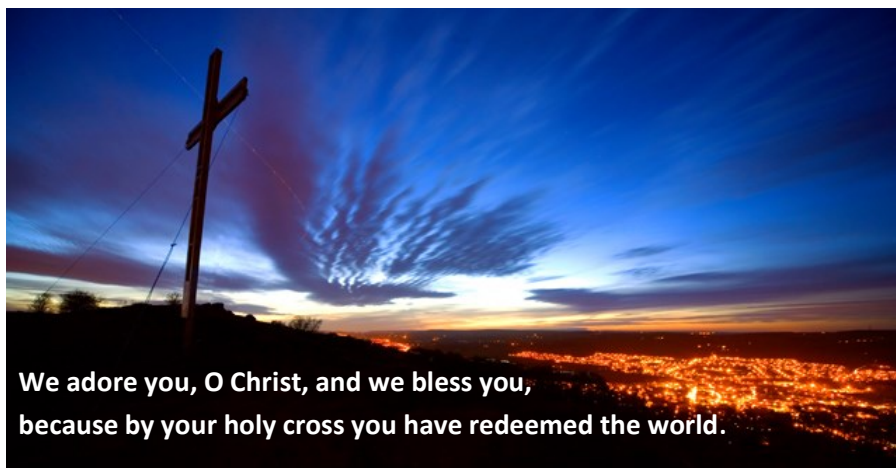
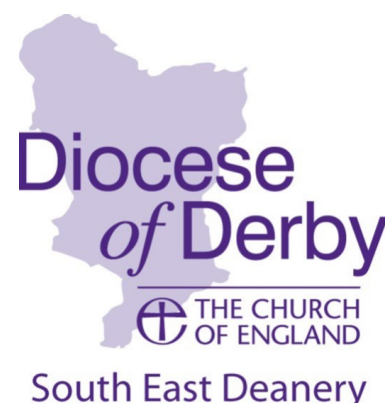


# South East Derbyshire Deanery Newsletter March-April 2023



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



## *From the Area Dean*

Recently I visited an exhibition of photography and stories of Ukrainian Refugees by Ukrainian photographer Alona Melnyk and curated by Anastasia at the Ilkon gallery in Ilkeston. It was really powerful. What was poignant was the house keys of the portrait sitters of houses they have had to flee—some with tags showing the house is no longer there, but some with tags that display the belief that one day they will return. I also listened to some of the stories of refugees who are retraining in the UK as engineers and architects so that when they can return they can be part of the rebuilding that will need to happen in the Ukraine.

What struck me amidst the horror of war and destruction was the power of hope; hope that there will be something to return to and that there will be a time to build again.

Lent and Easter are seasons of dashed hopes and hope renewed. The journey to the cross and resurrection is full of people like Peter, a man full of hope but who then denies Jesus and finds his dreams in tatters. The disciples locked in a room full of despair and broken dreams find their hopes met in ways they did not expect, as news of the empty tomb breaches their fear.

The last few years have been and continue to be turbulent as we struggle with reduced income in our churches, with war in Ukraine and cost of living issues. The Church of England is changing as we have fewer clergy to cover parishes. For many, change is unsettling. In all of this let us focus on the God of hope. **Romans 15:13** puts it like this: 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.'

When we step out in faith with God we can find our hope renewed and risk doing new things, explore new ways of church, explore new ways of doing mission and find our faith growing.

*Rev Karen Padley*

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## Change of Date—Autumn Deanery Synod

Please note that the Autumn Deanery Synod which was scheduled for Wednesday 4th October will now take place on

**Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Ilkeston.**

Bishop Malcolm will join us at this Synod.

**Don't forget our June Synod—Monday 19th June at St Clement Horsley**  
**See page 9 of this newsletter for more information and a pre-Synod task for you and your PCC**

## *For Your Diary*

### **Upcoming Deanery Synods**

Monday 19th June 7.30pm at St Clement's Horsley

Wednesday 11th October, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Ilkeston



### **Upcoming Greater Chapters**

♦ **Tuesday 2nd May** at 11.00am on Zoom—with Rev Alison Maddocks, Dean of Smaller Churches, Diocese of Worcester

♦ **Thursday 1st June** at 11.00am, venue to be decided—with Steve Johnson, Living Generously Adviser, Diocese of Derby

♦ **Thursday 13th July, 10.00am-2.00pm Deanery Chapter Quiet Day** at Locko Park with Ven. Karen Hamblin, Archdeacon of East Derbyshire. Subject: Spiritual Self-care and Kindness.

