

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

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

Details can be found on the following page about The Deanery Advent Carol Service to be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at St Mary the Virgin, Ilkeston with Bishop Malcolm preaching. There is plenty of news and information in the rest of the newsletter, so please do read it through!

This will be the last time that I compile the deanery newsletter, having put together the very first one in September 2016. I will be retiring from the post deanery administrator at the end of December but will still be around, as I am on deanery and diocesan synod and have volunteer roles at Sawley where I live, so hope to still be involved in lots of deanery events.

When I started in the post, we were still Erewash and Heanor deaneries but very soon were united as South East Derbyshire deanery.

Over the past five and a half years, I have really enjoyed my very varied role, which has involved not just general administration but a lot of contact with parishes, 31 churches and many people right across the deanery from Long Eaton to Swanwick, Smalley to Ripley and Marlpool to Ockbrook.

Thankyou to all of those who have sent kind messages and its good to know that I have been useful, especially to those parishes in vacancy and to people new in post, both clergy and laity in navigating the often complex systems of the Church of England.

With the help of the Karen, Brian, the deanery leadership team and a new deanery administrator (hopefully to be appointed very soon) good links, events and information sharing will continue to bring the parishes in the deanery together. Please do contact Brian or Karen with any queries until a new person takes over my post.

From all in the deanery team, we wish you a very joyful and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy new year with the chance to take up new challenges and restore some of the events that had to be laid aside over the past 18 months. Hoping to see many of you at the deanery advent service on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

*Angela Clayton*

Deanery Administrator (for now!)

Karen and I would like to record our immense appreciation for the work that Angela has done for our deanery over the last five years. She has often gone beyond the time and duties required by her contract. The role was a new one coinciding with the Deaneries Project that brought the two former deaneries together and developed as we moved forward. Angela brought her immense experience of 'front line' parish life to the role that made sure that what we wrote and said was clear and helpful. We wish her a happy retirement. Brian Parker, Lay Chair



### Deanery Advent Carol Service

All are welcome at the deanery Advent service on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm at St Mary the Virgin, Market

Place Ilkeston DE7 5HY. The preacher will be The Bishop of Repton, Right Reverend Malcolm Macnaughton. There will be refreshments after the service.



### Deanery Calendar of Events

#### November

Tuesday 23rd 11.00am Deanery Chapter, National church vision via Zoom

#### December

Wednesday 1st 7.30pm Deanery Advent Carol Service with Bishop Malcolm at Ilkeston St Mary

#### February 2022

Monday 7th 7.30pm Deanery Synod via Zoom



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 -

and should be a priority for all leaders in the Diocese of Derby.

This teaching and learning is primarily through a five-session course for small groups. The Diocese of Derby is committed to participating in LLF and will be holding in-person and online courses across the diocese to help people to explore the material.

Our deanery facilitator is John Puxty and he will be running a course at Marlpool Church, Ilkeston Rd, Heanor on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm for 5 weeks beginning on Wednesday January 11th. For details please email John on [johnpuxty@ntlworld.com](mailto:johnpuxty@ntlworld.com) or speak to Karen Padley

There are other courses available and advertised on the diocesan website <https://derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/living-in-love-and-faith.html>

## South East Derbyshire Deanery

### Report on the October 2021 Diocesan Synod held through Zoom

This is a combined report on the synod from the eleven people from our Deanery who attended the synod.

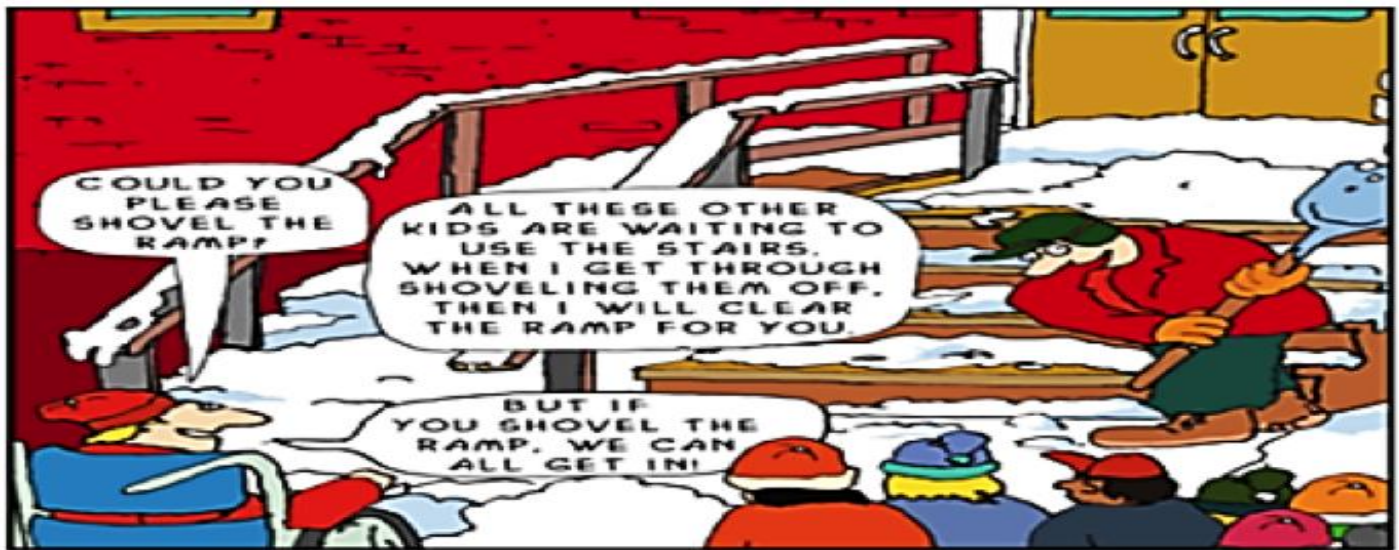
Synod had been told that the previous chairs of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity had been re-elected unopposed [Fr Julian Holliwell and Christine McMullen respectively]. Fr Julian encouraged frank and open debate at synod because of its important role on church governance. Long standing members might have been disappointed that the tradition of starting each new session of synod did not include celebration of the Eucharist.

