

Welcome to the November edition of the South East Derbyshire deanery newsletter and a very warm welcome to everyone who is newly elected to a PCC or to deanery synod.

We aim to send out a newsletter every two months with information about synod, what is happening in parishes and in the diocese as well as sharing resources that can be useful across the deanery.



As we write this, our churches are closed again for worship due to another lockdown. The Archbishop of Canterbury has said this is harder than the last lockdown and urged us to stay calm. That is easy to say but hard to do, we know. Please be assured of our prayers and support.

Karen says, 'As Area Dean, one of the prayers that has meant much to me is one from Iona. I first heard it my selection conference and it reminds me again and again that although we are waiting, waiting for an end, God is there. I offer it, along with Brian and Angela, now as a prayer for us all in these challenging and frustrating times.'

*You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time,
Want us to wait for the right time in which to discover
Who we are, where we must go,
Who will be with us, and what we must do.
So, thank you...for the waiting time.*

*You keep us looking. You, the God of all space,
Want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope,
For people who are hopeless,
For visions of a better world that will appear among the disappointments of the world we know.
So, thank you...for the looking time.*

*You keep us loving. You, the God whose name is love,
Want us to be like you – To love the loveless and the unlovely and the unlovable.
To love without jealousy or design or threat,
And most difficult of all, to love ourselves. So, thank you...for the loving time.*

*And in all this you keep us,
Through hard questions with no easy answers;
Through failing where we hoped to succeed and making an impact when we felt useless;
Through the patience and the dreams and the love of others;
And through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us.*

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In the coming months, please look after yourself and do contact us if you need help. Our details are on page 5.

Karen, Brian and Angela

Deanery synod Meetings

For new deanery synod members, we hold at least 3 synods across the year. In these unusual times, the first will have to be via Zoom as we are not able to meet in a group of 60 at present. If you are not familiar with Zoom, Angela can help you to use it before the first meeting. If you do not have access to the internet, then there is a telephone link or by other means. Please get in touch if you have any problems joining meetings via Zoom

The first meeting of the new deanery synod will be via Zoom on Tuesday 1st December at 7.30pm (Zoom opens at 7.10 pm)

Our speaker will be Bishop Libby and all readers and wardens are also welcome to attend
(Zoom code to be sent out separately)

Future deanery synod dates

Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm. Venue tbc

South East Derbyshire deanery has a casual vacancy for a lay member of the diocesan synod. This is open to anyone who is on an electoral roll of a parish in the deanery but must be proposed and seconded by a deanery synod member. If you, or someone you know is interested in representing the deanery, please contact Angela for an application form. Applications should be received by 27th November and a decision will be made at deanery synod on 1st December

Thank you to Jan Wilkinson who has been deanery treasurer for Erewash and then South East Derbyshire deanery for several years and has now stood down from the role. We are very grateful for all Jan has done as treasurer and part of the deanery leadership team. If you feel you could take on the role of deanery treasurer, please contact Brian, Karen or Angela for details



Father David Lawrence-March has been appointed as the new Vicar at St Laurence's and Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity. Father David is currently the Priest-in-Charge of two parishes on the Isle of Wight and before that spent a large part of his ministry in school chaplaincy. It is hoped he will be licenced on 1st December, though this will have to be via Zoom due to current restrictions.

Congratulations to Reverend Elaine Jones, Curate of Sawley, who was ordained priest in September at a rather different ceremony which included everyone wearing masks and a maximum of 30 in the Cathedral. It will be a service that everyone remembers though and it was broadcast live on the Cathedral website.



Cathy Hallsworth, Eileen Castor and Rosemary Nicholls will be licenced to the diocese as Readers in a service at the weekend which will unfortunately have to be via Zoom. It will be streamed on facebook. Cathy and Rosemary will serve in the Heanor/Langley Mill/Aldercar and Marlpool area whilst Eileen is at St John's Ilkeston where she was previously Churchwaden. More details in the next issue.

