

Dear all,

October is here and a new diocesan synod starts. It is wonderful to see new people take up the role of synod member and for this deanery to have a full complement of members. The church is changing: we are embracing new ways of working as we come out of the pandemic, and we are looking at some key issues over the coming year. Can I encourage you to pray for our synod members as they represent you? I am sure there will be lots of debate and differing views.

One of those issues will be 'Living in Love and Faith'. Groups will be run throughout the diocese, and it will be discussed at synods. 'Living in Love and Faith' is a Church of England initiative to encourage engagement across the whole church with Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The Diocese of Derby is committed to 'Living in Love and Faith' (sometimes referred to as LLF+) and will be holding in-person and online course across the diocese to help people explore the topic. Do listen, be open to the discussion and remember that these issues can produce strong views. This topic can be deeply personal, so can I encourage you to love each other and be respectful in the process. As is says in 1 John 4: 21 -22, *'And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.'* One way we can do that is to *'... encourage one another and build each other up'* ( 1 Thessalonians 5: 11).

As area dean, I hear about all the wonderful initiatives that go on in the deanery as we transform lives, grow church and build community. These can be holiday clubs, mums and toddlers' groups and café churches or the simple pattern of worship in our churches. I hear how God is working in people's lives and sometimes I can be part of the story too. These are an encouragement to me and others, so do tell us your stories.

It is so easy to focus on the hard things, the struggles and the difficult conversations, that we can forget to encourage and learn from one another. There have been a variety of research studies and there is no common magic ratio of how many encouraging words it takes to outweigh the negative bias of the brain. There is one commonality though; it takes more positive encouraging words to outweigh the effect of one negative word. So, in all the forthcoming debate about the future, mission, buildings, finance and LLF+, let us choose words with wisdom and care so we can debate with love and build each other up.

Proverbs 12: 18 puts it like this, *'The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.'*

Bishop Libby will be visiting the deanery on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Please read the information on the next page and invite young people to the afternoon session and encourage people from your parishes to attend the evening session

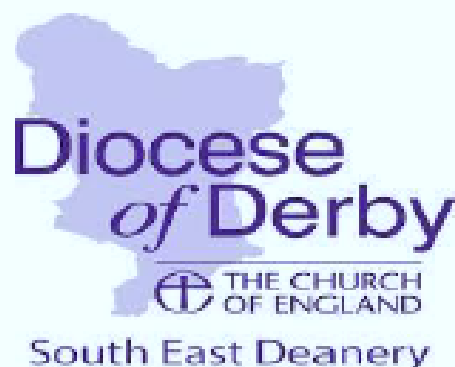
As always be assured of my prayers and that of the others in the deanery leadership team and do contact us if we can help.

*Karen*

Reverend Karen Padley, Area Dean

## **Bishop Libby to visit the Deanery on 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Bishop Libby is visiting all the deaneries during October and November and will visit us on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October attending a youth forum at St Michael's, Breaston, in the afternoon and an open forum at All Saints' Marlpool in the evening. If you know and youngsters of secondary school age who can attend the youth forum from within your community, not necessarily involved in any church, please pass this information to them. The evening meeting is open to all and Bishop Libby will be presenting her vision for the future with time for questions and debate.



*Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby, will be visiting the South  
East Derbyshire Deanery on  
Monday 25 October*

**3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**St Michael's Church, Main Street, Breaston, DE72 3DX  
Youth Forum**

Young people of secondary school age will have an opportunity to meet and talk to Bishop Libby. They can tell her what it is like to be a young person in south-east Derbyshire, look at how the church can engage with young people and see what the church can learn from them.

Booking preferred: [angela.clayton@derby.anglican.org](mailto:angela.clayton@derby.anglican.org)

**7.30pm to 9pm**

**All Saints, Ilkeston Road, Marlpool, DE75 7BP  
Open Forum**

A chance to hear from the Bishop on her vision for the life of the church; with an opportunity for questions and debate.

Booking not required. Bring your own refreshments and a face covering.

## Diocesan and General Synod Elections

Following the advertising of two clergy and three lay casual vacancies of diocesan synod, there were enough candidates for each post and no vote was needed. Newly appointed members are :-

Susan Cavill (Sawley)

Meryl Lacey (Stanton by Dale and Dale Abbey)

Rosemary Hoole (Holy Trinity, Ilkeston)

Reverend Peter Hallsworth (St Andrew's, Langley Mill)

Reverend James Lee (Curate, Stanton by Dale and Dale Abbey with Risley)

They join Reverend Karen Padley, Reverend Phil Selby, Reverend Christine French, Reverend Andrew Baguley, Reverend Tim Sumpter, Father David Lawrence-March, Jan Walker, Brian Parker, Stella Collishaw, Ralph Homer, John Puxty and Angela Clayton.

