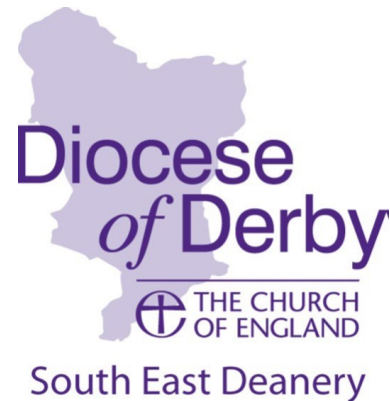
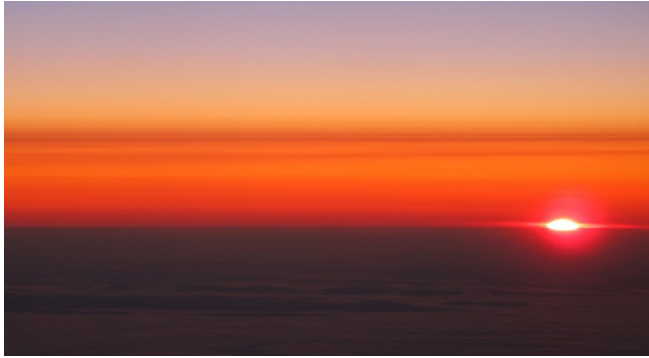


# South East Derbyshire Deanery Newsletter July-August 2023



From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

## From the Lay Chair

*Dear Friends*

Welcome to the latest edition of our Deanery newsletter, bringing together the churches, congregations and communities across the South East corner of the Diocese of Derby.

As the school term comes to an end those whose holidays are child dependent will be looking forward to a break. Those of us without such responsibilities may have already managed some time away. The 'experts' tell us that June this year was the warmest on record and as I write we are hearing about intense heat in parts of Europe. Again, people start talking about climate change.

The challenges of climate change and the need to have a 'Route Map to Net Zero Carbon' have been aired at three separate synods recently. The **General Synod** at the July sitting reinforced the commitment to of the national church and is mentioned in Sue Cavill's report later in this newsletter. The June **Diocesan Synod** looked more locally at the issue and the summary on page 6 has news of a church in the Diocese that has achieved a gold eco award. And then we had our own **Deanery Synod** that focussed on the challenges and opportunities of being green. (see pages 4-5 for a report of the topics discussed.)

So much talking is one thing, but what can we DO? I hear that a neighbouring Deanery has challenged every church to achieve the bronze eco award so they can claim to be the first eco-Deanery. I appreciate that there is enough to do with our own mission plans but you may be pleasantly surprised to find out that you are already doing loads that supports an eco bronze award. You may be really surprised to find that you already qualify!

*Brian Parker*

Click on the Eco-Church picture above to find out everything you need to know about eco-awards, and in the meantime be inspired by our Sawley folk, working hard at eco-church by displaying information on the All Saints Churchyard Wildlife Area.



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## Deanery Synod Office-Holders

1st July marks the beginning of the new membership of Deanery Synod, which will serve until June 2026. Many thanks are due to all members who served as members of the the 2020-2023 Synod, especially to Sydney Leleux, who stands down as a Synod rep and as our Deanery Treasurer after many years' service.

At the next Synod meeting of 11th October, the Lay Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Safeguarding Lead will be elected for the next three years. Anyone wishing to stand for these positions are asked to let Helen or Brian know. Until then, the office holders from the 2020-2023 Synod can continue to be contacted for help or advice.

## Deanery Synod Representatives

### Two Questions



- 1) Was your church unable to elect any Deanery Synod Reps at your most recent APCM?

### *If so...*



- 2) Since the APCM, has anyone expressed a willingness to serve as a Deanery Synod rep for the session 2023-2026?

If the answer to both of these questions is “yes”, please let either Brian or Helen know. At the next Deanery Synod of 11th October, we can invite the House of Laity to co-opt new reps onto the Synod.

We are pleased to say that one willing volunteer is happy to be co-opted in October. Are there others out there?

