

Dear friends in South East Derbyshire Deanery,

Looking back at what I wrote at this time last year, there is a real sense of déjà vu. I started last year's July Newsletter by saying,

'As we look to reopen churches slowly and carefully, I am conscious that this has come at a cost, as expectations are managed, truths are distorted (people have a tendency to hear what they want to hear) and people try to bend rules. '

We are however in a different place, although what I said then does still have some resonance. Vaccination has started and many churches, although not all be any means, have been open for some of the year.

The world, however, has changed; our communities have changed, and church has changed.

Just because we can go back to things as they were, doesn't mean that we should. Covid cases locally are growing. Not everyone is vaccinated and as the NHS website says,

*'While there are cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK, there is a risk you can catch it or pass it on. You could still catch or spread it, even if you're fully vaccinated.'*

In these circumstances, can I encourage you to think about a few things.

Firstly, manage the risk, read the 12 pages on the Church of England website about church in the new context and go slowly in restarting, so that everyone can feel safe. I used to be a nurse on an infectious diseases' unit, to stop disease spreading you managed the risk so please look at the advice. For instance, think about wearing a mask to care for you brother or sister in Christ, keep church doors open to improve ventilation, if people wish to social distance respect that, think about how you administer communion. Each church is different, so reduce the risk in your context and love your fellow church member.

1 Corinthians 10: 23 -24 says this;

*"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.*

Try and remember this in reopening.

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Secondly, invest in self-care by taking a break. None of us can keep going for ever. Also, if your church leader is off respect that and care for them. It has been a tough year and I am sure none of you would message them on social media, drop stuff into vicarages or leave messages on phones but I do know it happens. If it is urgent talk to your warden or contact us. Just so you are aware I am on leave at the end of this month and the beginning of August, but Angela or Brian will help, if you need it, or find someone who can. Your Vicar will be better for the leave and so will your church. It is your chance to do good for those who serve you or, as Proverbs 4: 27 puts it, *'Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act'*.

Thirdly, can I also encourage you to think about what you have learnt and not rush back into doing church as you always did. There are things that may never restart in some of our contexts and new things that need to spring up. Life and community are different, and our expectations need to adjust to a new context. Many people have found the church through online worship, or through the missional caring that has happened. Learn from this and pray about the next steps, before pressing the reset button to do what we have always done.

Fourthly, as we emerge from lockdown, can I encourage you to look to the future. The pandemic has caused people to think anew about God and there are great opportunities for mission. Look and see what God is doing in your community and celebrate that. It may have been a long time since March 2020, and it might, at times, have felt like a brutal wilderness which would never end. When I pray and think on the last year, this verse from Isaiah chapter 43 comes to mind ;

*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.*

God has been at work, is at work and will be working in the future, making a way through the difficulties of this world so that all can know him. Look for the new things God is doing where you are and think about how you can grow church, transform lives and build community in your place.

Angela said I would need more than one page to write this, and she was right, but I have got to the final bits.

Thank you for all you have done and are doing in your community and church. Please be assured of our support and prayers, do contact us if we can help. Our contact details are included later in this newsletter.

May you have a blessed and refreshing Summer

*Karen*

## Diocesan Synod Representatives

The following nominations for the new diocesan synod were received by the closing date of 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2021:-

**Clergy:** Reverend Karen Padley, Reverend Christine French, Reverend Phil Selby, Reverend Andrew Baguley, Reverend Tim Sumpter, Fr David Lawrence-March

**Laity:** Mr John Puxty (Ilkeston St Mary), Mrs Angela Clayton (Sawley), Mr Brian Parker (Long Eaton St John), Mr Ralph Homer (Stanton by Dale), Ms Stella Collishaw (Long Eaton St John), Mrs Jan Walker MBE (Smalley).

As there were more vacancies than candidates, an election was not required and all have been appointed and will start their duties on 1<sup>st</sup> August, attending their first diocesan synod in October.

There are still 3 casual vacancies for laity and 2 for clergy that can be filled after 1<sup>st</sup> August. Please consider taking up those posts. Members do not need to be deanery synod members, but you should be on an electoral roll of a parish in the deanery and nominated by a deanery synod member.