Some sad news from our deanery

Sandra Ware, Churchwarden of St Laurence Long Eaton until 2018, passed away suddenly on 16th October. Sandra was often either a server or the thurifer at Mass and worked tirelessly for the parish. Sandra was presented with a Bishop's badge for her service at the Advent Carol Service at St Laurence last December.

Val Parkes, Churchwarden of Pentrich, passed away at the end of October. Val had been a member of the congregation at Pentrich since she moved to Lower Hartshay in 2005 and eighteen months ago became a very popular Churchwarden. She gave invaluable support to the local community and church and was always cheerful and had a very positive attitude to life which shone through even during her final illness. Bishop Libby was able to arrange for Val to receive a Bishop's badge in her final weeks and this was a great delight to Val, her family and members of the congregations of Swanwick and Pentrich.

The Bishop's Badge this year was presented via Zoom on 25th October. Congratulations to:

Tracie Stevenson	Derby City Centre Chaplaincy (Tracie worships at St John's Long Eaton)
Moiria Dick	Ockbrook with Borrowash
Sarah Warburton	Breaston
Richard Pykett	Holy Trinity, Ilkeston
Geoff Raby	Holy Trinity, Ilkeston
Ruth Barratt	Derby City Centre Chaplaincy
Rachel Hobbs	All Saints, Risley
Brian Moyse	St Wilfrid's, West Hallam
Martin Gowdridge	Holy Trinity, Mapperley



Advent Retreat, 'Lean in the Light'

Led by Reverend Samantha Treadwell of St John's, Long Eaton Thursday 19th or Friday 20th or Saturday 21st November. The retreat will use Facebook, Zoom and video. This is a free retreat, but donations are welcome to our food project. For details please contact Sam Tredwell samtredwell@outlook.com

Archbishops' Call to Prayer in November

The archbishop's have called call upon the Church of England to make November 2020 a month of prayer for our nation.



'We know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures forever'

They invite people to join them at prayer at 6pm daily. Prayers for each day and other resources are available at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

Report for South East Derbyshire Deanery on the Diocesan Synod held through Zoom on 10 October 2020

Bishop Libby opened the meeting with a reflection on Matthew 14, verses 22 to 33: Disciples in a boat battered by a storm; Jesus seen walking towards them; Peter steps out of the boat in response to Jesus' call; Peter stumbles but is held by Jesus

Libby reminded us that we are not here for ourselves, but for everyone in our parishes. We are in the midst of our own problems, church problems, Covid problems, yet we are commissioned to be God's workers in our communities. We are tossed about but Jesus asks us to step out. Though our boats are being battered Jesus asks us to step out of the boat, but we must be convinced that he is beside us. He says: 'Take heart, do not be afraid'.

Libby believes the diocese to be Peter. The Lord commands us to come to Jesus, asking us to step out of the boat into the storm. Of course, some will fail, some will fear drowning.

'Nonetheless', said Libby, 'let's be Peter and trust that Jesus is faithful; Jesus caught Peter because he was prepared to step out of the boat.'

Synod split into deanery-based break-out groups to consider: -

- What stepping out of the boat at Jesus' invitation might mean
- What does it feel like to step out in these stormy circumstances?
- What might we [personally, congregation, deanery] be being asked to step away from and stepping towards?

Coming back together the synod heard presentations on three aspects of the emerging vision and strategic planning for the diocese.

Equipping people for mission: we need to move from a culture of bringing people into the walls of the church for mission to the moving those who mission out of the walls to the places where people are. We need to consider mission led by the laity, supported by clergy, rather than one led by clergy, supported by laity

Effective structure for mission: there could be three archdeacons, each with a specific focus on the challenges and opportunities of mission in the three distinct components of the diocese: rural/market towns; city/urban; emerging/transformed industrial

Sustainable resources for mission: currently the common fund only pays for about 75% of the cost of stipendiary clergy. The ability to meet common fund requests was already a challenge before the impact of Covid 19. Some short-term use of external resources and drawing on accumulated resources will initially help but the long-term position is a challenge.