## For Your Diary

### **Upcoming Deanery Synods**

Wednesday 11th October, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Ilkeston with Bishop Malcolm.

### **Upcoming Greater Chapters**

♦ **Tuesday 26th September** at 11.00am, on Zoom —with Aidan Watson, Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry, Diocese of Derby

♦ **Tuesday 24th October** at 11.00am at All Saints Ockbrook. Subject to be decided.

### **Installation of Rev Anne Wilkins**

Monday 2nd October, 7.00pm at All Saints Sawley



# SYNOD SEASON

Deanery Synod: *Monday 19th June 2023*

## *Working Towards Net Zero*

### *Summary of Discussion*



#### ***The Format***

Deanery Synods are great opportunities to meet our siblings- and colleagues-in-Christ and to exchange ideas and inspiration for our work and mission. This was especially true of our latest Synod of 19<sup>th</sup> June, held at St Clements Horsley, where we were joined by a panel of wise folk ready to share their experience and expertise with all of us, assisting our endeavour to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Thanks are due to John Beardmore, Matt Barnes, Sue Cavill and Stella Collishaw for their willingness to form that panel and take questions submitted in advance from churches and from the floor.

Questions were wide-ranging, exploring themes including viable alternatives to gas boilers for heat generation, responding to the challenges of old/ancient buildings, sourcing green energy and the Eco-Church award initiative. Because it is anticipated that the electricity supply will be decarbonised by 2035, electricity solutions were the ones which the meeting explored in most detail.

#### ***Thinking about Solutions***

Much attention was given to the advantages of heat pumps, which were noted to be very efficient compared to other electric heating systems, which typically give one kWh of heat per kWh of electricity used. By contrast, heat pumps typically give 3 to 5 kWh of heat per kWh of electricity used. Solar panels are another possible viable alternative, for which the DAC is happy to consider faculty applications. When exploring the possibility of solar panels, attention also needs to be given to permitted development restrictions, the possible need for structural surveys and the time it would take for a building to achieve pay-back for the cost outlay.

Other solutions were mentioned, such as hydrogen, wind and infrared zero light emitting systems, though it was thought that these came with significant drawbacks. One solution which is being pursued at St Mary's Ilkeston is for electric heated runners to be installed on pews, with a view to heating the person rather than a large space which is difficult to bring to comfortable temperatures. Rev Andrew Baguley can provide more information on the progress and funding of the project so far, though please note that the pew runners have not yet been installed. Email: [revandrew@baguley.net](mailto:revandrew@baguley.net)

#### ***Thinking about Buildings***

Many of our buildings are listed and therefore require special consideration when permissions and faculties are being sought. Synod members were encouraged to understand alterations to older buildings as being part of the building's ongoing story and the development of the legacy of the original architect. The DAC is there to help all buildings (including ancient and listed ones) to be seen and used as missional assets, with the guiding principle in DAC decision-making being to help ancient buildings appropriately to move forward and embrace the innovations of today.

#### ***Thinking Simply***

It was acknowledged that there is a tension between conservation of buildings for heritage value and retrofitting buildings so that they can be more sustainably heated and used. In some circumstances, retrofitting buildings for greater efficiency is possible, but in the case of many listed buildings, choosing the lowest carbon technology possible for heating, combined with low-tech solutions such as curtains and wall hangings, are the best that can be achieved. However, thermal imaging reveals that these simpler solutions, along with draught elimination by means of Perspex or polycarbonate window protection can have a considerable effect on a church's heat loss. The Church of England's Energy Audit Tool makes clear some simple actions which may be possible and effective.

# **SYNOD SEASON: Deanery Synod—Monday 19th June 2023**

## ***Summary of Discussion (continued)***

### ***Eco-Church***

The Eco-church accreditation scheme was explored, with the good news that enrolling on the scheme is free, achieving eco-church status is easier than is often imagined, and it opens the door to creative conversations and mission in the wider community. Any church seeking to explore working towards eco-church status is advised to look at the A Rocha website in the first instance (see Brian's opening letter). Once registered, a questionnaire is then completed, which will tell the church where it currently stands and what it can do.