A big thanks to those who are stepping down from diocesan synod this time, Mr Gordon Kirkbride and Mr Andrew Whysall, for their work as diocesan synod members .

## Comings and Goings

Reverend Caro Hemmings has finished her curacy in the deanery and moved to a post in Australia.

This month we welcome 3 new curates to the deanery.



Reverend James Lee will serve at Stanton by Dale, Dale Abbey and Risley.

Reverend Julius Anozie will serve at Ilkeston St John the Evangelist and Ilkeston St Mary the Virgin. Both will be full time and have moved into the deanery.

Reverend Samantha Dennis will serve at Sawley All Saints with St Mary's as part-time self-supporting curate. Sam also works as deputy director of education for Southwell diocese.



## Deanery Diary.....make a note

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September		Deanery Greater Chapter Quiet Day Locko Park (tbc)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm	Deanery Synod, venue tbc, Jo Henderson- Merrygold
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am	Deanery Chapter
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	11.00am	Deanery Chapter
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	7.30pm	Deanery Advent Carol Service with Bishop Malcolm Ilkeston St Mary
2022		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	12.30pm	Chapter Christmas Meal (venue TBC)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (via Zoom)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	11.00am	Deanery Chapter
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am	Deanery Chapter
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Deanery Chapter
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Deanery Chapter
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	11.00am	Deanery Chapter
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (venue tbc)
Spring 2022 Resource Day tbc		

## Archdeacon's visitations for swearing in of churchwardens

Visitations are later this year, due to the extended time limit for APCM's. They will be via Zoom again and an extra date may be added if necessary for anyone elected at a delayed APCM. If you are not able to join via Zoom, please let the registrar know and other arrangements can be made.

Can all wardens please ensure that they have a current DBS certificate and are booked onto Safeguarding in Leadership training, if not undertaken within the last 3 years.

Here are the remaining dates for Derby Archdeaconry (Zoom codes available for wardens and clergy)

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Dove & Derwent Deanery 7.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	South East Deanery 7.30pm



## Contact Us!

Deanery officers will do their best to be a point of contact for queries and to signpost to other resources where necessary.

Please remember that Karen's day off is a Friday and she will also be off on the occasional Saturday. Angela works 14 hours per week on Mondays and Thursdays generally.

### Area Dean:

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### Lay Chair:

Brian Parker

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### Chapter Clerk:

Reverend Bob Short

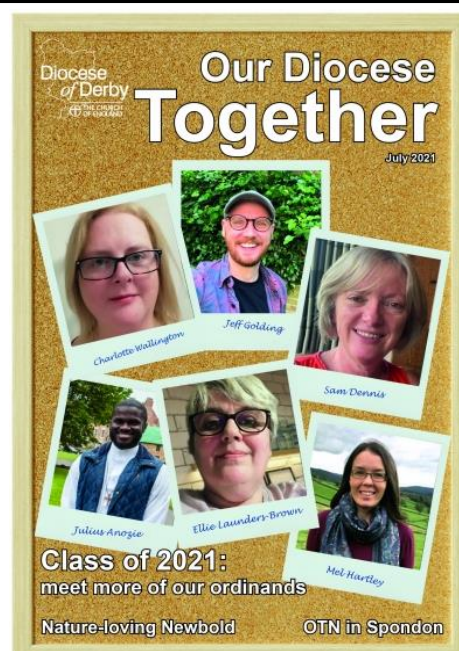
[bobthevicar@gmail.com](mailto:bobthevicar@gmail.com)

## Parish Finance Returns

Incumbents, wardens or treasurers in each parish will have access to the Parish Returns site within the C of E Portal and **need to enter financial information for 2020 online**. The portal is now open and information should be submitted of the audited financial report has been passed by PCC. A copy of the report should also be sent to the Diocese and Area Dean preferably by email. **This should be done by 31<sup>st</sup> July if at all possible**. If your APCM hasn't been possible by then, then the audited account details can be entered and a note at the end explaining that they have not been passed by APCM yet. Treasurers with queries please contact Mary Kemp at the parish support office or Angela, Deanery Administrator. She is happy to assist with the process for those who need help with the technology or to add new names to list of those able to access the site in your parish or issue new login and passwords if they have been forgotten!