Please let Helen Bridger know if you intend to come along to the Quiet Day:

[helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org](mailto:helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org)

♦ **Tuesday 26th September** at 11.00am, venue to be decided—with Aidan Watson, Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry, Diocese of Derby

♦ **Tuesday 24th October** at 11.00am, venue to be decided—with Sue Cavill, General Synod Rep. on LLF/Synod update

### **Reader Licensing Service at Derby Cathedral**

Saturday 29th April, 2.30pm at Derby Cathedral. Garry Sherwood will be licensed as Reader to Stanton-By-Dale at this service.

### **Licensing of Rev Dawn Knight at Christ Church Cotmanhay and Shipley**

Wednesday 10th May, 7.30pm at Christ Church, Cotmanhay and Shipley

### **Archdeacon's Visitation**

Tuesday 20th June, 7.30pm at St John's, Smalley

## *A Reader Remembered*

*Robin Lacey, Licensed Reader in the benefice of  
Stanton-by-Dale and Dale Abbey with Risley*

Robin's life was lived to the full serving his Lord and Saviour, and we were all very sad to hear of his death on Boxing Day, 2022. Words from Robin's wife, Meryl, remind us of Robin's unwavering Christian faith: "His family and friends take comfort in knowing he has been promoted to glory and is now in heaven with his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ".

Robin had left quite detailed instructions about his funeral, with the big one being that the funeral was not to be about him, but rather to be about his Lord and Saviour, and indeed it was.

At Stanton-by-Dale, a packed church of family, friends and church family gathered together to say farewell and close Robin's earthly life. Though naturally a sad occasion, it was a service full of thanksgiving, as we gave thanks to God for Robin's wonderful Christian ministry of almost 60 years.

Robin was brought up in Ilkeston and attended St John's Church on Nottingham Road, where he first became a young Churchwarden at the age of 22. Around 1978 Robin and his first wife Pam moved to Stanton-by-Dale Church, where Robin soon again became Churchwarden, and on 6th June 1981, was licensed as a Reader. Sadly, in 1986, his wife Pam died after a brave battle with cancer.

In November 1987, Robin married Meryl, and he continued being very active in Stanton-by-Dale Church as a Churchwarden, Reader, House Group Leader and member of the PCC and Church Leadership Team. 1992 saw another change of church, with Robin, Meryl and their son Nathanael moving to St Peter's in Toton, where they stayed for 22 very busy, happy years. There he continued his Reader ministry, and was a Churchwarden, House Group Leader, a member of the PCC and Church Leadership Team.

In 2013, Robin and Meryl returned to St Michael and All Angels Church, Stanton-by-Dale where, once more, Robin quickly became very involved as a Reader, Churchwarden, House Group Leader, and member of the PCC and Church Leadership Team.

At the end of 2021, Robin decided it was time to step down as a Reader, and a few months later in 2022, after being diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, he stepped down as Churchwarden. Sadly, over the next 10 months, Robin was admitted to hospital on many occasions with pneumonia and various chest infections, with the last infection leading to his passing on 26 December 2022.

It was a privilege to be a fellow Reader with Robin in our benefice. To me, Robin was a quiet man who took his walk with God very seriously. His sermons often began with the words "now, just stop and imagine for a moment ...", as he encouraged the congregation to picture the scene of what was happening, whilst he elaborated on the details around the bible passage he was speaking about.

The opening words of the final hymn chosen by Robin for his funeral sum up his faith: "In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength, my song .....

Rest in peace, my fellow Reader and brother in Christ ....

Rachel Hobbs

**Correction:** In the January-February Newsletter we paid tribute to Rev Trevor's life and ministry at St Wilfred's West Hallam. The correct spelling of his name is Trevor Beedell, not Trevor Beadle. Please accept my apologies for this error—Helen Bridger

# *A New Ministry at Christ Church Cotmanhay and Shipley*

## *Meet Rev Dawn Knight*



Hi, I'm Dawn and am looking forward to joining the faithful people of Christ Church in Cotmanhay and Shipley in serving the local area and making Christ known in the community.