Bishop Libby's presidential address picked up the story of Easter morning: the woman going to the tomb worrying about how they would roll back the stone covering the entrance to the tomb. The bishop reflected that we are often in the same situation: knowing what we would like to do or what we ought to do but fearing the obstacles in our way.

One member commented: 'I was impressed by this and thought it spoke well to our current situation both as to coming out of Covid and also as we look to what lies ahead for the church and for our diocese. Mark 16.1-7, her reading, speaks of the women 'walking towards death'. How are we feeling as we remember all those we have lost to Covid, as well as all the other losses that have impinged on us all? And then looking to the future, 'who will move the stone' for us? The women got on with what they felt called to do and, they 'looked up' to see the stone already rolled away. We need to trust in the God who brought again our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead and get on with where we believe the Holy Spirit is guiding.'

Diocese of Derby Disability Inclusion Project Officer, Tim Rourke spoke about a report: 'The Disabling Church... and what to do about it'. The report - prepared for the Diocese of Derby - responds to the experiences of deaf, disabled, and neurodiverse people and suggests an ongoing process to engage creatively with the challenges of attitude, access and agency that limit disabled people and those who journey with them. One member reflected her church been able to make a number of physical changes to their buildings to make them more accessible. Another member was struck by the fact that whilst the practical steps are important, we are slow recognising the more subtle difficulties: how we operate or unconscious attitudes. At the time of writing, the report has yet to be published on the

diocesan website but we have asked for that to happen. Quite a few of us recognised this 'cartoon' summing up certain attitudes.



It was announced that Diocese was to proceed with the plan to create three Archdeaconries. One member comments: 'Although the Laity on the whole thought we need more Indians than Chiefs. The Diocese is to go ahead with three Archdeacons.' However, it was explained that there will be no reduction in the number of front-line clergy, in order to fund the additional post. The three Archdeaconries will be called: East Derbyshire – which will include our deanery; Derbyshire Peaks and Dales and Derby City and South Derbyshire. The appointment process is planned to have these posts in place by April 2022.

In one of the oddities of church governance, the members of the diocesan synod are also members of the Diocesan Board of Finance. The gathering then morphed into the Board of Finance to consider and approve the budget for 2022. The budget proposes an overspend of £1,191,439 which will be met out of reserves. The situation reflects the considerable reduction in income, mainly from the Common Fund. Whilst this source was showing signs of decline in 2019, Covid and lockdown had clearly impacted the ability of parishes to meet their invitation for giving in 2020 and into 2021. A similar defect is expected in 2023, but beyond that it is unlikely that our reserves will be able to support a major deficit. There is no plan for Derby Diocese to follow other Diocese that have arranged commercial loans to fund their running costs. Having agreed the budget, the Board of Finance made a proposal to the Diocesan Synod. The gathering then morphed back into the synod and accepted and agreed the proposed budget.

Nadine Waldron was thanked on her retirement as Diocesan Registrar. And Ian Blaney was introduced as the new Registrar. Reports from the Safeguarding team and the Board of Education were noted without comment.



One member, attending her first ever diocesan synod remarked: Though it was sad that we had to meet via Zoom and there was no chance of interaction with other members or any small group discussions on issues, I was very impressed by the amount of work and detail in all the reports we received, and I especially appreciated the work and explanations on the finances and the overall good stewardship over the past few years of global uncertainty. It reminded me of Joseph's interpretation of the years of plenty and of famine- we seem to have kept our storehouse well stocked and now is the time to use our store to equip and sustain the church in this time of lean rather than continue to save for the next disaster, which is what basically was recommended.'

Brian Parker

## Christmas and Advent Resources

# At the heart of Christmas



'At the heart of Christmas' is the Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2021.

