# South East Derbyshire Deanery Newsletter

## July 2017

Welcome to the July edition of the South East Derbyshire Deanery newsletter.

The first meeting of the new Deanery Synod was held at Horsley Church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. The speaker, Reverend Benjamin Alison, pioneer minister, spoke about engaging with 'middle years' in our churches and communities- something



that is a key point in our Deanery Mission Strategy. Since South East Deanery then the focus team set up within the Deanery has met to look at ways the Deanery can support parishes with mission to this age group, which is often under-represented in church congregations and parish activities. More details on page two of this newsletter.

At the meeting, the official business of electing lay secretaries and treasurers for the Deaneries of Heanor and Erewash and a lay chair for the new South East Derbyshire Deanery was undertaken.

Those elected were: -

Brian Parker - Lay chair, South East Derbyshire Deanery Brian Parker - Lay chair, Erewash Deanery Bob Moon - Lay chair, Heanor Deanery Jan Wilkinson -Treasurer, Erewash Deanery Ann Swales - Treasurer, Heanor Deanery John Puxty - Lay secretary, Erewash Deanery Terry Smith -Lay secretary, Heanor Deanery

(Please note the positions of lay secretaries are for legal purposes and any formal voting etc. The day to day tasks of administration will be undertaken by the deanery administrator, currently Angela Clayton)

The formal process of establishing the South East Derbyshire Deanery as a legal entity will hopefully start later this year.

Prior to that process beginning it is important to find out if there are any issues with this happening or any comments, positive or negative, about the South East Derbyshire Deanery and your experiences of it thus far. Please feedback any comments to Karen (Area Dean), Brian (Lay Chair) or send to Angela (Administrator)

#### Middle Years -suggested reading

Here is some suggested reading following on from the talk given to synod by Ben Allison Making Sense of Generation Y - The World View of 15- to 25-year-olds Author(s): Sara Savage, Bob Mayo, Graham Cray, Sylvia Collins-Mayo

Generation Y, born after 1980, Margaret Thatcher is a piece of social history, happen over the internet and music marks their territory. How does this generation think about the world? What does their spirituality look like? And what implications does this have for the Church?

Based on original research, Making Sense of Generation Y explores how young people aged 15-25 draw on popular culture to shape their worldview and spirituality. results of this research suggest that many of the Church's previous assumptions about this generation have been wrong.

How can the Church begin to reconnect with this generation? Making Sense of Generation Y grapples with this challenging question and suggests ways forward. This title is essential reading for clergy, youth workers and all those wishing to engage with young people.

#### The Faith of Generation Y

Author(s): Sally Nash, Sylvia Collins-Mayo, Bob Mayo, Christopher Cocksworth

The members of Generation Y (those born after 1980) in Britain have had less contact with the Church than any previous generation in living memory. So, what interest do young people have in Christianity? Does belief in God make any difference to them? Using both sociological and theological approaches, the authors shed light on these questions by drawing on the views of over 300 young people who have participated in Christian youth and community outreach projects around England over the last five years. A response from the Bishop of Coventry is also included, considering the implications of the research for the wider Church. Building

on the hugely influential, ground-breaking research in Making Sense of Generation Y, this is a must for all those working with young people in the church or wanting to develop their mission to young people.

### Parish Survey

The 'middle years' focus team met last month and discussed what help may be available via the deanery to parishes and what information and ideas parishes may be able to share with others.

It was agreed that one of the first actions was to gauge what parishes needed help with in this area of mission and what they had to offer as expertise to other parishes. A questionnaire is to be sent to PCC secretaries, incumbents and wardens asking for information (and discussion at PCC where possible) on the following questions:

- 1. How does your parish engage with people aged 20-50 in your church and community?
- 2. Are there areas where you think you need help/advice/training
- 3. Do you have experience of engagement working well/things that haven't worked to share with others?
- 4. Anything else you wish to add- any resources you could share.

If you have any feedback on any of these questions, either as a PCC or an individual, please contact Angela in the first instance and she will pass your comments to the team



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Brian Parker Lay chair of South East Derbyshire Deanery Synod

Thank you for inviting me to be the Lay Chair for the new South East Derbyshire Deanery. This is an interesting time for the Deanery and many of you will have received an invitation from Bishop Alistair to join the conversations as we discern the way forward. So, watching the 'job description' for the Lay Chair emerge will make for an interesting experience.

