

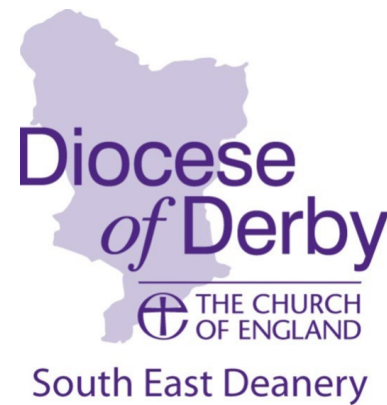
Warm Welcome

1 in 4 people simply won't be able to afford their new energy bills this October, according to latest Citizens Advice forecast.

With typical household energy bills now over £3,500 and set to rise further in January, experts have warned we could see an increase in excess deaths this winter. Community organisations and churches across the UK have already seen a soar in demand for their services, and anticipate this number to further rise over the winter months, with many people expected to look for their support for the first time ,

We are determined to equip and support thousands of free, warm, and welcoming spaces in communities across the UK. Working with churches and other faith groups, civil society organisations, businesses and Local Authorities, we want to make sure that nobody is left to suffer on their own this winter.

Find out more here: [Warm Welcome Campaign - the community response to the cost of living crisis](#)



South East Derbyshire Deanery Newsletter

October—November 2022



*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

The Kohima Epitaph

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BREAKING NEWS

Amanda will be leaving the Deanery on 31st October to take up a role as Safeguarding Administrator (Training) in the Diocese.

We wish her well in her future role.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in a part-time job, please do speak to Karen Padley.

national, regional and international levels

- strengthen local work around gender-based violence against women
- establish a clear link between local and international work to end gender-based violence against women
- provide a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies
- demonstrate the solidarity of women around the world organizing against gender-based violence against women
- create tools to pressure governments to implement commitments to eliminate gender-based violence against women

Over 6000+ organizations in approximately 187 countries have participated in the Global 16 Days Campaign since 1991, with a reach of 300 million.

For more information, click here: [From Awareness to Accountability | Global 16 Days Campaign](#)

It is interesting to note that the poems which open and close the 16 days of activism have been written by Sue Griffin, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Please do take a look if you get chance.

The Global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

against women is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991.

"The Global 16 Days Campaign," as it has become known, was launched and continues to be coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership.

The dates for the campaign were chosen to link violence against women and human rights and emphasize that gender-based violence against women is a violation of human rights: since 1991, the campaign has been active between November 25, the International Day Against Violence Against Women, and December 10, International Human Rights Day.

This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day; December 1, World AIDS Day; and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the [Montreal Massacre](#).

The Global 16 Days Campaign is an organizing strategy for individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of gender-based violence against women and to:

- raise awareness about gender-based violence against women as a human rights issue at the local,



Dates for your diary ...

Deanery Synod meetings

Tuesday 31st January 2023

Meeting will take place on Zoom. Code to be issued in due course.



Greater Chapter Dates

The following dates have been arranged – all clergy and readers in the deanery are welcome to attend.

Meeting opens at 10.45 for an 11am start

Thursday 27th October - Ven Karen Hamblin

Thursday 22nd November - Rev Neil Broadbent

Venues or Zoom codes to be notified near the time.

A new service has been launched at Derbyshire Carers. Tina works to support carers from the BAME communities in Derbyshire. She can offer help and advice with a variety of things from claiming state benefits and grants, to different activities across the county. If you would like to know more, please contact her directly, her email is

tina.curran@derbyshirecarers.co.uk

From the Deanery Team ..

It seems hard to believe it was only in our June/July deanery newsletter that the front page featured a smiling photograph of the Queen celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, and that now, just 3 months later we have just had her funeral, an opportunity to give thanks for her life and 70 years' service as our Monarch.

On Monday, as I watched the funeral service and listened to the bible reading from the Gospel of John, chapter 14, which is so often chosen for a funeral, I thought of the many families whose funeral I have taken during the 15 years I have been a Licensed Lay Minister (Lay Reader). Supporting families and taking the funeral service is an important part of my Reader ministry, and so it was good to hear some of the familiar liturgy, hymns and prayers at the Queen's funeral.



But it was the funeral address given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, which was both personal as he acknowledged the grief and sadness of the Royal family, and a clear message as he spoke of the Christian truth of hope for all who believe in Christ, which made me pause and think.