I grew up in the East End of London but came to Swadlincote, South Derbyshire at the start of the 1990's, and it was here that I came to faith. We moved to Derby when I was ordained and although I still sound like a Londoner, I consider Derbyshire my adopted county. I am married to Kevin and we have three adult children, two here and one in God's eternal presence; and two lovely little grandsons. We are also Foster Carers and currently have two very small girls staying with us for a while.

I have a keen interest in supporting children and those who care for them to know Christ's unconditional love. My passion is to nurture and support the faith of young people and develop and build relationships between church, schools and households, celebrating the Diocesan Vision, that God will renew, reshape and revive us with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love.

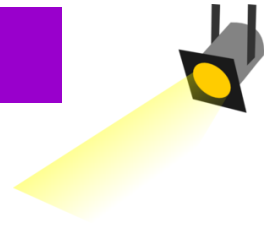
Prior to ordination I was a Registered Nurse for 30 years which included caring for the elderly and palliative care so I am also looking forward to walking alongside those in the local hospital and nursing homes and serving the wider community's needs collaboratively.

I have a lot of books- which I hope to read some day, but in my spare time I like to knit (badly!)- usually booties, cuddly toys, blankets and prayer shawls. I'm a lapsed flautist and saxophonist so enjoy many different kinds of music, and also enjoy going to the cinema, musicals and travelling to Europe.

I'm looking forward to joining the South East Deanery and meeting many of you in due course.

**Rev Dawn will be licensed at Christ Church Cotmanhay and Shipley on  
Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm**

## Resources Spotlight



Many of us love the Bible without really understanding what it is, how it came to be or the 'big story' contained therein. If this sounds familiar, the Bible Course might be for you or your church. Developed by the Bible Society, it "combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings. It's ideal for one-to-ones, small study groups or larger gatherings. The course can be run online or face to face and you can choose to buy the films as a DVD, digital download or via our new streaming platform." (Bible Society website)

Sets of resources have been developed for online and in-person groups and for individuals. Depending on how you wish to use the course, you can purchase The Bible Course for Groups or The Bible Course: Personal Edition. All Saints Marpool have been using and enjoying the group resources in these last weeks.

If you'd like to find out more, here is a link:

[The Bible Course - Bible Society](#)

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## New Grant Programme



The Cherish Partnership is a new programme that will provide churches and chapels with practical solutions to improve how their buildings are cared for and secured for the future. This will be delivered through financial support, heritage management skills initiatives and training.

The funding will target the most critical areas improving economic and community resources, providing important benefits to places of worship and communities.

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 will be dedicated to maintenance, project development and small repairs.

Available from May 2023 via the [National Churches Trust's online Grants Portal](#).

**More information about the National Churches Trust Cherish Partnership can be found here:**

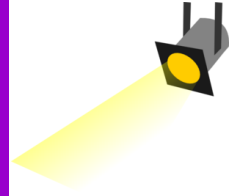
[Cherish: a new project to help at risk churches | National Churches Trust](#)



# *Diocesan Synod Spotlight*

## *Report on the Diocesan Synod of*

*18th March 2023*



Seven of our fourteen representatives attended the latest Diocesan Synod. We do have vacancies both in the House of Clergy and the House of Laity and it would be good to fill them to maximise our contribution to the work of the Synod.

The opening worship was based on a reflection on 'Confidence'

Two students from Derby University who also worship at St Werburgh's [where the Synod was held] spoke about the challenges of maintaining and proclaiming a Christian faith in a university context. It was particularly challenging if one's peer group or flatmates were not sympathetic to your lifestyle or view on secular matters. We were asked to hold in our prayers those with a Christian faith at university and for all students coping with the challenges of mental health and financial concerns.

The key-note speaker was Canon Dr John Spence, Finance Chair of the Archbishops Council. He spoke about the financial challenges of church life but had a clear understanding of what life was like at a local level. He explained that central church funding to Dioceses is now more focussed rather than being a flat grant that ended up propping up the 'status quo'. There were two elements of funding now. One part for the deprived areas of church but expecting specific evidence that the money was being used in those areas. The other element focussed on initiatives that encouraged us to do things to further the Kingdom rather than wallowing in its decline. He spoke about a number of projects across the country where central funds had supported local initiatives to 'do church' in a way that met the needs of the particular community. However, he also acknowledged that there were challenges and the empowerment and training of lay leadership was one of these. Good initiatives involve

Collaboration – working with all possible partners

Urgency

Risk – but well managed

Evidence – use the experience of other schemes to know what works

The hope is that our work will be led by the Spirit but supported by intentional financial backing. All colleagues who have contributed to this summary were impressed with the speaker but recognised the challenge of developing projects that will attract funding.