Synod returned to the breakout groups to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of these aspect of the strategic plan.

Bishop Libby announced that there will be an additional synod in early December that will formally adopt the vision and strategic plan in advance of a wide-ranging consultation period.

The meeting then approved the 2021 budget which includes a 2% increase in the common fund request, a 0% increase in salaries and stipends and an overall deficit of £1.4m

Synod adopted a proposal that clarified responsibilities for quinquennial inspections.

Brian Parker

Manna Food Boxes

Sawley Parish and St John's Long Eaton joined forces with HOPE Long Eaton to start up an affordable food box scheme to help people who had become dependent on food vouchers or who are struggling to afford food at the moment. The boxes are approx. £6 per person and have fresh as well as longer life food plus extras as and when available. A team of helpers will pack the boxes as food arrives and purchasers register so that the scheme knows how many boxes are needed each week. Donations for set up fees came from church harvest offerings- but it is hoped that the scheme will be self-financing in the long run. Anyone in the area who would like to buy a weekly box is welcome to register, it is not just for people claiming benefits.

The first boxes were prepared during half term and are available weekly for collection at St John's



More information about food boxes or if you would like to buy weekly boxes

<https://mannafoodboxes.wixsite.com/mannafoodboxes> or <https://www.facebook.com/Manna-Food-Boxes.../about/...> Or email mannafoodboxes@gmail.com

Archdeacon's Visitation for Swearing in of Warden's

These will be done via zoom this year for every warden who is able to access the service. The session for our deanery is on Thursday 12th November. Wardens can attend any of the other online sessions if that date isn't convenient

Mercia	DERBY	Wed 11/11/2020 7pm
South East	DERBY	Thur 12/11/2020 7pm
Derby City	DERBY	Wed 18/11/2020 7pm
North East	CHESTERFIELD	Thur 19/11/2020 7pm
Hardwick	CHESTERFIELD	Thur 3/12/2020 7pm
Carsington	CHESTERFIELD	Mon 23/11/2020 7pm
Dove & Derwent	DERBY	Tues 24/11/2020 11am
Peak	CHESTERFIELD	Wed 25/11/2020 7pm

For those who are unable to use Zoom, alternative arrangements can be made.

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Statistics for Mission Online Data Recording

A reminder that the online recording system is now open to record statistics. At present figures for 'The October Count' can be entered and at the end of December data for church attendances, weddings, baptisms etc. during 2020 can be entered. Each church should have a password to get on to the system. If you cannot access the site due to password problems or would like some help entering the data, please contact Angela

The Parish Returns website is at <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>. If you or others in your parish need help in using the system, the user guide should give you all the help you need. If you don't have a copy, you can download one once you're logged on through the Users Menu.

Although the diocese does not accept returns submissions on paper forms, you may find it helpful to use a paper form to collect the data in your parish before then submitting it online. It can be downloaded a copy from the home page of the [Parish Returns website](#).

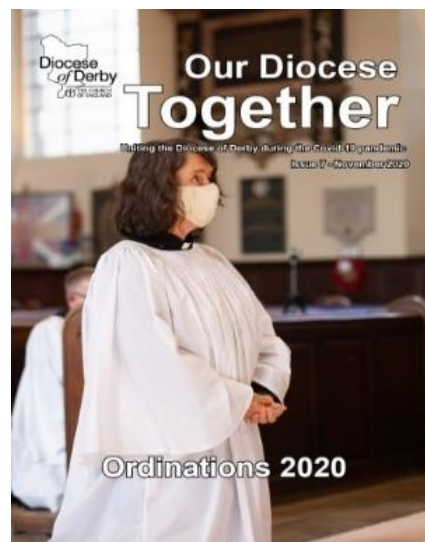
GDPR and the Contact Management System (Directory)

Contact details for clergy, church staff and parish officers (wardens, PCC secretary, parish safeguarding link, treasurer etc.) are kept on the Contact Management System (CMS). It is very important that this is kept up to date with the correct person listed for posts and their details up to date. Can PCC secretaries please ensure that they have sent in details from the APCM elections. Church of England employees (including Angela) are not allowed to keep any lists or databases on their computer or on paper and should always use the CMS for contacting people under GDPR rules. The employee and the Church of England risk disciplinary measures if this is not adhered to. This has led to occasions where people do not get emails or letters because their details are not listed or are entered as ex-directory. If you are on the CMS contact system and have moved or changed any of your details, please make sure they are updated.

