[Safeguarding - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

Clergy Updates

The Revd Mel Hartley, previously Assistant Curate at Baslow and Eyam has moved: Mel was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Chapel-en-le-Frith and of Hayfield and Chinley with Buxworth on Tuesday 3rd September



Revd Dr David Mundy, Acting Area Dean, and currently Priest-in-Charge (SSM) of Glossop, has been appointed interim Priest-in-Charge of the Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale Team Ministry and will be licensed on Thursday 26th September.

We say 'farewell' to the Revd Nick Gurney as he moves from Glossopdale to take up the post of Youth Pioneer in the Diocese of Hereford from the beginning of October.

Archdeacon's Visitation and support for Church Wardens

Archdeacon's Visitation

On Monday, 24th June at St Peter's Church, Fairfield, Archdeacon Nicky led the service at which Churchwardens are 'sworn in' to their role as officers of Bishop Libby. We give thanks for all who have volunteered to be Churchwardens in parishes across the Peak Deanery for this next year. They play a critical role in supporting the life and witness of the Church in their parishes. We also give thanks for all who have volunteered in the past but have stepped down.

Support for Churchwardens

The Diocesan website has resources aimed at supporting Churchwardens in their role as officers of Bishop Libby. The resources include a number of 30-minute video clips on topics such as:

- churches as community buildings
- the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and faculties
- faculty applications
- leading worship at short notice
- leading intercessions

The resources are available at: [Churchwarden resources - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org.uk/resources/churchwarden-resources)

Supporting Parishes

Now that we have a full Area Dean team – acting Area Dean (David) and two Assistant Area Deans (Louise and Mark) – each will be the first point of contact for parishes / benefices as shown below:

David	Louise	Mark
Biggin	Bradwell	Ashford-in-the-Water
Birchover	Castleton	Bakewell
Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale	Chapel-en-le-Frith	Bamford & Derwent
Chelmorton	Charlesworth	Baslow
Earl Sterndale	Chinley with Buxworth	Beeley
Fairfield	Dinting Vale	Curbar
Hartington	Edale	Edensor
Monyash	Glossop	Eyam
Peak Forest and Dove Holes	Hadfield	Grindleford
Stanton-in-Peak	Hayfield	Hathersage
Taddington	Hope	Longstone
Tideswell	New Mills	Rowsley
Youlgreave	Whitfield	Sheldon
		Stoney Middleton

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 – casual vacancies August 2024

Lucy Moore (Hathersage)

Ian Pykett (Ashford in the Water)

They join:

Jack Cooper

Nicola Margaret Goodhew

Christine Elizabeth McMullen

Pamela Margaret Torry

5 Casual vacancies remain

House of Clergy – casual vacancies August 2024

Revd Lisa Price

Revd Owain Mitchell

Revd Rhiannon Singleton*

They join

Revd Clive Thrower

Revd Sandra Doore

4 Casual vacancies remain

Next Diocesan Synod meeting, Saturday 12th October

Please note:

We have been notified that by agreement of the bishop, the Deanery may continue to recruit new members to Diocesan Synod via the Church Representations Rule 45(2) (copied below for reference) allowing new members to be elected where a vacancy exists or arises.

Casual vacancies

45 (2) An election to fill a casual vacancy of that kind is to take place at a meeting of the members of that house of the deanery synod, unless the bishop of the diocese...

(ie This could take place at a Deanery Synod meeting)

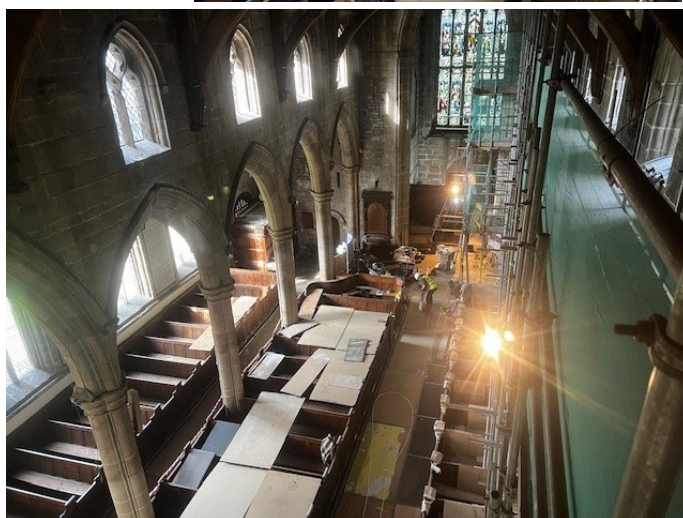
* subject to completion of paperwork

Soaring to dizzy heights in Tideswell

Our friends at St John's, Tideswell have been busy planning for their eco future and are having new LED lighting installed. It has taken a while to come together, but the results will transform the ambience of the church, allowing the lights to be programmed to cater for special services. When I last saw Peter Robinson, Church Warden, he was climbing down from the scaffolding on a Sunday afternoon, having spent time cleaning the stonework and roof in preparation for the new lighting. Peter and his team have done an amazing job. Phase one is complete, phase two and three will be done before Christmas.



Photos courtesy of Dan Rhode and Adrian Burt, Current Standard Electric.