In her presidential address Bishop Libby spoke about the breadth of her activity in all walks of local and national life. She reminded us of 1 Corinthians 12 which talks about all the different parts, some weak, some strong, all working together and all needing each other to be effective.

Bishop Libby then led a time of reflection in light of the General Synod resolution on Living in Love and Faith. The Bishop recognised that this was a complex and difficult issue and that everyone had a view, whether that was one of welcome or upset that the decision had not gone far enough or had gone too far.

She said that she had voted in favour of the motion and hoped that across the Diocese we can

- >share in the lament for past actions
- >share a witness that shows love for all
- >work with a discipline and grace across the various different views.

The Bishop emphasised that

- >there will be no change to the church view on marriage
- >the draft prayers of blessing are not to be used until they have been refined and commended for use.
- >clergy will be completely free to decide whether they use all, some or none of the prayers.

She also emphasised that no-one will be disadvantaged by their view on the prayers. All clergy will be supported whatever their view.

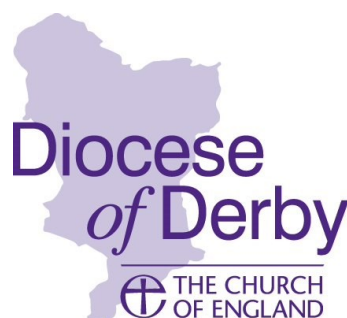
Synod members were invited to record their individual thoughts and questions for use only by +Libby and +Malcom.

Comments from our representatives at Diocesan Synod underlined the challenges of the situation created by the decision of General Synod. One commented 'the reality of the disagreements, and what is being proposed, means that it won't be possible to continue to walk together.' Another hoped that a way would be found that made 'walking together' possible.

Somewhat belatedly the arrangements for the coming round of elections to the Deanery Synods were shared. In summary: up to 25 people on the electoral roll: 1 representative; 26 to 75: 2; 76 to 150: 3; 151 to 200: 4; 200+: 5.

The 'Question Time' session continues to air a number of interesting topics although there was no actual debate. In response to our question about the Road Map to Net Zero there was an undertaking to cover the range of environmental issues at the June Synod. Another question from our Deanery concerned understanding how churches can be labelled as 'engaging with children and young people'. Other questions covered: energy costs through the Parish Buying Scheme; how are churches encouraged to be 'Simpler. Humbler, Bolder'; governance of church schools; the Diocesan Academy Trust's policy on schools joining; non-disclosure agreements and 'Living in Love and Faith'.

*Brian Parker*  
*Lay Chair, South East Derbyshire Deanery*





## *Deanery Synod—Monday 19th June 2023*

*7.30pm at St Clements Church, Horsley  
Net Zero by 2030*

### **CALL FOR QUESTIONS**

As you may be aware, the Church of England has committed to work towards net zero carbon emissions by 2030. This has many implications for our buildings and our practices. You and your church will no doubt have many questions and concerns about how this target will be met.

The upcoming Deanery Synod on Monday 19th June will be given over to exploring what net zero by 2030 will mean for us and the practical steps we can take. Present at the Synod will be a “brains trust” panel ready to take your questions. These questions are to be submitted in advance so that answers can be thorough and well considered and therefore of most use.

The substance of the Synod will comprise the questions you generate and the responses from the panel. **No questions = no meaningful discussion!** Therefore we are asking the following:



Discuss the net zero target at your next PCC and identify the questions you would like addressed at the Synod.



Submit these questions to Helen Bridger by email no later than Friday 2nd June at [helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org](mailto:helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org)

As you consider this issue and address it at your PCC, you may find the following Church of England links to be useful:

[Reducing emissions from churches | The Church of England](#)

[Microsoft Word - the practical path to net zero carbon for churches FINAL numbered October 2020 \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

From the Diocese of Derby webpage:

[Net zero, next steps - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

From the A Rocha Eco Church Initiative

[How Eco Church Works - Eco Church \(arocha.org.uk\)](#)

Location: St Clement's Church, Church Street, Horsley, DE21 5BR.