What a wonderful opportunity the archbishop had to share the Christian truth, that "Christ rose from the dead and offers life to all, abundant life now and life with God in eternity" to an estimated 26 million in the UK, and many more millions around the world.

Holy Trinity Ilkeston Christmas Floral Workshops Wednesday 7 December & Friday 9 December at 6.30pm

For the past few years, we have run these workshops in the church hall and they have been very popular and fun events. This is definitely an opportunity to engage your creative talents! These workshops are run by the Breedon family who are all long-standing members of our congregation and include Sharon who is a professional florist who runs her own very successful business. You will be taken through the process of putting together a beautiful seasonal arrangement or door wreath of your choice which you do of course get to take home. This year we are opening up to a larger audience and look forward to welcoming new participants. Last year we had about 40 people at each session and numbers are limited so don't delay in getting your tickets. These are available for £12.50 and you should contact Sharon (preferably by text) on 07484 007484 or Rosemary by email: rjhoole@btinternet.com. Refreshments are included and there will also be on sale a variety of floral arrangements and plants and raffle tickets for a Christmas hamper.

Holy Trinity Church, Granby Street, Ilkeston, DE7 8HP



Conclusion

The long hot days were tiring, and for some the standard of some of the debates was disappointing, and the speakers who were called not as wide-ranging as might have been hoped for. Inevitably decisions were made with which some individuals did not agree.

But each busy day began and ended with worship, and on Sunday morning Synod members could attend a sung eucharist in York Minster, where we were also able to examine a piece of artwork commissioned for Living in Love and Faith, which sparkled at the end of the nave.

As always, if this report stimulates questions, do ask. If you have time, have a look at the [papers](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/watch-general-synod-live) (some links included above), as well as the recordings from the whole York session which can be accessed here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/general-synod/watch-general-synod-live>. And please pray for the Derby Synod cohort as we seek to serve on General Synod.

Sue Cavill



As the Archbishop referred to the reading from John, he made it quite clear that Jesus, in the bible reading, does not tell his disciples how to follow, but who - "I am the way, the truth and the life".

And then he concluded by saying "We will all face the merciful judgment of God: we can all share the Queen's hope which in life and death inspired her servant leadership.

Service in life, hope in death. All who follow the Queen's example, and inspiration of trust and faith in God, can with her say: "We will meet again."

I am very aware that in our deanery we have several parishes in vacancy, and that the sudden and increasing workload following the death of the Queen, to ensure the church was ready to be open and welcoming was required with very little notice. So, thank you on behalf of the Deanery team, and as we continue to serve in our many and various church roles, I pray that we are truly able to proclaim that "Jesus – is the way, the truth and the life".

Rachel Hobbs
Archdeaconry
Deputy Warden of Readers

Parish Returns

The system will be open as usual for 2022 Statistics for Mission data entry from 2nd October 2022 and to give you information about the returns for this year. I would be grateful if you could please pass the information on to those concerned with submitting the returns for your parish(es). If you are no longer the parish contact, please let me know and I will amend the system accordingly.

Although in the past we have accepted paper forms, for several years now we have been using an online system. **Consequently, paper Statistics for Mission returns are not accepted, and all returns must be made online.** If you do not know who the administrator for the parish is returns system for your parish, or you cannot gain access to the system, please let me know as soon as possible (details below). If your parish is currently without a member of the clergy and you think you will struggle to submit your return online, please contact me so that we can find the best way of supporting you.

The collection of Statistics for Mission data will still have been somewhat disrupted for 2022, although we are starting to see a return to a 'new normal'. As in previous years, **the deadline for submitting your 2022 Statistics for Mission return is the 31st of January 2023.**

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 we do 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. If you would like to do that, I can send you a copy if you need one.

The motion was passed that Synod invited the Archbishops' Council to conduct the review and report to Synod on its conclusions.

The Church in the wider world

Ukraine

Early in the proceedings Synod debated the war in Ukraine and passed a [motion condemning Russia's actions and calling on government to seek a solution](#). It included:

'Call on each diocese and parish to work towards providing long term refuge and hospitality to refugees from Ukraine and other conflicts and forms of danger, and to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal or the appeal organised by USPG and the Diocese in Europe.'

Assisted Suicide

A Private Members' Motion ([GS 2266A](#) and [GS 2266B](#)) by Dr Simon Eyre aiming to affirm that the current legislation in relation to Assisted Suicide referenced in Section 2 of the Suicide Act 1961 (and its application through the Director of Public Prosecutions guidelines) should remain unchanged was passed. The vote followed a moving debate when Synod members shared their experiences of loss and suffering.