The first meeting of the new synod takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Members will provide a report of what is discussed in the next newsletter.

Elections are also taking place for 3 clergy and 3 lay members to represent the diocese on General Synod. All members of deanery synod will have a vote.

## Deanery Calendar

Here are some of the events in the Deanery over the next few months

### October

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Bishop Libby's visit to the deanery**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am**  
**Mapperley**

**Greater Chapter Meeting at Holy Trinity**

### November

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 11.00am**

**Deanery Chapter, National church vision via Zoom**

### December

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**  
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**Deanery Advent Carol Service with  
Bishop Malcolm at Ilkeston St Mary**

## February 2022

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**

**Deanery Synod via Zoom**

## **All Saints' Ripley bicentennial service**

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with Bishop Malcolm**

The logo is the fruit of work by Jenny Guest and Kevin Roberts with depictions of the church building of 1821 in comparison with today, and part of the main chancel stained glass window.

Back in the beginning, Ripley used to be part of Pentrich parish, but by 200yrs ago it was much the bigger of the two villages. John Wesley had preached in Ripley in 1742, and there were a number of Wesleyan and other non-conformist churches here. But there was no CofE church, Ripley people had to walk miles to get to the parish church in Pentrich, and it couldn't seat enough people anyway.



So, All Saints was built as a Chapel of Ease to give people a nearer place to worship in the parish, and also because after the Pentrich Revolution it was felt that more opportunities were needed for people to learn the Christian faith, to stop something like that happening again, with the devastating effect it had on the community. The church foundation stone was laid in June 1820, it was consecrated in July 1821, and the first service was held 200 years ago and the first baptisms on the date of the bicentenary service!.

In Genesis, Jacob marked the place where he met with God, and it's wonderful to think how many people in this parish have found the church and others have helped them meet with God.

In 1855 Queen Victoria made Ripley its own parish, and the Wright family of the Butterley company became patrons. The Wrights were involved in the initial building and the Butterley company were involved in the enlargement of the building in 1866, when the chancel and a larger tower were added. The tower survived a lightning strike during its construction; unfortunately, the brand new organ donated by the Jessop family didn't survive a gas explosion 7 years later, so they donated another one. The 5 Bells initially installed in the tower were first rung in 1866, and 3 more bells were added in 1902.

Around that time and linked with the ministry of this church St John's church was built in Greenhillocks, first a temporary structure, then the permanent building from 1895. And the Henry Wright Memorial Church was opened on Albion St in 1894, it was a centre of worship in the parish until 1965.

Church buildings are made of long-lasting stones, but the church is always the people – some will remember the building of the church hall in 1955, and all that went on in that building in terms of church & community life until it closed. Many remember worshipping at St John's, then that final service and the walk together up to the join All Saints' when the building closed in 1987. Some remember the wonderful stained-glass window being installed in 1969 – giving a focus on the risen Jesus at the centre of services ever since and the many changes to the building –



the extension being built, the carpeting of the church, and all the possibilities that has given ever since and the developing of the gardens. All this is about being a community of people with a building to enable us to meet with God and to bless our community- because we have good news to share.

Rachel and I have been at Ripley for over 6 years. We had a strong sense of God's calling to the church, we just loved Ripley when we sneaked up here to check it out .We were delighted when I was appointed vicar, and amazed when I later discovered that my great great grandfather married a member of the Wright family, patrons of the church here, so in fact I'm now vicar of a church built by my great grandfather's great grandfather – 200 years ago. We've loved sharing life here – there've been highs and joys, and there've also been lows and sorrows and things that are hard to understand. Through it all we've been learning to be fellow pilgrims on a journey – to be saints on the move, to have courage to stretch out our hand as individuals and as a church – for healing, and in blessing.

Whether times are great or times are difficult, whether things go as we hoped or get stalled or derailed, whether we can see the way ahead clearly, or find it really hard to make out, we can trust Jesus together. We do that as a community of people, loving, supporting & encouraging each other, and caring for the people around us and the world God has put us in.

And as we live like that, we can look forward with hope for the future, confident in God's faithfulness and saying 'Yes' to him. We ended the service with Bishop Malcolm leading us in a time of committing ourselves to God's future plans for us. The hymns, My hope is built on nothing less, concluding the celebration with ' Lord for the years your love has kept and guided'

**Reverend John Wigram**

### **Jam at Ripley**

On Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct the day before our bicentennial service we had over 70 people of all ages in the churchyard for our first in-person 'Jam!' session since last March. Jam!

is especially for families, exploring following Jesus in an active and fun way. We had games and activities, songs and a talk about Jesus feeding the 5000, and fish and chips for everyone! It was a great way to reconnect with families and make some new connections – we were delighted with how it went, and the weather.