# Annual Parochial Church Meetings



'Tis the season for APCMs, which means that 'tis the season for official notifications, nominations, reports and elections—not least to the Deanery Synod (see the Jan-Feb newsletter). All APCMs need to take place by the end of May 2023.

It may just be that you are a person who doesn't live and breathe the intricacies of church governance (!) and that therefore you can't quite recall what's supposed to happen in what order and with what paperwork.

If that's the case, have no fear! Here are links to the Church Representation Rules as pertain to APCMs, the Deanery Synod report and all the other forms/paperwork you'll need to see you through.

[Church Representation Rules online - part 9 | The Church of England](#)

[South East Derbyshire Deanery report for APCMs 2023.pdf](#)

[APCM Forms - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

## **Essential to include on the agenda are:**

- Safeguarding (a safeguarding report can be generated from the Safeguarding Dashboard)
- Fabric Report
- Deanery Synod Report
- Proceedings of the PCC

## **A Prayer for your APCM**

Almighty God, we come together in the service of your Church to remember with thanksgiving all that you have been able to do through us in this parish during the past year, and to seek your guidance in the elections for the coming year.

We pray that this may be something more than a business meeting but rather an occasion when we receive fresh encouragement in our work, catch a wider vision of your purpose and dedicate ourselves anew to your service.

We ask this in the name of him who came to this world not to be served but to serve, and gave his life as a ransom for many, Jesus Christ our Lord.\*

If you have any questions about your APCM, let Helen Bridger know in the first instance and she'll address or direct your enquiry as appropriate: [helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org](mailto:helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org)

\*Michael Botting, in Contemporary Parish Prayers © 1975 by Frank Colquhoun



As Coronation weekend approaches (Saturday 6th May-Monday 8th May), your church might well be considering how it will mark the Coronation of King Charles III in prayer and worship, and how it might help the wider community to celebrate. The Church of England website now has a range of resources to help you and your congregation in your thinking and planning.

Using the link below you will find:

- 1) a further link to order copies of Daily Prayers—a booklet which covers 28 days of prayer and spiritual preparation leading up to Coronation Day. Those of you who take the Church Times may well have received a copy of this.
- 2) Resources for worship and prayer, including a Service of Commemoration for the Coronation, a Service of Holy Communion and a Vigil of Prayer ahead of the Coronation.
- 3) An information pack containing details of what will happen (including the Big Lunch on Sunday, May 7th and the Big Help Out on Monday, May 8th), information for young people and families, details of a Church of England digital service on 30th April and ideas and inspiration for activities for church and community.

This information pack also contains guidance pertaining to pastoral wellbeing, bellringers, flags and music over the period—specifically the RSCM's 'Sing for the King' project.

- 4) A range of resources for your publicity—logos, web headers and design guidance.
- 5) A link to receive digital daily reflections from 10th April onwards.

[Resources for churches | The Church of England](#)

Those of you who edit A Church Near You will also be able to access a range of downloads, poster templates and photographs for your online publicity.

## ***Celebrate the Coronation Webinar***

Resources from and a recording of a Church of England Webinar “*Celebrating the Coronation Weekend at Your Church*”, which was held on 9th March, are available here

[Coronation Weekend webinar recording](#)

## *Thy Kingdom Come—Praying and Living the Kingdom*



After the Coronation we are all encouraged to carry on praying and serving our neighbour through the annual “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer initiative which occupies the days between Ascension and Pentecost.

“Thy Kingdom Come” resources for prayer and activities for 2023, including resources for Pentecost Sunday, for kids and for praying with others, can be found here:

[Thy Kingdom Come](#) | [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

## *Upcoming Training Opportunities*

### **Help! I am doing All Age Worship**

**A Zoom workshop 7-8:30pm on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**

with Jean Desborough (Reader) and Rev. Susie Curtis (Deputy Director of Studies).

Aimed primarily at lay folk this interactive workshop aims to share ideas and resources to support the planning of All Age Worship, with a focus on All Age Talks.

