

South East Derbyshire Deanery Newsletter

January-February 2023

The next newsletter will be issued early
April 2023.

Please let Helen Bridger have any content
by 24th March

Email: helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15:13)*

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The dates The times The sessions The place

Sat. Feb. 25th 10 am -2 pm session 1: **Why before the what**
in person with Ali Boulton (venue TBC)

(sessions 2 - 7 on zoom)

Wed 1st March 7 pm session 2: **Blessing unconditionally**

Wed. 15th March 7 pm session 3: **Living incarnationally**

Wed. 29th March 7 pm session 4: **Listening to God and the Community**

Wed. 26th April 7 pm session 5: **Being friends**

Wed. 10th May 7 pm session 6: **Laying down our lives**

Wed. 24th May 7 pm session 7: **Laying down our agenda for church**

Sat. June 10th 10 am -2 pm Session 8: **Keeping on going**
in person with Ali Boulton and Bishop Malcolm
at Repton House, 39 Hickton Road, Swanwick, Alfreton, DE55 1AF

The costs

2 persons booking minimum - *it's all about the team!*

One person is £80 and one person is free - *the diocese is paying!!*

Concessions available - *Ali wants to equip everyone called to this area*
for further information and booking contact

Paul Desborough - *he's the Bishops Advisor for New Housing*
paul@sinfimoorchurch.org.uk - 07958 618507





Missionally Engaging in your Local Community

8-session enabling course for
areas and parishes with new housing

led by **Ali Boulton**



Practitioner, Consultant, Researcher
– New Housing Engagement



Diocese
of Derby



Starts
Saturday 25th February
2023



Dates for your diary ...

Next Deanery Synod

Monday 19th June 7.30pm

Upcoming Greater Chapters

Tuesday 7th February at 11.00

Thursday 16th March at 11.00

Tuesday 2nd May at 11.00

Thursday 1st June at 11.00

Proposed Date for Deanery Quiet Day:

6th July, 10.00-2.00

Venues or Zoom codes to be notified near the time.



A Priest Remembered

Rev Trevor Beadle

Trevor was born on 12th October 1931. He met his wife Mary whilst they were both very young in 1949 but they did not marry until the mid 1950's. It was only after this time he was ordained. He spent many years in south Derbyshire churches before taking on the role as Stewardship Lead for the Diocese based at Church House. It was during this time 1990's that he came to St. Wilfrids to speak to us on this topic. It wasn't until he retired that he moved to live in West Hallam and joined the ministry team here.

Trevor and Mary were always very family orientated and they welcomed many people, blood family, church family, neighbours and friends into their home where hospitality was always high on the agenda.

Trevor continued to work with PTO until his late eighties. Unfortunately for the last year he and Mary needed support and they moved into a local care home. Then on December 20th 2022 Trevor passed away. He will be greatly missed by many people and especially by Mary who has lived her life for over 60 years with her beloved husband. May Trevor rest in peace and rise in glory.

Hazel Massey

From the Deanery Administrator

New Year, New Job, New Adventures

It feels a little late to say “Happy New Year”, but this is the first newsletter of 2023, so perhaps not quite inappropriate yet! It is also my first newsletter contribution, which marks my first month in post as the new Deanery Administrator for South East Derbyshire Deanery. So many “firsts” all at once!

By the time you read this I will have seen some of you online at the Deanery Synod of 31st January and will have been in email and phone contact with several others.

It's my great pleasure to have joined the deanery staff (from 5th January) and to follow in the footsteps of Amanda and Angela, who have served you superbly well over these last years. They have both been brilliant in supporting the life of the deanery and keeping deanery activities running in myriad practical and unseen ways. I shall look forward to doing the same and getting to know you all as I seek to assist you in your ministries.

As well as being your Deanery Administrator, I am also a priest with a Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Derby. I may well have met some of you as I've preached and led services around and around our parishes.

I am an East-Midlands lass who has got around a bit! Along with my husband—Rev Dr. Francis Bridger—I have been privileged to serve congregations in the Diocese of Los Angeles, the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and in the Scottish Episcopal Church, with a spell as a hospital chaplain in Norfolk sandwiched somewhere in the middle!



The Church of England

The Church of England's offering this year is “**Dust and Glory: A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness**”.

The website states that “This year's resources are informed and inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2023 Lent Book, [*Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up*](#) (SPCK) by Bishop Emma Ineson, who has also co-written the daily reflections booklet for adults (CHP).

There will be free online support for groups studying the book – including in-depth video interviews with the Archbishop of Canterbury and others exploring the themes of each of the chapters.”

More information at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-resources-lent-2023>

Parish Returns

By now I'm sure your church will have sent in your Statistics for Mission returns, which were due on 31st January 2023. Thank you to all of you who have done the hard work of collating and submitting these.

In the highly unlikely event (!) that these are yet to be done, please can the designated administrator for the Parish Returns System input their returns online with the least possible delay. If you do not know who is the designated administrator for this in your parish or you cannot gain access to the system, please let me know as soon as possible. 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.