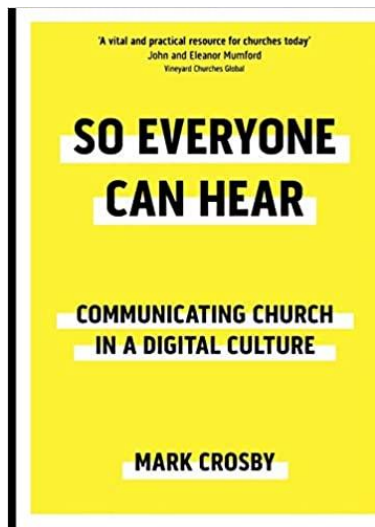
The latest edition of 'Our Diocese Together' magazine is available online and features an article on the new curates and other news from around the diocese

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## Recommended Reading

Here are a few books read and recommended by deanery members.  
Please let us know if you have a particular book that you would like to review and recommend

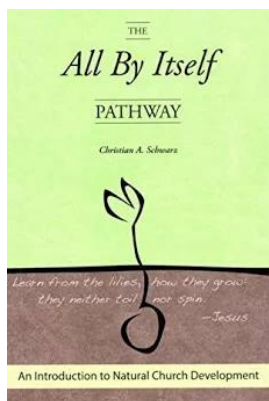


### **So Everyone Can Hear**

by Mark Crosby SPCK Publishing 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Recommended by Reverend Marian Brookes

It's about communicating Church in a digital culture. Simon Ponsonby, Pastor of Theology, St Aldates Church, Oxford has this to say as he recommends Mark's book: "I have been waiting for this book all my ministry. Every church pastor and leadership team should read it. Mark Crosby is a remarkable man and here his gifts are given away.....he is the best communications director I have ever met; he also loves Jesus and the Church....."

It's a punchy, easy style of presentation, not offered as the 'blueprint' for all churches, but as a guide to be used and filtered for local settings and needs as the leadership sees fit.

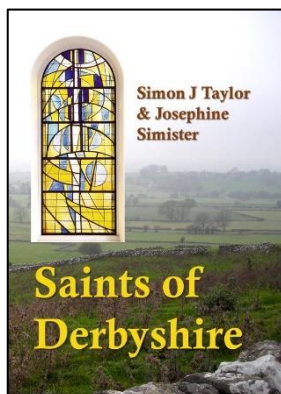
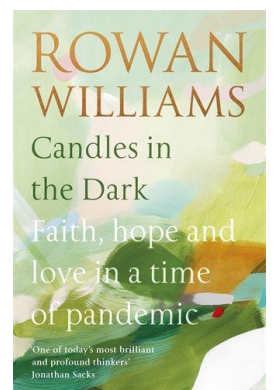


Two books recommended by Father David Lawrence - March

**All By Itself, An Introduction to Natural Church Development** by Christian A Schwarz regarding the Healthy Church Initiative.

**Candles in the Dark: Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic** by Rowan Williams. SPCK Short, weekly meditations by Rowan Williams used online at St Clements Cambridge during the

pandemic .It includes an epilogue commentary about the vocation of the church in such a time.