So what about me? I was born and brought up in a Christian family so I have not really encountered a Damascus Road experience; but I always reflect on the time I left home when my faith became a personal commitment rather than the 'thing to do. I joined the local church and that soon provided a circle of friends in my new surroundings.

My job in the Civil Service moved to Nottingham in 1992 so that saw me move from London to Long Eaton with my wife and then young daughter. St John's church was in the next street to my new home and I found it very welcoming, particularly their care for young children. After lying low for a few years, the then vicar asked me to become church warden, assuring me that it would not be an onerous task. Within a month, the vicar went on sick leave, leading to early retirement and then the formal vacancy. So, my 'not very onerous' role became holding the church together through a challenging time without an active vicar for just over two years. Up until that time I had not really considered the Church of England structures away from the local parish but the support and care from both Deanery and Diocese became very evident in the situation I found myself. So once our new vicar was in place I was keen to return the support of those structures by membership of the Deanery synod, the Diocesan synod and more recently the Bishop's Council.

I retired from work a few years ago but like to remain active so as well as church roles I am a school governor at a local secondary school and a volunteer and board member for the local volunteer centre. I go to Trent Bridge to try to relax!

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### Using the online resources for statistics for mission and data input

Each parish has a person who is named as 'administrator' on the system and that person can also give access to other specified officers to view or input data to the system (for instance, church warden, treasurer etc.) The system is a good tool for parishes both for finance and mission statistics and can be used to gauge possible financial issues for the future or trends in attendance and parish statistics over the past 10 years. It includes statistics from the 2010 census for your parish as well as information submitted over the past few years via parish returns, so please consider using the information for planning such as MAP's and PCC reports etc. If you have any problems accessing the data or would like to add more users, please contact Angela, Deanery Administrator, who is happy to assist with data input or with information on the process for those who need help with the technology involved

Angela is also available to assist any parish that has individuals who need help with the online DBS applications forms or don't have access to the internet.

She is now able to initiate the process for online checks so incumbents or safeguarding links can contact her direct to organise a login code for an individual. Please contact Angela for more information if this applies

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# The Sheldon Hub -health and wellbeing for clergy and those in ministry sheldon hub

What's the itch we're scratching?

Cogether . doi So many people trust Sheldon with their stories that they a unique window into the darker sides of ministry as well as the joys. It's an open secret that there is a culture of those in ministry running themselves ragged in ways that Plthy ministry risk their physical and mental health and intimate relationships. Too many people leave ministry in sickness, despair, disillusion or disgrace. The Gospel is often good news for everyone except the occupants of the manse or vicarage.

As individuals, they are relatively powerless, trying to swim against the tide of an unhealthy culture. Those in ministry can collude with unacceptable behaviours and suffer the injuries of friendly fire. When, as a church, we speak it's with a shrug that says well, that's just how it is. When ministers shout for help, they are as likely to become a problem to be managed as they are to receive care, empathy and practical support.

There is a real appetite for change - a hunger for doing ministry in ways that bring a flourishing of the human spirit. A culture cannot be changed overnight. But ministers can form alliances, learn together, and support each other while they practice new habits of being and doing.

The Hub is a collaborative grass roots resource for those in ministry. It doesn't presume to know the answers. It stands as a critical best friend to the institutions of the church. It's a generous and open-hearted space. It is an online community of mutual support, a bank of trustworthy advice and a live directory of people and places to connect with each other back in the real world.

Many people who have been through the dark and difficult times want their experience to benefit others, to not be wasted. In the hub there is a space to share stories and learn from each other's journeys in faith and ministry. <a href="https://www.sheldonhub.org/about/manifesto">https://www.sheldonhub.org/about/manifesto</a>



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Many churches will be planning their harvest services and outreach to schools already. Here are a few links to help and encourage:-

There are resources on the Diocese website http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/resources/har vest.html Harvest resources from Christian Aid http://www2.christianaid.org.uk/harvestappeal

Harvest resources Arthur Rank www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/worshipresources Harvest US (USPG) harvest resources http://www.weareus.org.uk/resources Hope for Harvest http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/2007 43/Resources.aspx

Climate change is potentially fatal for the most fragile countries on earth - and the billions of people who live in them. Will you join Christians worldwide in praying for creation and taking action to respond to this crisis? Visit the Season of Creation website http:// seasonofcreation.org



### Thank Your Vicar Week October 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

Hundreds of Church of England parishes and primary schools will be saying a big thank you to their vicar this autumn, as the second national 'Thank Your Vicar' week kicks off from October 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>

We'll be in touch with every Anglican diocese later this year to tell you how your parish or school can get involved - so you can thank your vicar for everything he or she does for your community.