***Helen Bridger
Deanery Administrator***

The Diocese of Leeds **The Rhythm of Life**

This Lent offering is over 5 sessions, using a mixture of online and video materials. It advertises: "Lenten themes, combined with some key issues, including Poverty, Racism and the Environment. It will also provide an opportunity to engage with the Rhythm of Life areas for deepening commitment: praying, encouraging, sharing, reflecting, celebrating, resting and creating." This Lent course is part of a wider diocesan venture with the same name, aimed at placing Jesus at the heart of our everyday rhythms of life.



More information at <https://leeds.anglican.org/news/rhythm-life-lent-course-ready-churches-2023>

Embrace the Middle East, have a Lent Study Guide for 2023, available from their shop for £2.00, entitled "The Kingdom of God is Justice and Peace". It follows the Egyptian Coptic observance of Lent over 7 weeks, with scriptural reflections upon Jesus' reign of justice and peace, along with prayer and worship ideas. Information at <https://shop.embraceme.org>



Life on the Breadline

Drawing from findings from a three-year research project on urban poverty, Life on the Breadline's Lent Course promises a 6 week course using prayer, video, scripture, guided reflection and practical action. It covers themes including Christian responses to poverty, race, ethnicity, austerity and faith, deficits and assets, housing inequality and structural inequality.



More information at:
<https://breadlineresearch.coventry.ac.uk/churches/lent-course>

Francis and I settled in these parts in late 2021 and have made Ilkeston our home, where we both put our PTOs to good use at St Mary's and St John's in Ilkeston, ministering alongside Rev. Andrew Baguley.

My wearing two ministerial "hats" in the deanery has the potential to make for some scrambling of roles which, for everybody's sake, I'm keen to avoid. You can help me with that by directing all deanery admin. enquiries to the email and phone allocated to that purpose (see below), and taking a note of my office hours which are as follows:

Mondays: 9.00-1.00 and 2.00-5.00
Tuesdays: 9.30-1.00
Thursdays: 1.30-5.00

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Phone: 01332 2778148

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who has already made me feel so welcome. Thanks especially to Karen and the Deanery Leadership Team for their support in these early days, and to all of you for your patience as I get to grips with new information, new systems and a new life working with all of you.

I look forward to seeing what adventures God has in store for us in 2023 as we serve together in South East Derbyshire.

*Helen Bridger
Deanery Administrator
South East Derbyshire Deanery*

Parish Spotlight

Smalley Community Group: Food Parcels at Christmas.

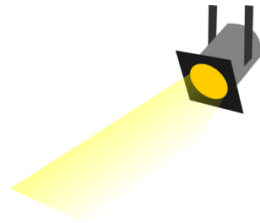
After last Christmas's food parcels, Smalley community group has risen to the challenge again this year. Providing over 200 family packs with food for several meals over the Christmas season. The food parcels are the idea of one of our Church Wardens at St John the Baptist Smalley, Amanda Paget. People from in and outside the congregation have been involved in sorting and packing. Who said pews aren't useful! Members of the community and local businesses donated generously. Amanda organised a black tie event at Morley Hayes in the autumn to raise funds and the Church's platinum Jubilee concert held in the summer was able to contribute all the money raised to the project. Both events were also life giving in themselves - always the mark of a spirit-led project, I think.

The need obviously has not gone away and we have been asked whether something similar might happen to help families over the long Summer holidays. We shall pray, ponder and see...

We continue to support Salcare Heanor, the excellent local one-stop shop and food bank for people in many different types of need, and were able to up our donations after the Carols around the tree was so well supported on Christmas Eve. Thank you to everyone involved.

Kate Plant
Priest in Charge of Breadsall and Smalley with Morley

We'd love to shine a spotlight on your parish ventures and activities. Please let Helen know of anything you'd like to share in then next newsletter.



The Clewer Initiative Journeys: Lent 2023 Resource

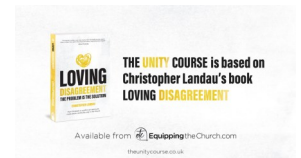


The Clewer Initiative's website states that it enables "Church of England dioceses and other church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care". Its Lent resource for 2023 is a 5-week offering called Journeys. It is based on the Stations of the Cross and offers films and accompanying devotional resources. It will "consider the suffering faced by victims of modern slavery, explore a variety of ways in which we can help or respond, face up to the call to weep for ourselves and our own complicities, and share in celebrating the miracle of new life as victims begin to emerge from the darkness of being buried out of sight.."

Find out more at <https://theclewerinitiative.org/resources/journeys>



Diocese of Lichfield



The Diocese of Lichfield's Lent offerings provide two options for exploring how Christians handle difference and disagreement—the Unity Course and the Difference Course. They say: "both courses [are] created to help those with a Christian faith navigate difference and disagreement. Each is rooted in scripture, each looks at the skills and dispositions needed to navigate differences, and each is hopeful and positive. ...[The Unity Course](#) considers how inevitable disagreements are faced within churches in authentically Christian ways. ...By contrast, the [Difference Course](#) looks outward first, towards the world. Difference explores what it means to follow Jesus in a divided and complex world, seeing transformation through everyday encounters."