Pornography and age verification

Monday evening's debate on age verification for UK porn websites ([GS 2274A](#) and [GS 2274B](#)) included many powerful speeches warning of the dangers and evils of pornography to anyone. There was widespread conviction among the speakers that children and young people are especially vulnerable and need protection. The ensuing vote was overwhelmingly in favour of the motion, which had been raised by Guildford Diocese.

Following a debate, a motion affirming the aims of the document was passed with minor amendments and it was requested that Synod 'be invited to consider and endorse more developed proposals prior to their implementation'.

Miscellaneous Provisions

A number of items received their 'first consideration' in an item on legislative business entitled [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure](#) and [Amending Canon No 43](#). This covers a wide range of provisions which would not merit freestanding legislation. Many of the provisions are of a technical nature.

They include at (12) in Miscellaneous Provisions:

'Where a benefice is vacant, the bishop of the diocese to which the benefice belongs may do anything in relation to any land that the incumbent would be entitled to do in relation to that land if the benefice were full; but the bishop must for that purpose obtain such authority under the faculty jurisdiction as the incumbent would be required to obtain.'

This may be of interest to PCCs.

Synod agreed that the provisions and canon be considered for revision in committee.

Qualifications for PCCs and electoral rolls

A Diocesan Synod Motion ([GS 2254A](#) and [GS 2254B](#)) from Canterbury called for a review of the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils and the electoral roll. The motion was particularly concerned, in the light of the growth of mission initiatives, with the requirement that a person be an 'actual communicant' to be eligible for election to a PCC. During the debate on this a number of people expressed unease about expressions of church which did not include the eucharist.

It is possible to partially complete the return online without submitting, so you may wish to consider entering the data as it becomes available in order to spread the work and avoid a rush in January:

- Electoral Roll (reported at the 2022 AGM) and Easter Attendance can be entered now
- October Count data can be entered as you collect it over the next month
- The remainder of the return will need to be completed after the end of the year.

If you need help and advice in completing the Statistics for Mission return, don't forget the [Statistics for Mission web page](#) on the diocesan website. It has a wealth of guidance, information, tools and resources to help you collect and use the statistics effectively in your parish, including an introduction to the Statistics for Mission collection and guidance on recording online attendance.

A note about the Finance and Energy Footprint returns. The online Parish Returns system will also be used for these returns; however, they are not due until later in the year. Your church will receive more information on these returns nearer the submission time.

If you need any help or support in using the Parish Returns website, or about your Statistics for Mission return, please contact Jason Kennedy at jason.kennedy@derby.anglican.org.

Finally, do remember that although these statistics are vital in helping the diocese and the national church, their most important role is to help you with your own mission and ministry in the church. Do consider prayerfully as you collect the information what God might be saying through it, and how it might help your church to fulfil its own call from God.

With my thanks for all you do,

Amanda Sandland
Deanery Administrator

Taking care of creation - The Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2022

Let's be honest - the world is struggling.

Our county, our country and our planet are full of luscious landscape and wonderful wildlife.

But large swathes of it are on the verge of being in tatters or even disappearing completely.

For some, it's already too late.

Climate change, pollution, a growing human population and an over-reliance on Earth's resources mean that now, more than ever, we as the custodians of the planet must act to take care of God's creation.

So this year, the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal will support three causes all working to help protect wildlife and the natural resources it relies on:

► [Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's rewilding projects](#)

► [The Anglican Communion Forest Initiative](#)

► [Restoring Kenya's coral reefs - an A Rocha project](#)

► [Click here to make an online donation](#)

► [Other ways to donate](#)

Clergy Discipline Measure

In July 2021 Synod took note of the report from the Lambeth Working Group on the reform of the Clergy Discipline Measure. As a result, legislative proposals on the [Clergy Conduct Measure](#) were brought to Synod for the replacement of the CDM. The proposed changes aim to differentiate between a grievance, misconduct and serious misconduct and modify Diocesan bishops' role which up to now has been both disciplinary and pastoral. It was agreed to request the Archbishops' Council introduce legislation to give effect to the report's recommendation for first consideration by General Synod at the next available opportunity, likely to be in 2023.

Separately, Synod had passed an [amendment to the Code of Practice for the CDM 2003](#) reversing the presumption that a CDM must be paused if a police investigation is in progress. A second amendment transferred responsibility for publishing details of penalties by consent from dioceses to the President of Tribunals.