### ***Energy Footprint Tool***

**Finally, all churches were strongly encouraged to fill in the Energy Footprint Tool on the online Parish Returns System. The deadline for this is 31<sup>st</sup> July. Helen can assist any church which needs help to access the Parish Returns System.**

### ***Useful Links***

- ♦ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-unveiled-to-decarbonise-uk-power-system-by-2035>
- ♦ Examples of churches which have installed heat pumps:  
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10125/page/43744/view/>  
[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/Scalford\\_casestudy.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/Scalford_casestudy.pdf)
- ♦ See also the following link for a wide range of information and inspiration: [Net zero carbon church | The Church of England](#)
- ♦ Information about the Raymond Ross Large and Small Grant Schemes and other sources of funding can be found here: [Grants and Funding Sources - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)
- ♦ Information on achieving Eco-Church status can be found at [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#)
- ♦ Explaining the meaning and problem with identifying green energy tariffs can be found here: See: [www.regen.co.uk/we-need-to-talk-about-green-energy-tariffs/](http://www.regen.co.uk/we-need-to-talk-about-green-energy-tariffs/)
- ♦ The Church of England provides the following information on Green Energy and the Energy Footprint Tool [Green-Energy-Companies-and-the-Energy-Footprint-Tool-August-2021-FINAL.pdf \(churchofengland.org\)](#)
- ♦ See <https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/environment/net-zero-next-steps.html> for further information and guidance, including details of webinars which offer high quality speakers. Guidance on practical next steps such as how to investigate green energy suppliers can be found here.
- ♦ Further reading, study resources, churchyard management and frameworks for action can be found here: [Environment: what's happening - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)
- ♦ A link for churchyard care is "Caring for God's Acre" [Caring For God's Acre – the conservation charity for burial grounds across the UK – Protecting Wildlife, Preserving Heritage, Involving People \(caringforgodsacre.org.uk\)](#)



# SYNOD SEASON

## Diocesan Synod—24th June 2023



We were represented at the most recent Diocesan Synod although unfortunately not by a full complement of members. A few highlights:

### **Finance**

The Diocesan finances were considered. There was a period of uncertainty due to Covid with Common Fund receipts still below pre-Covid levels. Financial returns from assets are better than expected and statutory fees have returned to the equivalent of pre-Covid.. Clergy costs are less than expected because of vacancies, but this will alter as we move forward with recruitment. There are no plans to reduce the number of clergy.

The key deliverables for 2023 are to maximise efficiency, move towards a sustainable position and to achieve net zero by 2030. The risks to achieving this are that Common Fund receipts are the lowest in 13 years and there is a medium-term structural deficit. However, there is a strong asset base which gives us time to deliver aims in the long-term. Whilst the Diocese is in a far better position than many others, contributions to the Common Fund must improve.

### **Vision**

Bishop Libby and Will Hagger, the new Diocesan Secretary outlined how the Diocese could respond to deliver its vision and priorities which have the most potential for success, emphasising sharing ideas which may already be happening with regard to interacting with younger people, being greener, challenging injustice.

There was some group discussion around what is already happening and the following were noted by one of our representatives

- Outside services (some people hesitant at actually going into churches)
- Hymns and a picnic
- Must keep the church warm in winter
- Food banks – have collection points in church
- School visits – assemblies, mock wedding, etc
- Cooking lessons for young people (addressing the poor). Whilst learning to cook the ‘teacher’ engages with talking about faith. Give away donated cooking utensils and cookbook to participants.
- Make use of the church building by inviting groups in
- Bible stories to be more interactive and applicable
- Make church fun
- Provide breakfast – an opportunity to gather round a table to listen and talk to each other
- Partnering with other denominations

### **Environment**

Synod was told the story of All Saints Glossop who have achieved an Eco Church Gold Award, the only one in the Diocese. The award was achieved mainly by focussing on the management of the churchyard – wildlife, community, a green space for reflection, listening to passers by whilst working in the churchyard, having a presence on social media to interact with the wider community, use by uniformed groups such as Brownies when working for various badges, engaging with the community pay-back scheme to help with maintenance, as well as taking part in nationwide activities such as the RSPB bird watch. It was pointed out that many churches have already been awarded a Bronze and that this was easily achievable by making minor adjustments such as using Fairtrade products.