**Reverend John Wigram**



## Climate Change Walk passes through Sawley



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September the Young Christian Climate Network walk passed close to Sawley and Long Eaton as part of the 1200-mile relay to the COP26 Climate Summit in Glasgow in November. As the walk along the canal path reached Trent Lock near Sawley, the walkers paused for lunch provided by Sawley Church and several people joined in support and continued part of the walk towards Nottingham. There was also be a Climate Prayer event that evening at All Saints, where people joined together to pray for climate justice and for those young people who are actively taking a stand.



More information about the Young Christian Climate Network at <https://www.yccn.uk/>

Information about the conference and praying for the conference decisions can be found at :-

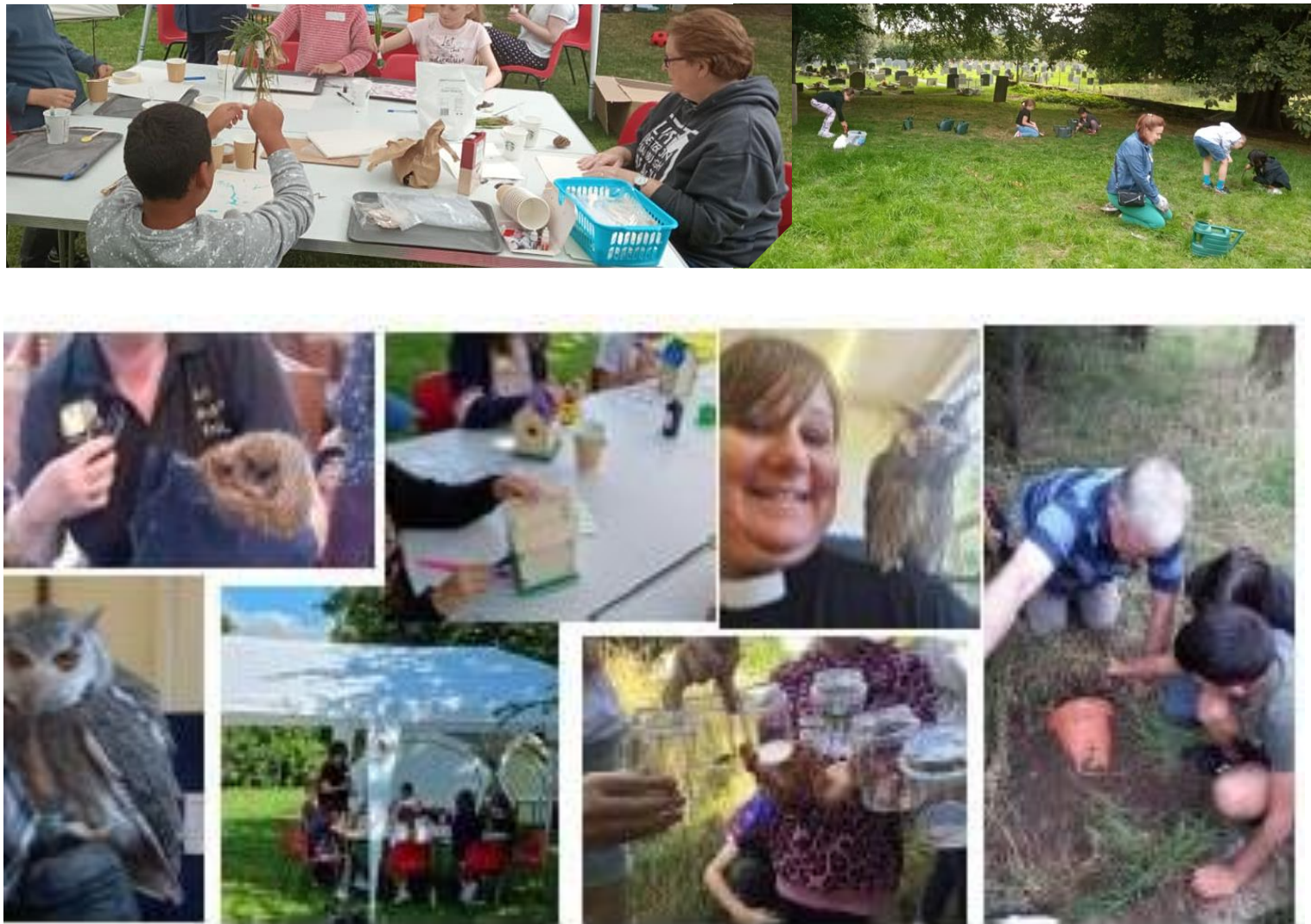
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland/preparing-cop26>