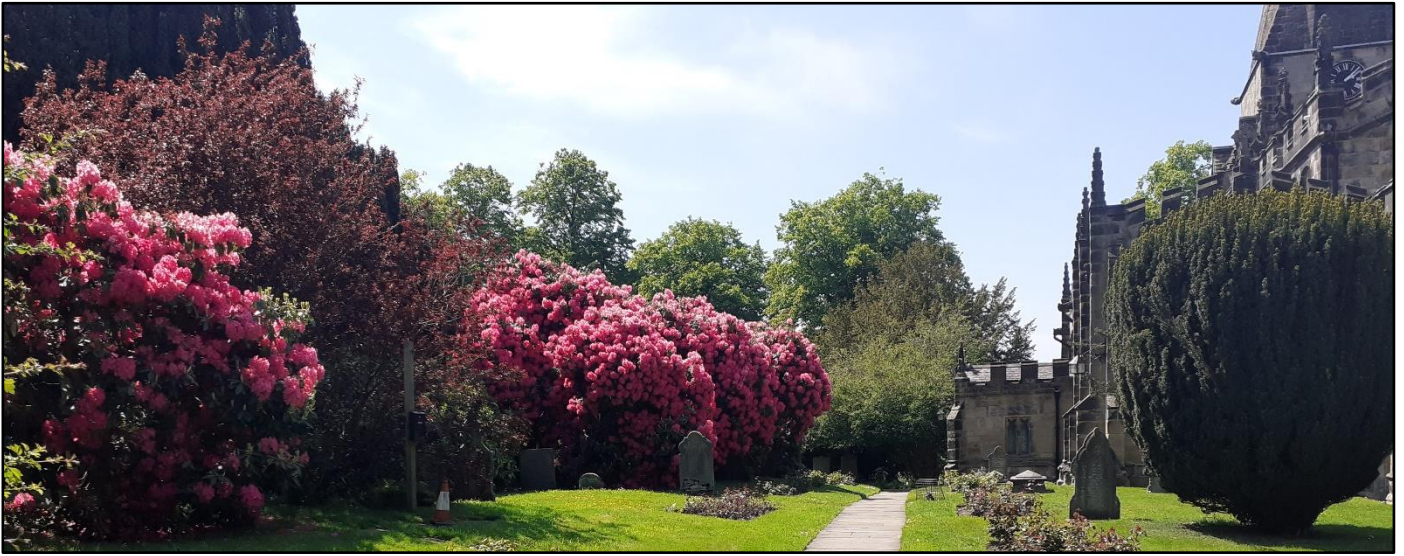
And finally, a book compiled by Derby City deanery administrator, Jo Simister, and Reverend Simon Taylor about Saints in Derbyshire, featuring our local parishes of Denby, Breadsall and Dale Abbey amongst others. Meet the murderers, monsters, misfits and missionaries whose traces are to be found in the peaks and dales of Derbyshire. Healers and hermits, alcoholics and archbishops, refugees and reformers, scientists, and soldiers - they all form part of the stories of the Saints of Derbyshire brought together for the first time in this book. It is published by the cathedral.

Copies can be ordered from [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) price £12 and all proceeds go towards the mission and ministry of Deby Cathedral



## Floral Splendour!

A picture taken by Karen at St Clements, Horsley, last month when the rhododendrons were in all their glory!



And Smalley Flower Festival during the last week of June....



## New faces in the diocese



The Revd Dwayne Engh is the new Ordained Ministries Development Officer and Jo Henderson-Merrygold is the new Lay Ministries Development Officer and Warden of Readers.

Jo is a Methodist Local Preacher and lay theologian with Biblical Studies PhD at the University of Sheffield. She looks forward to getting to know those currently serving in lay ministries and hopes to host a festival of lay ministries as soon as possible.

[jo.henderson-merrygold@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.henderson-merrygold@derby.anglican.org).

Dwayne will be looking after IME2 (curate training) and CMD(continuing ministerial development). He was previously an Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands and the Ministerial Development Associate, supporting clergy training in Coventry diocese. He would like to get to know the diocese better and to offer cover (up to twice a month at most) if anyone needs to take time off or people are in vacancy. Please feel free to contact him [dwayne.engh@derby.anglican.org](mailto:dwayne.engh@derby.anglican.org) Dwayne will be our speaker at chapter on 20<sup>th</sup> July and Jo will be our speaker at the next deanery synod on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Churchwarden training available via the Diocese

A new suite of 'bite-size' courses for churchwardens is now available online that wardens can undertake at any time to suit by clicking on the links

### **Being a Churchwarden**

Perhaps you're an experienced churchwarden wanting a quick refresher, or maybe you're a brand-new warden about to take up the role. This free, bitesize, online module will give you all the basic information that you need to know.