You can download free Thank Your Vicar Week resources from the website from Friday 8 September. http://stlukeshealthcare.org.uk/events/

#### What is Thank Your Vicar Week?

• Thank Your Vicar Week gives parishes and Church of England primary schools the opportunity to say a big thank you for everything your clergy does for the community

• It's happening from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, to coincide with St Luke's Feast Day on 18<sup>th</sup> October

• It's organised by St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy, a charity which cares for clergy health and wellbeing

#### How does my school or parish get involved?

Schools are invited to hold a special 'Thank Your Vicar' assembly, using free downloadable resources. These have been designed to enhance the primary RE curriculum.

Parishes are invited to hold a 'Thank Your Vicar 'service on Sunday 15th or 22nd October, and/or make a donation to the work of St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy. You can download a free Thank Your Vicar Week resource sheet from Friday 8 September.

#### You'll find plenty of inspiration on the website to help you to...

• Invite your vicar to your assembly or special service, and celebrate what they do for your school and community

• Organise a simple fundraising event as part of 'Thank Your Vicar' week, as a tangible way of appreciating your vicar's work. This money will help to continue the work of St Luke's Healthcare for the clergy, which cares for the health and wellbeing of Anglican clergy and their families. • Tell us how you celebrated your week - email stories and photos to

events@stlukeshealthcare.org.uk or for more information ring 020 7898 1808

### Start-Up Support

Do you know someone with a business idea? Erewash Partnership Ltd is delivering a support programme on behalf of East Midlands Chamber of **Commerce throughout Erewash and Amber Valley** 



The D2 Business Starter programme is an exciting new initiative giving all Erewash and Amber BUSINESS STARTER Valley residents the opportunity to explore their business potential and learn how to set up a new business with series of flexible funded workshops and one-to-one support. The support is delivered by experienced professionals working with small groups at local venues.

Click here to find out more, book into a drop-in session, or book a place on one of our workshops.



### Congratulations to Father Giles Orton of St Laurence, Long Eaton



Service at Derby Cathedral conducted by The Bishop of Ebbsfleet (Photo courtesy of Rev Karen Padley)

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, assisted by Bishop Jupp, presided at the ordination as priest of Father Giles Orton. The service at Derby Cathedral was well attended by a large congregation from St Laurence, Long Eaton and Holy Trinity, Ilkeston, where Bishop Roger serves as parish priest and Father Giles as assistant curate, and from other traditional catholic parishes in the region, plus friends and family from as far afield as Bavaria and Missouri.





On 2nd July, Father Giles celebrated his First Mass at St Laurence, assisted in the concelebration by Bishop Roger, Fathers Tom Barnfather, Michael Brinkworth and Malcolm Ainscough of the local team and visiting preacher Fr Darren Smith of the Additional Curates Society.

Fr Giles then gave the traditional First Mass blessings.

Giles is a solicitor who retired as a partner in international law firm Eversheds in 2016 to take Holy Orders, though he remains a consultant with the firm and a trustee of several pension schemes whilst also serving as a part-time self-supporting curate with St Laurence and Holy Trinity.



He was the only curate to be ordained to serve in the South East Derbyshire Deanery at this year's Petertide ordinations.

#### How can we harness the mission opportunities of Social media in our deanery?



#### Here is an article from the national press on the value of social media

Mark Zuckerberg's "meaningful communities" and the Church's approach to social media



#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND-FRIDAY, 30 JUNE 2017

This week Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg shared news that the social media network has exceeded 2 billion regularly monthly visitors.