<https://ukcop26.org/uk-presidency/what-is-a-cop/>

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/great-britain/19/pray-for-climate-justice-cop26>



## Eco Holiday Club run by Long Eaton St John and Sawley Churches



A free eco-themed holiday club was held in the church grounds of All Saints' Sawley from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th August. This was a joint venture with Long Eaton St John. Lunch was provided each day as well as healthy snacks and drinks. The weather was ideal as the whole event (apart for the bird and animal sessions) was held outside to ensure Covid safety.

Children learnt about nature and creation through crafting with nature, building bird boxes and making bird feeders, discovering bugs and wildlife in our churchyard, bluebell planting, owl flying and meeting some hedgehogs. As a result, lots of native bluebells were planted along with creating new habitats for toads, bug hotels and other eco-friendly activities.

The next edition of the deanery newsletter will be published at the end of November – please send us any stories, events or good news from your parishes by 18<sup>th</sup> November

## STATISTICS FOR MISSION:

From Diocesan Missioner Revd Jason Kennedy [jason.kennedy@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jason.kennedy@derby.anglican.org)

I am anticipating that the 2021 Statistics for Mission collection will open fully at the end of September in time for the October count data to be entered (it's already possible to enter the 2021 Easter and Electoral Roll data online), with the collection in earnest beginning in January next year when all the data is available. The deadline for submission is, as usual, the 31st of January. This is for the Statistics for Mission returns only – the finance returns are due later. The data collection will be curtailed again this year, modelled very much on the 2020 returns collected earlier this year. Notably, Usual Sunday Attendance still isn't being collected. The data collection tools for this year and next are already available on the Statistics for Mission web page, which you can access at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/statistics-for-mission/our-statistics-for-mission.html> (scroll down to 'Statistics Collection Tools') I have been through and updated all the downloadable resources to take account of current circumstances.

## THE ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL:

There's a third section on the Parish Returns site, the Energy Footprint Tool, which is a useful method of reviewing the ecological impact of your parish's energy usage habits. You can find the form to collect the information at <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/> - it's available as a Word doc and a pdf.

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The cycle of prayer is published each month and requests prayer each day of the year for different events and for parishes within the diocese. October features parishes within our deanery, with each parish being prayed specifically each day. Please look at details on [https://derby.anglican.org/en/publications/download/4356\\_cc55a578a1aa\\_ebe18cdfd8b703aec00a.html](https://derby.anglican.org/en/publications/download/4356_cc55a578a1aa_ebe18cdfd8b703aec00a.html)

## CONFIRMATIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

There will be a Diocesan Confirmation service in the Cathedral with Bishop Malcolm on Saturday 20th November at 4 pm. The Confirmation service will be without Communion to enable candidates to receive their first Communion in their own church. Candidates from any parish, chaplaincy or fresh expression are very welcome. In due course we will need the names of candidates, but in the first instance we would be grateful to know if colleagues think they may have candidates to present at the service. Please reply to Jessica Kilmurray, the PA to the Dean and Canons, [jessica@derbycathedral.org](mailto:jessica@derbycathedral.org)



## Bishop's Badge 2021

The service for the presentation of The Bishop's badge was held at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Sadly, guest numbers were limited but the service was live-streamed and can be viewed at

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPVmj\\_celwA&ab\\_channel=DerbyCathedral](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPVmj_celwA&ab_channel=DerbyCathedral)



There were two categories this year: Long Service and Mission and Innovation.

South East Deanery had 5 recipients:



Marylyn Bryan from St James Codnor for work in the Children's Society Shop for over 30 years



Robin Lacey from St Michel and All Angels, Stanton by Dale for long service as a warden and reader for 36 years



Beryl Murdy from All Saints Marlpool for long service in the Mothers Union, PCC member, school governor and work for hearing dogs charity



Josie Valance from St Clements Horsley for long service as a youth leader, warden, vergers and baker of cakes plus

her work at church during the pandemic



Janet Micklewright of All saints and St Mary's Sawley for both mission and innovation and long service as Sunday Club leader, Safeguarding officer, PCC secretary, mobility group leader and recently establishing the new well-being café.