[>> Start the course](#)

### **Looking after your buildings 1 - The DAC and faculties**

Useful information about the Diocesan Advisory Committee and facts about faculties.

[>> Start the course](#)

### **Looking after your buildings 2 - Submitting a faculty application**

All you need to know about what to include in a faculty application.

[>> Start the course](#)

## Diocesan safeguarding training available via Zoom

### **Safeguarding Leadership**

The leadership module replaces the old C2 and C3 training and is a requirement for all those who have any leadership responsibility in the church. All those with Bishop's licence (Clergy, readers and Lay Ministers), Churchwardens, and many others who hold positions of leadership in work with children, young people or adults who may be at risk or are vulnerable must complete this course. There is no bar to others completing this who don't 'qualify', as increased awareness at this level helps to communicate the importance of safeguarding within the church community.

The Leadership module is a mixture of reading and preparation work, two 'Zoom' sessions, and some Review and Evaluation work. To book a place on a Leadership course please choose one of the cohorts below and follow the link adjacent to the course to book a place using Eventbrite. The booking will automatically book you a place on both sessions for the Cohort you choose.

Courses currently open for booking are:

Cohort 39: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-3pm – [Book Here](#)

Cohort 40: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October both 1.30-3pm – [Book Here](#)

Cohort 41: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11am and 11.30am-1pm – [Book Here](#)

Cohort 42: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November both 7-8.30pm – [Book Here](#)

Cohort 43: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11am and 11.30am-1pm – [Book Here](#)

Cohort 44: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7-8.30pm – [Book Here](#)

Cohort 45: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December both 1.30-3pm – [Book Here](#)





## **‘Local Boy’ is ordained**

John Charles Attenborough was ordained at Winchester Cathedral on July 4<sup>th</sup> this year.

John was schooled at Larklands Infant, Kensington Junior and Cantelupe Secondary schools. He attended Saint Mary’s, Ilkeston from the tender age of three, playing an active part in the Sunday School, and as a choirboy and a bellringer.

He was a member of the youth club at Notts Road Methodist Church, and a young volunteer at the Church Army summer camp.

John worked at the Mail House Restaurant in Ilkeston, before starting as a young volunteer with the Mission to Seafarers at Immingham for six months, before flying out to the Kenyan port of Mombasa, for nine years, rising to assistant chaplain and then to chaplain and then combining this with overseas learning at St John’s College, Bramcote, before becoming a licensed reader.

John came a little nearer, working in Antwerp, Belgium for nine years. While there, he met his future wife, Yara. Their son, also named John, is their Belgium souvenir.

John went to work in the three ports of the Medway for a short time, before taking up the post of Port Chaplain in Southampton. While working full-time, John has been studying for the past three years.

John will continue working as Port Chaplain, as well as Deacon at St Peter’s and All Saints, Maybush, a district of Southampton.

Written by a very proud mother – Sue Attenborough, warden and deanery synod member from St Mary’s, Ilkeston.

## **THE BIG CHURCH READ:**

**8th Sept – 17th Nov 2021**



How many of us have heard the well-meaning words, ‘You’ll bounce back’ when faced with mental or physical health challenges, trauma or the loss of dreams? And yet, life’s battles can leave us scarred and changed. Why would we want to go back when what we’ve been through has taught us so much?

It’s time to bounce forwards instead.

### **Patrick Regan's book ‘Bouncing Forward’:**

As we emerge out of lockdown and learn to live with the virus, psychiatrists are predicting a tsunami of mental health issues. How do we as people in leadership positions help those in our care to respond well? In ‘Bouncing Forward’ Patrick Regan explores resilience, acceptance, and emotional agility, and shows how we can find meaning in some of life’s toughest moments and the hope to journey on.

It seems that the shared experience of reading a book together with the author is deepening faith, friendship, and fellowship. This is an important book for leaders to read and that joining in the Big Bounce Forward will be a really helpful journey for Churches to go on.

To find out more, or if you are a Church leader and would like a FREE copy, simply fill out the form at [Bouncing Forward leaders page - The Big Church Read](#)