Whilst a stand-alone session we hope that some who attend will be inspired to join the Discipleship Training Programme in particular the Preaching Module that begins of 22<sup>nd</sup> April:

<https://www.discipleship-training.org/>

For more information and to book a place please email [susie.curtis@derby.anglican.org](mailto:susie.curtis@derby.anglican.org)

## Upcoming Training Opportunities

Kintsugi Hope Presents...

# Mental Health Friendly Church Training Day

**JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE WHAT A MENTAL HEALTH  
FRIENDLY CHURCH LOOKS LIKE**

If you are a small group leader, pastoral worker, lay leader or anyone involved in caring or support roles in your church, this training will help you to:

- Understand our emotions and explore a robust theology of mental health
- Understand the Mental Health Continuum
- Explore how the church can help eradicate stigma
- Gain an overview of mental health conditions and how the church can respond
- Encourage compassion and a gentle presence in our churches and communities
- Cultivate our own and others' wellbeing
- Develop mental health friendly communities

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

**930AM COFFEE  
10AM – 4PM**

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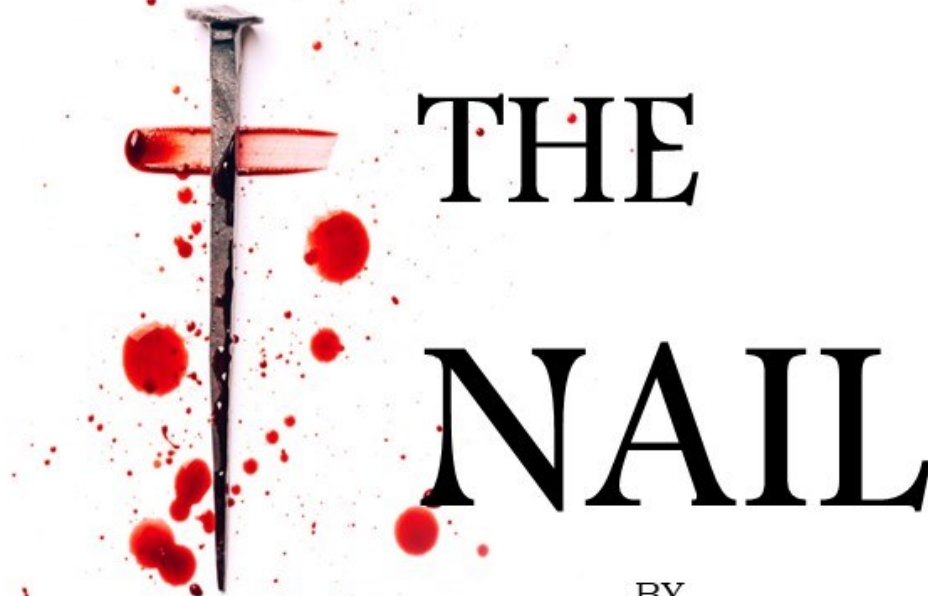
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THE ILKESTON CHURCHES

PRESENT



BY

STEPHEN COTTRELL (Archbishop of York)

**GOOD FRIDAY 7th APRIL**

FOLLOW THE CROSS

FROM ILKESTON METHODIST CHURCH

FROM 10.30AM OR JOIN US READY FOR AN

**11AM START**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, THE MARKET PLACE,  
ILKESTON DE7 5HY**

**Imagine you are at the crucifixion.**

**Which character would you be?**

**Interesting isn't it?**

**FREE ADMISSION & NO NEED TO BOOK**



## Holy Week and Easter Events



### Deanery Easter Morning Dawn Service 6.00am

All Saints, Dale Abbey, in collaboration with Ilkeston-area churches, is delighted to invite you to our Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at the ruined arch of Dale Abbey. What better way to start Easter Sunday than celebrating Jesus' resurrection with hymns, readings and a short Easter reflection? Refreshments will be served after the service at The Gateway, Dale Abbey.

Parking available at the Carpenters Arms pub in Dale Abbey (please keep noise to a minimum when parking!).

For further information, please contact James Lee at [james.lee@sdrchurches.org.uk](mailto:james.lee@sdrchurches.org.uk).

If you would like to publicise within the Deanery any other special Holy Week or Easter events, let Helen Bridger know.

We always welcome content for Deanery Newsletters.  
Any parish or community news or happenings you'd like to share, please let Helen know by  
Tuesday 9th May 2023