**But Mary treasured all these words  
and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2.19**

**December** will offer us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at its heart: God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ. Inspired by readings from the Gospels of Luke and John read at so many Christmas services, *At the heart of Christmas* is an invitation to everyone to discover – or rediscover – the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts – as Mary did – what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

*At the heart of Christmas* is a deliberately simple and open theme to invite communities to share in celebrating the good news of Christmas in a whole variety of ways, whatever the prevailing circumstances. The message is designed to work alongside a wide range of local, diocesan and national initiatives and activities – supporting and highlighting the many ways churches help their communities connect with the heart of Christmas year in, year out.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/advent-and-christmas-2021-resources-heart-christmas>

## 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' and new resources for inclusive services including dementia friendly and for use in care settings

<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.

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

The recommended price is £4.50 each.

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. This original Nativity play, told from the perspective of the Wise Men, reminds us that the first Christmas unfolded in a real place among real people.

Ideal for use in schools and churches. Best suited for children 8-12 years.



### This digital download includes:

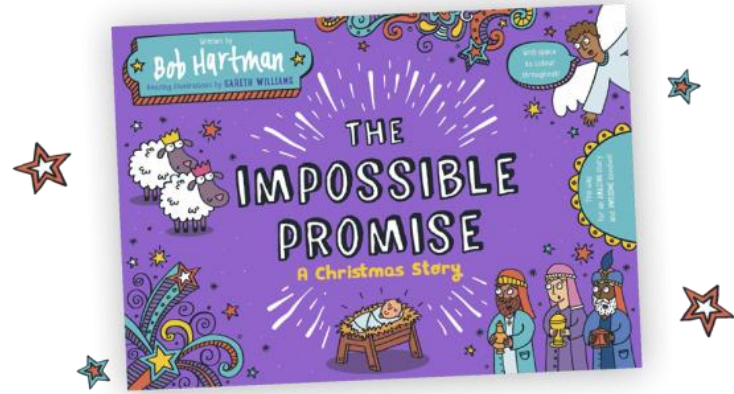
- Images for projection during the play.
- An original song, 'Turn to Wonder', for use with the play.
- A short all-age meditation to give context to the play.
- Sermon notes for each Sunday of Advent, Christmas Day and Epiphany Sunday, tying in with the theme of 'The Promise and the Gift'.
- Printable copies of the script and comic book.

<https://shop.embraceme.org/products/the-promise-and-the-gift-digital>

## Bible Society

Christmas children's booklet, '*The Impossible Promise*' gives us a fresh perspective on the nativity from Bob Hartman. Also includes a video to show in church or online

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



## 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 2021 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 before 16<sup>th</sup> December**

The Parish Returns website is <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](https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/).

## 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 or [enquiries@derby.anglican.org](mailto:enquiries@derby.anglican.org) or Enquires, Derby Church House, Full St, Derby.



## Safeguarding Update

The diocese continues to implement the National Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework, which must be fully in place from January 2022. This means there are a few changes to how long safeguarding training lasts, and how to access Basic and Foundation levels of training.

### Basic and Foundation Training - delivery in parishes

Basic training is required for many roles within the churches across the diocese and many are also expected to complete Foundation training.

The safeguarding department strongly encourages all people who need to complete these modules to use the national training portal: [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](https://cofeportal.org). However, it has now made it possible for small groups of people who are required to complete Basic and Foundation to do so in their own parish. This will involve a small group (maximum 8) gathering around a computer screen or projection and working through the e-learning module/s together. The organiser (PSO or incumbent) must deliver the course in this way, as there is no flexibility for it to be changed or adapted. For full information on the process, please contact Nick Harding or check the information on the PSO page of the website: [Resources for parish safeguarding officers - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://resourcesforparishsafeguardingofficers-dioceseofderby.org).

### Safeguarding Training Renewals

The revised Church of England Safeguarding Training Learning and Development Framework, which the diocese is required to follow, states that all safeguarding training on the 'core' pathway (Basic, Foundation and Leadership) must be renewed at the highest previous level every 3 years. This means (for example) that those required to do Leadership must renew it every 3 years but are not required to repeat Basic and Foundation, and those required to complete Foundation must repeat that every 3 years, but not Repeat Basic. **There are a large number of people in the diocese whose certificates say that they last for five years, but this is no longer the case.**

For more information please email

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### DBS Update

Under the new Safer Recruitment Guidance, **DBS checks are only valid for 3 years**, after which it must be renewed. Volunteers can update their certificates free of charge using the DBS Update Service – this saves time and money in future years when certificates are renewed

Please note: DBS Certificates added to the service are not automatically updated, and the Diocese is not informed that people have subscribed to the service. Therefore, PSO or DBS officer must request a new confidential declaration each 3 years and submit details of the original certificate to the safeguarding dept for an update check. More details at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs.html>

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**St Laurence's Church  
Long Eaton  
Annual Christmas Tree  
Festival and Christmas  
Bazaar**

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Alongside Long Eaton  
Christmas Light Switch on**

Trees are displayed in the church from-

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 starting 5:30pm**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021 10am-4pm**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 10am-2:30pm**

**Refreshments are also being served in the Church Hall**

We would also appreciate if visitors could be COVID aware and wear masks if possible to protect our volunteers and each other.