Rewild Church Land

Chris Packham is fronting a campaign to rewild church land, you might be interested in his petition:

'I want to persuade some of the UK's biggest landowners to start re-wilding their land - and I need your help to do it. The Church of England owns huge amounts of rural land across England and Wales.'

'If they committed to re-wilding just a portion of it, then it would go a long way to help ensure the UK meets its biodiversity recovery targets.'

'All of us must play a role in helping Britain's countryside survive and thrive.'

Check it out <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/help-save-nature-by-rewilding-the-church-s-massive-landholdings>

Mountains of the Moon

Double Award Winner Buxton 2023

MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON

"If you liked Lion King... you'll LOVE this"


"A Climate Change Musical Fable"

"Come and see some monkey business"

**AN ALL NEW FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUSICAL
HOW THE ANIMALS SAVE THE CLIMATE**

2024 TOUR DATES - CHESTERFIELD
Church of Jesus Christ: 2pm Sat 27th October (Stonegravel, Sheffield Road S41 7QZ).
Loundsley Green Community Centre: 1.30pm Mon 28th October (Cuttholme Road, Chesterfield S40 4QU).
Speedwell Rooms: 2pm Tues 29th October (Inkersall Road, Staveley, Derbyshire S43 3JL).
Chesterfield College West Studios Theatre: 11am Wed 30th October (Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, S41 7LL).
Whittington Moor Methodist Church: 2pm Sat 2nd November (Scaradale Rd, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield S41 8NA).
Chesterfield Studios/Rose Hill Theatre: 2pm Sun 3rd November (Eastwood Buildings, Rose Hill S40 1LW).
BAKEWELL Bakewell Town Hall: 6pm Wed 30th October (The Square Bakewell DE45 1BT).
MATLOCK Matlock Grand Pavilion: 6pm Fri 1st November (S Parade, Matlock Bath, Matlock DE4 3NR).

Tickets online with booking fee (to guarantee entry) and on the doors (dependent on capacity)
www.ticketsource.co.uk/ashgateheritagearts or call the box office: 0333 666 3366
Every penny goes back into AHA community Interest Company & to pay the performers.



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Box office telephone number: 0333 666 3366

Anna Chaplaincy

From our friend Sarah Lacey, Hartington

Anna Chaplaincy is keeping me busy, I have various things in the pipeline - Fund raising in September on the theme of- ' Walking Side by Side,' I shall not be walking, but I shall be asking people to walk in with an older person to Hartington Village Hall to enjoy an afternoon cream tea, and let my team and I spoil them for a while.

I am also planning to run a ' Preparing for the End,' (life and death) workshop next year, probably in the late Spring when it is easier to uplift spirits. I have been discovering on my visits just how un-prepared the majority of people and families are when it comes to being ready for that inevitable end we must all face. Anna Chaplaincy is blessed with good training and resources for such an event and I shall take my time over planning it as sensitively as possible.

Home visits, visits to care homes and hospitals, and thankfully permission to continue to offer Holy Communion to those who wish to receive it on my rounds, all make me feel that I am doing something rather privileged and special. I also maintain a tenuous link with DIAG, and if there is something on their agenda that I can either learn from / contribute to + Malcolm generously allows me to join in - I don't want to get too involved though as I'm busy developing my ministry here on the ground. I have a long way to go to get the word out about Anna Chaplaincy and find all the older people I want to help, plus recruiting Anna Friends and encouraging more people to become Anna Chaplains - I have no intention of being the only one in the Diocese!

I do have wonderful support and help from my friends in the Rural Chaplaincy, I intend to join them at a couple of local shows, and from the local community.

I care enormously about what might be, with God's help, possible.

[BRF Ministries](#) | [Leading Christian charity enabling ministry and mission](#) | [Anna Chaplaincy : BRF](#)

Harvest Appeal 2024

From Bishop Libby:

It troubles me deeply that right here and now, in Derby and Derbyshire in the 21st century, people are having to make choices about who can and can't eat.

As Christians, we pray daily the Lord's Prayer: 'Give us this day our daily bread'.

When we pray this, we're not simply asking God to provide for us as individuals or family units, but we are reinforcing the commitment to 'us' as a community, a nation, a world, human beings sharing a common space, planet Earth.

And that means sharing generously all of God's gifts, and sharing means that we must do our best to make sure that everyone has enough.

No-one should go hungry.

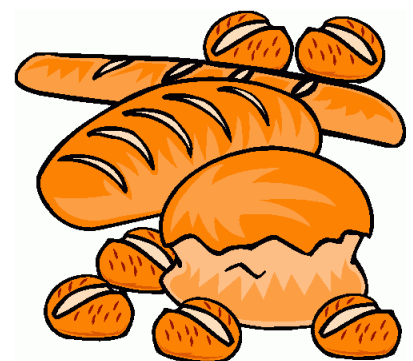
All that we have depends on God's grace and generosity and we are called to be generous with our share.

At the moment, food banks and other projects combatting food insecurity are themselves struggling.

Those financial pressures mean that people who would normally buy a few extra tins or boxes of food to donate are no longer able to do so – but the demand on food banks is already increasing sharply.

So this year my harvest appeal is 'Our Daily Bread' which is hoping to raise £10,000 to support food banks and other food projects across Derby and Derbyshire.

Please take a few minutes to find out more, and donate, through the diocesan website: derby.anglican.org/bread



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.



Peak Deanery

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