Also awarded a badge for mission and innovation was Sarah Johnson who lives in the deanery and worships in the Bishop's mission order of The Journey community

**Congratulations to them all**



## Donations for Afghan Refugees

Around seventy people in family groups have now arrived in Derby and are in temporary hotel accommodation which will be their home until they can be resettled in different parts of the UK, some have already moved to addresses within the deanery. These are families who have arrived through the Government's ARAP scheme, having worked for the British Government in Kabul or as interpreters in Helmand.

Already refugee support organisations in Derbyshire , churches and the national "Welcome Churches" are working together to ensure people are welcomed and helped.

How can you help?

- Upbeat Communities (one of the refugee charities in Derby) have launched a Just Giving page. By receiving financial donations they are able to be flexible in providing immediate support and make plans for support in the coming weeks. For details go to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/UpbeatCommunitiesAfghanAppeal>
- DRS (Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity) are always happy to receive donations for their work with refugees including those from Afghanistan. For further information go to [www.derbyshirerefugeesolidarity.org](http://www.derbyshirerefugeesolidarity.org).

All Saints' Marlpool are collecting items on behalf of Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity specifically needed by Afghan families- they have plenty of general clothing but need

Footballs  
Baby plates, cups etcetera  
Baby Bottles  
Baby milk  
Bags  
Mobile Phones  
Nappies  
Toiletries

The church is open  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
during the day for drop-offs.



More information can be found at [Support for Afghan Refugees \(anglican.org\)](http://SupportforAfghanRefugees(anglican.org))



## RAY OF HOPE: THE BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL 2021:

Bishop Libby has launched this year's Harvest Appeal to raise thousands of pounds towards housing and basic education at St Elizabeth's Hostel in Kolkata, India. The diocese has a long mutual association with the Church of North India, including links with schools over many decades.

Drawn from some of the poorest slums in the city, St Elizabeth's is a refuge for up to 86 girls at any one time. Sometimes homeless and always underprivileged, the girls at the hostel are provided with accommodation, food, clothing and other basic necessities as well as an education up to Higher Secondary level.

As a result of the pandemic, financial support has either been cut or is at severe risk in what are sometimes considered as low-priority areas, such as girls' education.

Bishop Libby is determined that the long-term development of girls at St Elizabeth's should continue. Education helps them overcome social and financial challenges and to access jobs and income that will enable them to live independently and sustain themselves.

Without the support of St Elizabeth's, most of the girls would receive no education at all, making it likely they would remain in poverty like many thousands of other girls and vulnerable to exploitation, often by the sex trade.

Bishop Libby said: "Many of these girls come from truly desperate situations, and lacking the basic tools to be able to change that. St Elizabeth's work is so inspiring – a shining example of our partners in the Church of North India making known the good news of the Kingdom of God.

"The joy and opportunity it brings are clear to see on the faces of these girls, and I know the people of Derbyshire will join with us help us raise the money needed to keep this wonderful institution alive."

### Individual donations

You can make an online donation, with the option to Gift Aid, to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/harvestappeal2021](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/harvestappeal2021).

Cheques should be made payable to DDBF Ltd and sent to "The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2021", c/o Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR.

For **Church and School donations**, and more information, please go to

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/bishop-s-harvest-appeal-2021.html>





## Discipleship Training

Easy-to-access new training is available for all who want to deepen their faith, grow in discipleship and develop the gifts God has given them in the service of the church. The training is open to all who want to learn more about their faith and also to those who want to develop in ministry.

**You don't need any formal qualifications** to take any of the modules, just some good thinking and reflecting skills.

You can work towards a Certificate of Mission & Ministry by completing the whole course with assignments or you can simply do the modules for your own faith journey. You can do one module or many, and you can start, stop for a while and then pick up again later.

The training is modular, which simply means that you will spend 10 sessions looking at a particular subject (for example, the Bible or Pastoral Care or Mission and Evangelism etc). You will do 7 of these sessions on your own in the comfort of your own home at a time to suit you and the other 3 sessions will be done with everyone on the module coming together at a church in the Diocese (you will be told where before you start the module).

Find out more and request an Information Pack from the new training website :-

[www.discipleship-training.org](http://www.discipleship-training.org) or contact the course Administrator,  
[Fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org)

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Please remember that Karen's day off is a Friday and she will also be off on the occasional Saturday.

### Parish Finance Returns

Thank you to all who contributed to a 100% return of finances uploaded on to the website by the required date of 31<sup>st</sup> July. This was done despite all the problems created by Covid 19 and the problems in having late APCM and PCC meetings to agree the finance reports. Many thanks to all involved

The latest edition of Our Diocese Together can be found at [https://issuu.com/togethmagazine/docs/odt october 2021](https://issuu.com/togethmagazine/docs/odt_october_2021)