## SYNOD SEASON: Diocesan Synod—24th June 2023 (continued)

The Diocese, with the help of a consultant, will prepare a net zero plan for the October Synod. An application for funding would be made late 2023/early 2024 with an action plan to be presented March 2024. More churches to be encouraged to apply for an eco award.

All the Diocesan housing stock are being reviewed for the EPC ranking.

A full report from one of our representatives will be circulated to all Deanery Synod members. Copies can also be obtained from the Deanery Administrator.

We do have vacancies for representatives on the Diocesan Synod from our deanery for 3 members of the laity. It would be good to fill these spaces at our next Deanery Synod of 11th October, which is just before the next Diocesan Synod on Saturday 14 October.

## SYNOD SEASON

### General Synod —7th-11th July 2023



This was an intense Synod with some vigorous debate and challenge. All the papers discussed can be found at [this link](#), (though be warned the filing structure is quite daunting!) If you would like to watch any of the debates, they're all online on [this link](#)<sup>2</sup>.

**Increasing the involvement of young people in Synod affairs** was the subject of a Private Members Motion. The motion was carried to co-opt three young people (aged 18-25) to General Synod as soon as possible, and in general to look at different ways of giving children and young people a voice on General Synod.

On Saturday morning Synod heard a presentation from the National Investing Bodies (NIBs) – the Church Commissioners, the CofE Pensions Board and CCLA - on **climate change**. They reported that by working in partnership with even larger investors they have had a significant influence on the environmental policies of many companies. They have also of course just announced that the Church Commissioners will disinvest their last remaining oil and gas investments.

A motion from Worcester diocese on Saturday afternoon recognised that faith and belief can have a positive impact on **offenders' behaviour** and included information about the value of partnership working with the Probation Service. Those presenting the debate talked about how important it is that churches welcome ex-offenders, and parishes are asked to consider signing up to a ['Welcome Directory'](#).

The rest of Saturday afternoon was an update and discussion on **Living in Love and Faith**, but with no new information. The recommendations about the prayers of love and faith and guidance about the issues raised will now come to the November General Synod for debate.

On Sunday afternoon there was a discussion about the recent dismissal of two members of the **Independent Safeguarding Board**. Synod was consistently assured that the objective throughout has been, and remains, to ensure the Church of England is safe and that oversight of safeguarding must be both effective and independent. Before the debate concluded Synod were advised that the Archbishop's Council had already initiated an independent review that will inevitably lead to the overhaul and re-shaping of the oversight of safeguarding on a national level.

## **SYNOD SEASON: General Synod —7th-11th July 2023**

### ***(continued)***

Synod heard about and welcomed information on the **National Redress Scheme**, a redress scheme for victims and survivors of abuse within the Church of England. Redress will include enabling apology and acknowledgement to be given, financial compensation, and pastoral care.

**National Church governance.** On Sunday evening Synod debated a proposal to reorganise various internal bodies (the National Church Institutions) that have been in place for 20 plus years. The aim is to build a simpler, more joined-up national church governance structure. The need to improve transparency, accountability and trust within the central church organisation and between it and the Synod and the wider church was mentioned extensively in the debate. With some minor amendments the proposal was approved.

Monday's agenda included a formal annual report of the Archbishops' Council (GS2308), followed by a presentation of the Archbishops' Council Budget for 2024 and apportionment plans (GS2309).

Synod received draft proposals to introduce a new measure, the **Clergy Conduct Measure** as soon as practicable to replace the existing Clergy Discipline Measure. There appears to be a fair amount of work still to be developed, including further clarity on the different processes needed to handle straight-forward complaints and those to address properly a concern about clergy misconduct. The proposed legislation will now go forward to a 'revision committee' for further discussion.