A contact details form is now available that can be completed electronically and sent in by email to ensure your details are correct. This is only possible if you have a personal (not a shared) email. Otherwise A paper version is available from Angela. A copy of the electronic version will be sent out with every emailed newsletter and a paper version with every posted newsletter. These can be returned to enquiries@derby.anglican.org or Enquires, Derby Church House, Full St, Derby.

Together Magazine November Edition is available online and includes items on All Saints' Day, Derby Cathedral Grant, Safe Spaces, The Knife Angel, Ordinations and Remembrance

https://issuu.com/togethermagazine/docs/odt_7



How will you be marking Christmas 2020?

This year Advent and Christmas will be unlike any other year, but it will still happen. We would like to make sure that the spirit of Christmas reaches all corners of the county to celebrate with those people who can and support those that will find this year extra hard.

This year we are looking for contributions from all over the diocese for a special project that will go live on 1 December. We are looking for real stories of how you are planning to celebrate, how you will reach out to friends, family and others within your community, the ways your church will encourage worship, how your community is coming together - figurative if we can't physically - to share around the diocese. We would also like to hear about any projects that are coming up, night shelters, food banks, collection of gifts for the community, serving meals, work with school etc.

We would like you to send us short (30seconds – 1 minute) videos or photographs and a short written article (approx. 100 words) explaining how Advent and Christmas will be different for you this year and how you will be marking it. Submissions should be with us by Friday 4 December but the earlier the better! If you have an exciting project coming up but are unable to film a video yourself do get in touch and we will try to support you.

Please send your submissions to communications@derby.anglican.org including your full name, area where you live and the church you worship in (if appropriate). We will share as many as we can within the project, our social media channels and publications. We look forward to hearing from you.



Communications Team, Church House

Christmas and Advent Resources

CHRISTINGLES

The Children's Society have issued new materials and resources this year to cover actual and virtual Christingle events including 'Christingle in a bag'



<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-events/christingle-resources>

The Real Advent Calendar tells the Christmas story, uses Fair Trade chocolate and helps raise money for charity. It includes a 24-page activity book for use each day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award-winning artist, Martina Peluso.

- Palm oil free
- Recyclable box and tray
- Made from quality Fairtrade milk chocolate



The recommended price is £3.99 each. One stockist is The Meaningful Chocolate Company

<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-calendar> or Embrace the

Middle East

<http://www.embraceme.org/shop/product/real-adventcalendar>.

Who can also provide copies of the Bethlehem Carol Sheet for a small donation.



Comfort and Joy

is the Church of England's 2020 Christmas campaign.

Taking inspiration from a traditional carol service, it features daily reflections for the Christmas season from Kate Bottley, Jonathan Bryan, Bob Chilcot, Martha Collison, Stephen Cottrell, Guli Francis-Dehqani, Chine McDonald, Sally Phillips and Justin Welby.

Beginning on Christmas Day and ending on 2 January, each day explores a Bible reading and a familiar carol, encouraging us to look with fresh eyes at how the timeless truth of Christmas might shape our lives in these extraordinary times and inviting us to hear again the message of the angels - good news of God's

unfailing love for a world that is weary and hurting. Churches all over the country will be marking Advent and Christmas in both new and familiar ways, both in person and online. Find out more about the campaign, access online services, download the free app featuring audio versions of all the featured carols at www.churchofengland.org/comfortandjoy



Bringing Christmas Home 2020

Ideas on how to celebrate in a meaningful way this year, bringing the hope, joy and peace of Christmas into the home. Includes ideas on video carol singing, travelling nativity and

[Tidings of Comfort and Joy](https://shop.embraceme.org/pages/bringing-christmas-home-2020Christmas) Advent study book - helping you to explore in greater depth the meaning behind familiar carol words. <https://shop.embraceme.org/pages/bringing-christmas-home-2020Christmas>

'The Promise and the Gift' will be available to access from the end of November.