Resourcing Ministerial Formation

Synod heard that the [Resourcing Ministerial Formation](#) review has found that significant changes to the current system of funding for the training of ordinands are required.

The recommendations include changes to do with how funding is allocated, establishment of an innovation fund and a number of other suggestions (see the paper for more detail) and finish with:

'Specific funding to enable Diocesan-supported initiatives to improve and expand lay ministry training and for supporting the training of ministers with disabilities.'

the review have been implemented.

These included the recommendation that it is important for dioceses to be clear with Diocesan Synods and parishes about how LInC and SDF has been applied, and their reasoning behind it. The review also said that ‘funding should be available to road test potential future models for sustainable rural ministry’ and that ‘resources should be provided to improve reporting mechanisms for the funding, increase in the participation of communities currently under-represented in Church by ethnicity, class and gender, and ensure that the funding enables mission in all Church traditions and areas of the country’.

Spending Plans

The [Spending Plans of the Church Commissioners and Arch-bishops’ Council](#) for financial distributions over 2023-2025 and indicative distributions for the subsequent six years were welcomed. These are plans developed in the light of the recent [Vision and Strategy work](#) presented to General Synod last year. They include ‘investment in ministry in parishes, chaplaincies, schools, Cathedrals and other forms of church in support of the church’s vision and strategy’ and ‘focused investment to support previously agreed commitments to a 2030 net zero carbon target and to address racial justice’. A further paper on the [Arch-bishops’ Council Budget 2023 and Proposals for Apportionment 2023](#) was approved.

Affirming and including disabled people

A motion on [Affirming and including disabled people in the whole life of the church](#) led to a moving debate in which Derby’s Sarah Tupling, who is a member of General Synod on behalf of Deaf Anglicans Together, spoke. The motion was passed.

Each in turn will help provide vital resources for the wildlife that depends on it - creatures in the air, creatures on the land and creatures in the sea.

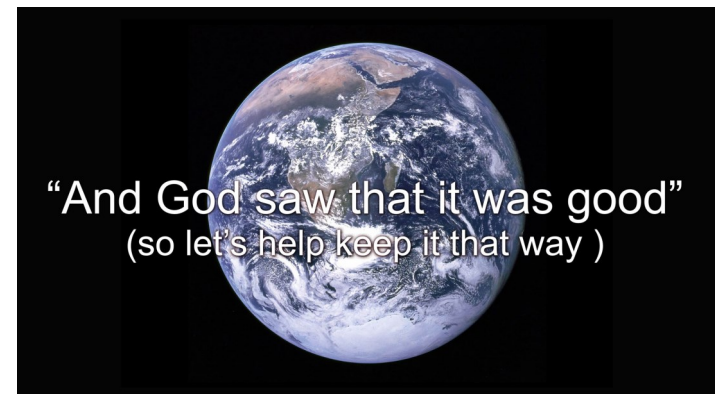
Whilst these are just three of the many tens of thousands of projects around the world that help to preserve the planet of which we are custodians, each is hugely important in its own right as well as being a part of connected projects to help balance - even reverse - the damage humankind has done to this Earth.

Every donation will help make a difference to each of the three projects the Bishop of Derby’s Harvest Appeal is supporting this year.

The generations of humans thus far have had an adverse effect on this planet - it is now incumbent on us to further the process of rectifying that damage to those precious resources so that future generations can still know the beauty, richness and diversity of God’s creation.

[► More useful information on how you can help fight climate change](#)

Please help in whatever way you can.





I still remember the visit I made to a young mum and her baby. We were talking about why she wanted her little one baptised.

She started to talk about churchgoing. "We go every year" she said, "To the nativity". I found myself wondering how we might

help them to discover their place with God and God's people beyond the star and into the year ahead.

[#FollowTheStar](#) has reached and engaged millions of people, helping them to discover all that Christmas at church can mean. Churches are welcoming all ages to a huge range of services, and online resources are encouraging them to pray at home. But this year, we are piloting an opportunity for churches to invite families and children to return after Christmas.

All the research that we have done around Life Events has told us clearly that being invited is key to continuing a faith journey. So 200 churches across the country are taking part in a pilot scheme to invite families who attend crib and carol services to go '*Beyond the Stable*' at services on or around 5th January (Epiphany). When they come to the service, they will get a simple take-home gift to encourage prayer at home – and an invite to return to '*Share the Light*' at a service on or near 2nd February (Candlemas). And at that service, there will be a simple take-home gift to encourage prayer.