More information at:
<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/our-faith/lent-courses>

Lent...or Maybe Later?

Your church is no doubt well underway now with its planning for Lent. Nonetheless, there is still plenty out there of interest and use, whether during Lent or for use later in the year. If you would like to know what resources are around for Lenten and other reflections, here are some offerings from around the Church of England and elsewhere:



Diocese of Derby

This resource was developed jointly by the Dioceses of Derby and Coventry. It is a 6 week course designed for small groups, cell groups and church communities. Its main subject is understanding the problem of racism, those who experience it, the privilege of those who do not and its impact upon the church's mission and ministry. There are downloadable resources for each week, which will include prayer, lectio divina and a biblical reflection. Sessions are designed to last from between 75 and 90 minutes.

Bishop Libby writes:

The vision of heaven in Revelation 7.9 is of a multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language worshipping God together. That vision is recognised as an 'Amazing Grace'. However, we are all too aware how rarely we experience even a foretaste of that vision fulfilled in the life of our churches.

The course has been developed by the Amazing Grace Planning Group out of an online Learning Community gathering over the past year. I know this is arriving a few weeks before Ash Wednesday and you may have already decided on a Lent Course. Please consider using this course at a different time if it is too late for you to use it this Lent.

I will be hosting a group of Bishop's Leadership Team colleagues engaging in this course through Lent.

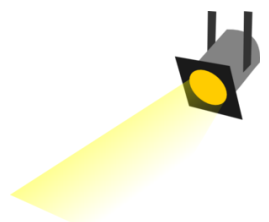
I commend this course for Lent (or any other time in the year), and hope you find the resource fruitful for you and your context.

In the meantime, be assured of my continuing prayers,.

Find out more at <https://amazing-grace.co.uk>

Synod Spotlight

Could YOU be a Deanery Synod Rep?
ASK ANGELA!



What's your involvement with Deanery Synod?

"Hello, my name is Angela Clayton. Some may know me. I was Deanery Administrator for 6 years but prior to that I was a Deanery Synod member for Sawley for 7 years and am now a member of Diocesan Synod, which also gives me a place on Deanery Synod once again. So I've been involved with the deanery in some role or other for 15 years and have attended almost all of its meetings."

So, who and what is a Deanery Synod member?

"Well, each parish has an Annual Parochial Church Meeting and elects PCC members. Every three years they also nominate and appoint between one and five people (depending on the size of the electoral roll) to be on the Deanery Synod. This year is the year to elect the new members or re-elect former members. Anyone on the electoral roll can stand for a place, but often people don't as they don't really know what's involved or they may just choose stand for PCC as it's more familiar and more local. Licenced clergy from all parishes are also members plus representatives of retired clergy.

Sometimes people opt to stand for Deanery Synod because their time on PCC has run out and by being on the Synod, they automatically attend PCC too. That's good and helps keep the expertise on PCC but being part of Deanery Synod is more than just attending another three meetings a year somewhere in the area."

What do deaneries do?

“The deanery is often seen as the layer between parishes and the diocese. Hopefully it feels more familiar, and it helps parishes by focussing on things that are important in a smaller area of the diocese. It helps get speakers at meetings to explain some of the bigger issues in the Church of England and Diocese that are often seen as edicts from ‘out there’, but also to help join people and parishes together with similar problems or success stories and to get them practical help or enable them to meet together to develop partnerships and mutual support.

I have seen this done with youth work, dementia groups etc as well as tackling issues like how to close a churchyard – why reinvent the wheel when someone else is already driving the car and can give you tips and the manual! Groups can also come together to find out about new initiatives and share knowledge as to how they are working.”

What about Deanery Synod Reps?

“A Deanery Synod representative doesn’t have to be an expert in any particular area, but they do need to be willing to attend at least some of the meetings, to share any information sent in the Deanery newsletter and to be willing, where possible, to join in any focus groups or lend their skills and knowledge to any initiatives.

Recently we have seen the value and importance of being a deanery representative. Legally members vote for Diocesan and General Synod representatives who in turn have a vote on some of the very big issues. Deanery Synods also get to vote on some key issues, plus they have the chance to take forward some local concerns (often highlighted in several parishes) and the Deanery Synod can choose to take that question to

Diocesan Synod and upwards. A recent example was a question about getting administrative assistance for unpaid clergy and parish officers sorting weddings and funerals during a vacancy when they had to take on the admin being proposed by the Deanery Synod. That got taken to Diocesan Synod. Other hard-hitting questions will soon be brought via Synod.”

So, I would encourage anyone who isn’t sure about standing to find out more from the Deanery Team (contact details on page 2 of this newsletter) **and to give it some thought.”**

Angela Clayton

Diocesan and Deanery Synod Member, Sawley



Environmental News

As we all work towards a more sustainable way of being church, you’ll find news, resources and food for thought on the Diocese’s news page: Environment: What’s Happening: [Environment: what's happening - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/environment/whats-happening) Here you’ll see news of upcoming webinars for February and a link to the Church of England’s routemap for Net Zero Carbon by 2030.

Information will shortly be updated and added to in February/ March, so keep taking a look!