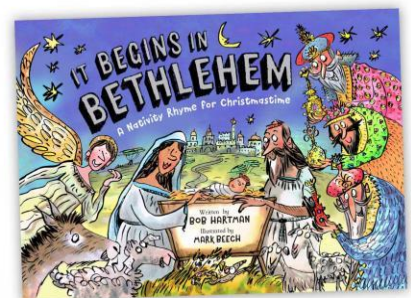
Travel with Mary, Joseph and the Magi as they trust God's promise and make their way to Bethlehem to encounter the greatest gift of all. The online resource is designed to look like an Advent Calendar. Each Advent window will take you to a reflection and prayer. These have been written by a variety of people including friends from the Middle East, bishops and other church leaders, writers and theologians. There is also a short video clip teaching how to write and say a word in Arabic – these will all come together at the end of Advent. For each Sunday there is a full text of a sermon, intercessions and an infographic material



Bible Society

Christmas children's booklet, '*It Begins in Bethlehem*' – A Nativity Rhyme for Christmastime gives us a fresh perspective on the nativity with rhymes from Bob Hartman and lively illustrations by Mark Beech. Also includes a video to show in church or online

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/>



1. **Sign up for the First year of the Diocesan Certificate in Mission and Ministry** course to help with growth in faith and the development of ministry. This is now all online and can be completed from the comfort of your own home. The course is modular and each module consists of seven sessions which you complete on your own and three which you complete with other students on study days via Zoom.
2. **Think you may have a calling to be a Reader?**
The first year of the new Reader training course starts in January and is now a discernment year which you can take while working with a Vocations Adviser and the supervision of your incumbent. This gives you the opportunity to explore whether Reader ministry is for you. You will need the support of your incumbent (or the equivalent in a Vacancy) in order to sign up for this course.
3. **Just keen to deepen your faith and increase your knowledge?** Take single modules as and when they are running. The modules running next term (16 January to 20 March 2021)

Introductory Level Module: Called to be the People of God

Advanced Level Module: Mission and Evangelism

Modules each cost a flat fee of £25, payable prior to commencement of each one (you only pay for the modules you study).

Closing date for applications for next term's modules, the Certificate in Mission and Ministry and the Reader Training Course is **Friday 8th January 2021**

Find out more and request an Information Pack visit the Discipleship Training website

www.discipleship-training.org

or contact the course administrator, Fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org.

Other online training courses available from the Diocese

Interconnected-Mental, Physical and Spiritual health in a disabling society

Wednesday 11th November 2 - 3.30pm - [BOOK NOW](#)

This online session will be led by Tim Rourke, a Church Army evangelist who is a disabled person with personal experience of physical and mental health conditions.

The session will look at how physical and mental impairments often relate to one another and contribute to the other and look at how people manage their day to day life as disabled people. It will also look at how Christians can reflect God's love for disabled people in their welcome and church life.

The Theology of Wellbeing Saturday 14th November 10 - 11.30am - [BOOK NOW](#)

Wellbeing is commonly viewed as a secular concept, despite the Bible describing how we can live well and be content in all circumstances. Explores what the Bible has to say and its significance for discipleship and mission. **Only 30 places available**

Forwards from lockdown - how to plan parish children's work during this time. How can/should we work as we move cautiously out of lockdown?

Tuesday 17th November 10.30 am -12pm [BOOK NOW](#) Online Zoom session, considering ways of working within the current regulations and a variety of scenarios for how the next 6 months/year might look. Using examples of good practice and resources such as Scripture Union, Messy Church, Parenting for Faith/Bible Reading Fellowship we will give time to start to plan how your parish children's work could continue and even grow during this time.