Alongside the pilot churches, any church which is interested can buy this new range of material which extends [#FollowTheStar](#). Customised publicity, as well as the giveaway items, are available on the Church House Publishing website [here](#).

It was recognised that many parish churches consume a relatively small amount of energy but that even these can make a contribution to cutting carbon, and Synod were shown films of churches that have already reached 'net zero'.

The Church Commissioners have pledged £190 million to help implement the Route Map.

Safeguarding and independence

There was an item on [Safeguarding and Independence](#), Including an [update and next steps](#). Introducing the item, the Bishop of Rochester thanked safeguarding offices up and down the country for what they are doing, and also thanked survivors.

The motion acknowledging and deeply regretting the safeguarding failures of the Church of England, recognising the challenges in changing the culture and practice of safeguarding across the Church of England and urging that the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) recommendations for the Church of England are fully met as soon as possible, and requesting regular updates, was passed.

In addition, an 'Amending Canon' amended the role of Diocesan safeguarding adviser to one of Diocesan safeguarding officer, with responsibility in the Diocese, independent of the bishop, for the professional leadership and management of matters relating to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Synod agreed that this would be considered for revision in committee.

Strategic Development Funding and Lowest Income Communities Funding

There was a debate on the independent [Review of Strategic Development Funding and Lowest Income Communities Funding](#) by Sir Robert Chote, which reported in March this year. Synod 'took note' of the report and there will be a follow-up review in two years to determine the extent to which the recommendations of

General Synod Report

July 2022 group of sessions

General Synod gathered in York for its third session of this quinquennium on 8-12 July 2022.

The group of Derby representatives spoke at two of the debates and submitted questions to the question session.

This article is an edited version of a longer report available on the diocesan website at [Welcome to the Diocese of Derby - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/)

General Synod and the church

Many of the matters discussed at Synod have a direct and obvious impact on dioceses, deaneries and PCCs.

Route Map to Net Zero

A motion on the [Route Map to Net Zero Carbon by 2030](#) was passed, asking for endorsement of the Route Map, and requesting that:

‘Every Diocesan Synod debates the Route Map as it applies to their structures, parishes and BMOs, and agrees a feasible programme of action towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030.’

The motion asked for high energy users in the Church (including cathedrals, theological establishments, schools, offices and the top 20% of energy-consuming churches) to similarly draw up a programme of action.



This is a great opportunity to build on the impact of *#FollowTheStar* and create relationships with families that will encourage them on their faith journey. It can also encourage the local congregation as they begin to meet people beyond Christmas, and journey together to follow the Christ Child who is the Saviour of the world.

Sandra Millar
Head of Life Events



LICENSED LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

Do you see yourself as bringing God's love into your community/workplace?

Do you regularly help with leading worship or preaching in your church?

Maybe you support bible study sessions and see yourself as an enabler...

If so, our Licensed Lay Ministry Training may be for you. The next course is about to start (closing date for applications 30 November 2022).

For more information, view the course website - www.discipleship-training-llmr.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Revd Dawn Glen, the course director at dawn.glen@derby.anglican.org.



Chocolate Sunday

How you can help make Christmas a little more special for those who access their services. Maybe you could hold a Chocolate Sunday on the first Sunday in Advent? Everyone brings in some chocolate (a tin or just a bar – whatever they can manage) and the food bank hand it out to families with their Christmas food.



What are you doing in your church to save money on the heating or in general?

Have you looked into the following?

- Parish Buying
 - Reviewing your heating suppliers
 - Using smaller spaces
 - Holding joint services where you can, rotating around the churches (you would need the Bishops approval to do this)
 - Use of hot water bottles and/or reuseable hand warmers
 - Fleece blankets
 - Hand muffs – made from recycled clothes
 - Draught excluders
 - Using a dehumidifier
 - Maybe using the church hall (if you have one) one day a week to offer a warm space – maybe look into the Warm Welcome initiative (details on the back page)
 - Fair share – leftover food from this may be good to use or freeze
- A good philosophy is 'heat the person, not the space'.***



The Archbishops' Council and Church Commissioners have considered what additional support can be made available to help support parish ministry in the light of the very significant increase in energy costs.

In the face of this challenge, the national Church has agreed to make £15m available to dioceses as a contribution towards this challenge.

The allocation for the Diocese of Derby is £343,000., which it is recognised that this won't be enough as parish energy bills were in excess of £600,000 last year, before the price rises. . For more information please click [here](#).