Synod welcomed a paper on **Revitalising the Parish for Mission**. The motion included a welcome for the Church's commitment to sustaining overall numbers of parish clergy and increasing the numbers of ordinands, as well as increasing emphasis on lay ministry, and encouragement for 'each parish and diocese to support a process of local missional discernment (Mission Action Planning) to enable greater effectiveness in parochial mission'.

There was a debate on Monday evening about a **Review of the Mission & Pastoral Measure 2011**. The various suggestions in the review include the ability to designate parish churches as 'fallow'; not shutting them down completely, but pausing to see if circumstances change and they are needed again – for example if a new housing estate is built. The motion on the review was carried.

Oxford Diocese brought a motion **Responding to the Climate Emergency**. This motion, which was carried, included a number of suggestions about how the church could respond, such as urging dioceses to review and update their environmental policies, urging dioceses to commit significant expenditure to reduce the carbon footprint of vicarages, and requesting optional changes to confirmation services to include references to environmental safeguarding.

**Reduce parochial fees for marriages.** A motion from Blackburn Diocese asked Synod to consider abolishing fees for marriages. As there was debate about the impact this could have on some churches' income, and whether it would actually result in more marriages in church, it was agreed that there would be a time and location-limited trial to look at the impact before such agreeing such a measure.

***Sue Cavill***

*Lay member, Derby Diocese*



# *A New Priest for All Saints and St Mary's Sawley*

## *Introducing Rev Anne Wilkins*

*Dear South East Derbyshire Deanery*

Thank you for inviting me to introduce myself to you all. I am currently Rector of a Benefice of two churches just outside Weston – super- Mare. I have been here for 16 years. Before that I worked in a team in South Gillingham in Kent and before that I served my curacy in Wembley London. I trained at St John's Nottingham and had a year at Wycliffe Oxford. I went to St John's College in 1987, so coming back to the area feels really good. After being at college I worked in Radford as a Church Community Worker and Reader. I was ordained nearly 28 years ago. Being born and brought up in Essex makes me an Essex girl – don't believe all that you hear about them!



Despite many years of being ordained I am still really enthusiastic about Jesus and His ministry through His church. I have been involved in many different aspects of ministry. The ones that are on my heart are work with children and families, encouraging lay ministry and callings (I am a Vocations Chaplain in Bath and Wells), healing ministry, building teams, community outreach and in my recent role of Assistant Area Dean – care of the clergy. I also love being creative in worship and making it accessible to all. I am excited about what God is already doing in Sawley and the area and about what he wants to do in the future. I look forward to being part of it.

Chris, my husband, and I have been married for 6 years in October. We are a blended family and have five children between us. I have two – Jess (age 26) who lives in Stockport with her partner Joe. Tom (age 23) who is finishing his MSc at Bristol University. Chris has Roo (age 29) who lives in Manchester, Josh (age 28) who lives in Cardiff with his partner Lowis and Lauren (age 24) who lives with us. Chris has just completed his Reader training in Bath and Wells and will be doing another module for Derby. He hopes to be licensed in April. Chris has always lived in Weston so this is quite an adventure for him. He is currently a gardener and benefice administrator – though he is a mechanical design engineer by profession. He is open to seeing what God would have him do after we have settled.

For interests and hobbies I love films and going to the cinema. I also really enjoy the theatre and musicals especially. Both Chris and I really enjoy reading and visiting National Trust properties – sometimes combining the two. When I have time or an occasion arises, I love to bake and want to have a go at decorating a tall cake. We also really enjoy having people round for meals and playing board games – we have far too many.

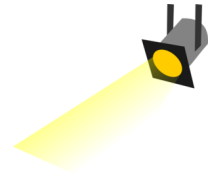
Please do pray for us as we prepare to move and leave the parishes of Hutton and Locking. We move on 7<sup>th</sup> September and I am licensed on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. I know that the Lord has opened this door for us and we are excited what God has in store. I really look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you.