He used the opportunity to announce he was setting a new goal for Facebook to encourage 1 billion users to join what he calls "meaningful groups" to counter what he perceives as a decline in community membership. He said: "We all get meaning from our communities. Whether they're churches, sports teams or neighbourhood groups, they give us the strength to expand our horizons and care about broader issues. Studies have proven the more connected we are, the happier we feel and the healthier we are."

I was struck by these words and his message in relation to the work we've started from the Church of England's national Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts to encourage spiritual and numerical growth. This is at the heart of our three year programme of work to bring more people across England into relationship with God and our 16,500 churches across the country.

At Christmas social media helped us reach 1.5 million people in England with a Christian message, which again built community and brought people who don't normally go to church at this crucial point in the year. Some churches shared anecdotal feedback that attendance was up by as much as 25%:

We have all been affected by the terror attacks in the past few months; we shared prayers and short reflective videos via Facebook to support people in these very difficult times. More than 1 million people viewed the postings with many sharing their own tributes as an online community. Facebook and other social media networks are helping us to explain the work of the Church and share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a way that just wasn't possible before. As a Christian presence in every community across England we can be with people at times of both great sadness and great joy.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to find out more about the work we do. Adrian Harris is Head of Digital Communications at the Church of England



### Following

#### Replying to @c\_of\_e

Well done to #JoyToTheWorld, we saw a 25% increase in Church attendance at Christmas, this was also the case 4 surrounding



**#JoyToTheWorld** is hundreds of people queuing to enjoy our Christmas Eve Christingle and Nativity service!



6:03 PM - 24 Dec 2016

Church of England S added 12 new photos to the album Easter Day 2017. Published by Adrian Harris (?) · 16 April - 🕤

Please share this post to get more of your friends and family to 'Like' our page! Here are some of the best pics that have been sent in from Church of England churches so far on #EasterSunday #Easter #EasterDay:





Last year St Mary's Church was open through the day, following Sunday services, which encouraged many visitors into the Church. Some people had lived in Ilkeston and had never been into the Church before, others had last been in many years ago, opening the doors encouraged people in. It will be open again this year, please encourage people to go along for a great day out!

#### **Church Matters**

The parish buying website (parishbuying.org.uk) has useful information for wardens and PCC's on a wealth of resources to save money, such as comparing quotes from different church insurance companies and energy suppliers. There is also information on the legal responsibilities of churches to undertake a fire risk assessment. If your church does not already have this in hand, the following link may be useful: -

https://www.stewardship.org.uk/downloads/briefingpapers/Fire%20risk%20assessments%20for%20churches %20and%20charities.pdf?utm\_source=Parish+Buying+Newsletter&utm\_campaign=398068448f-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2017\_03\_13&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_532486ee73-398068448f-149207865

### Links to other resources and information

#### Our Diocese' & Cycle of Prayer

'Our Diocese' is a monthly publication giving the latest news and information from the Diocese and is available to download at: <a href="http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/our-diocese-12.html">http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/our-diocese-12.html</a>

The Cycle of Prayer covers the whole Diocese over the year and we are encouraged to pray for a specific parish or ministry each day. Details are available at: <u>http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/cycle-of-prayer.html</u>

You can access all Derby Diocese publications and sign up for the e-news on the publications page of the website: <a href="http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications.html">http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications.html</a>

The Church of England website has a brilliant page of parish resources http://www.parishresources.org.uk/



Family Weekend 2017 at the Peak Centre, Edale Friday 1st —Sunday 3rd September 2017

Get Messy, Get Active Make new friends Learn together Pray together

For further information or to book your places don't hesitate to contact us:

Email : sarah@peakcentre.org.uk T: 01433 670254



The Peak Centre, Edale, Derbyshire

What is it? An opportunity to meet other families and people involved with Messy Church, to spend time together being creative, to find space and rest, to be part of a community and to find God through adventure, relationships and God's wonderful creation. Who is it for? Anyone involved in Messy Church across Derbyshire, whether you are a leader or a family group. What does it cost? £35 Family price £50 Individual price **PCC TONIGHT!** -this event is running in Swadlincote via Mercia Deanery. If you would like to book or more information please contact <u>debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org</u>.

If you would like to hold a similar event in South East Derbyshire Deanery, please speak to Angela or Karen **PCC Tonight (Swadlincote)** 

Date 4 Oct 2017 Location St George and St Mary's Church SWADLINCOTE DE11 9NR

Description How's your PCC doing? Focused, fun and

fruitful? Or a little different to that?



Following the launch of a new resource to help PCCs function well in July 2015, CPAS is running an event to clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, to explore some common dysfunctions, and to introduce material you can use to shape its life. Intended for all PCC members, bring several car loads and come ready to enjoy a fun and informative evening.

The event is being led by Graham Archer and runs from 7.45pm-9.45pm, doors open at 7.15pm for refreshments.

The fee for attending this event is £12 each for the first booking, £3 for each additional member from your PCC. For the discount to apply, you will need to make a group booking.

Find out more about our <u>PCC Tonight</u> resource.

Course fee £ 12.00

#### BECOMING A GREAT LEADER:-THE LONG VIEW EHS LEADERSHIP PODCAST- BY PETE SCAZZERO

One of the most challenging tasks of leadership, and life, is perspective. Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best: The years teach much which the days never know. The podcast accessed by the link below considers questions that Pete and ministers in general are asked like, "Where is God in all these difficulties? Why is leading so painful and slow? How do I make it long-term?" and he attempts to give a long view of leadership around God's process of making us "great" leaders. ("Greatness" refers to remaining faithful to becoming the person God has called you to become, and do what He has called you to do.)

Highlights include: Illusions we must unlearn; Great counsel that has stood the test of time; Practical tips for young leaders in their 20's and 30's;Encouragement and perspective for us in our 40's, 50's, 60's and beyond.

http://www.emotionallyhealthy.org/becoming-great-leader-long-view-ehs-leadership-podcast/



### Heanor Community Fair

Heanor Community Fair is held on the 1st Saturday of every month, from 9am through to 1pm in St Lawrence Church on the Market Place.

At each Fair, there are around 30-40 different stalls, many run by local people, but the popularity of the Fair has meant that we can attract a few traders from outside the Heanor area to help boost the multitude of crafts and trades.

There are refreshments to purchase from the church kitchen, and there are usually a few stalls selling cakes and pies etc. So have a browse around the stalls, chat with the friendly stallholders, then grab a cuppa and a bite to eat and sit and have a rest before going back to get a few bargains...

### **Karen Padley**

### Area Dean, South East Derbyshire Deanery

In the Spotlight

Karen Padley was born in Lincolnshire (not in the flat bit), growing up in a farming community near Spilsby and spending many happy hours walking around Gunby Hall estate, where her father was the National Trust foreman, and playing hockey (in goal) for school teams.

She first went into a pulpit when she was 4 when her aunt was preaching and went on to teach Sunday school and be involved in services in her own right. She has raised goats, chickens, cows, pigs, ducks and geese and has been haymaking as her father also kept a small holding.

When she was 18, Karen followed in her mother's footsteps and trained to be a nurse at Nottingham City Hospital and went on to work as a nurse on a variety of medical words before becoming a community nurse in the centre of Nottingham. Her final nursing job was as a Clinical Nurse Specialist for HIV and AIDS at a time when there was little in the way of treatment, prejudice was high and new treatments were signs of hope.

It is very different picture now.

On leaving nursing she did a Master's degree in theology at St John's College, Nottingham and served her curacy in a UPA parish in Nottingham. Cars would be burnt outside her house and life was interesting to say the least with fences stolen for firewood, Christmas lights to rival Blackpool and exploding keyboards just some of the highlights. However, the sense of community and faith was stunning: on her priesting, the teenagers on the estate where she lived spent four hours valeting and detailing her car as a present. Community mattered in the face of poverty, hardship and struggle. She then left to be vicar in Derby Diocese living at Marlpool .

She has led residentials for teenagers, run youth groups been on Diocesan Synod and is regularly involved in putting together worship for the Diocesan Conference and served, like many vicars, on numerous committees. She has a keen interest in social justice issues, for example around the work of open doors and the persecuted church. She has a long history of being involved in promoting good safeguarding practice.

When not working, she enjoys walking her dog, caring for her cat, reading, the cinema, the theatre, juggling, cooking, fire-eating and archery to name but a few things. Good friends are important to Karen as is a sense of fun.