*Every blessing*

*Anne*

## Parish Spotlight

### All Saints Ockbrook



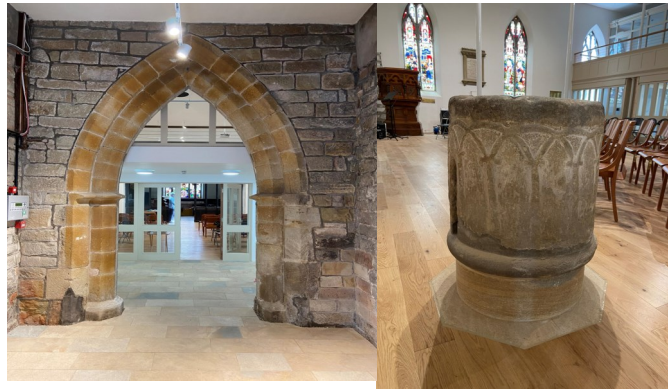
***The recent reordering and renewal of All Saints' Ockbrook, has been another significant milestone in over 1000 years of Christian witness. The Vicar, Tim Sumpter writes:***

I begin with an abridged version of an announcement made in All Saints' Ockbrook, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2001: *'At the recent PCC meeting we discussed whether the All-Saints' building is meeting our needs as a worship space, and our service to the community. It was unanimously agreed we will consider undertaking major work, including internal re-ordering, and accessibility for all. We agreed on two immediate things: 1. To convene a working party to further consider these issues; 2. To open a Building Fund.'*

The last two decades have been a long and winding road. But we did it. After years of planning, meetings, fundraising the £400,000, liaising with numerous stakeholders etc. All Saints' reopened in mid-May 2022, following a 9-month closure. The building is now a flexible, accessible, and welcoming space.



***All Saints then...***



***...and now!***

The individuals who have been part of this process are too numerous to mention. But as someone said: *'If you want to travel fast, go alone. If you want to travel far, go with others.'* So many have prayed, given financially, and proffered encouragement, wisdom, time, and practical assistance. A special thank you must be recorded all to those who have been members of the 'building team' over the years.

We haven't of course been able to accomplish everything on our wish list, due to necessary compromises, and financial constraints. Nor has everyone been pleased with the scale of changes made. But what we've done has really been for three main reasons, which as the vicar, I have constantly held before us through the changing contours of the process:

1. To create a more flexible space for worship services.
2. To create a space that can be used for our wider community.
3. To create a building that embodies the unconditional, welcoming, and generous love of God, definitively expressed in the person of Jesus.



## Ockbrook All Saints (continued)

In October 2022 we had a formal reopening service, with the Bishop of Derby preaching, and guests including His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor and Mayoress of Erewash, our constituency MP, the Vice chair of the PC and other local councilors, the patron of our parish, our architect, and our builder.



One absolute delight continues to be how individuals and groups from the local community continue to use/hire the building, thus strengthening our missional links.

I hope to welcome the local clergy chapter into the building sometime and should any wish to have a private viewing please be in touch. I end with the prayer I crafted which was used continually through the process:

*Loving God, Architect of creation, bless the work of renewal on All Saints' Ockbrook. Guide and guard all involved in this project. May the work finish on time, within the limits of the budget, and the remaining money needed be given. And may this ancient building continue to be known as a place where You are worshipped, all are welcomed, and many find their way back into Your loving arms, through Jesus. Amen!*

## Training Opportunity

### Help! A school is coming to my Church

A Zoom workshop 7-8:30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

With Janet Harris (School Chaplain) and Rev. Susie Curtis (Deputy Director of Studies).

Aimed primarily at lay folk this interactive workshop aims to share ideas and resources to support parishes engaging with their local primary schools. We will share experience of working with both Church and none Church schools.

Whilst a stand-alone session we hope that some who attend will be inspired to join the Discipleship Training Programme in particular the Mission and Evangelism Module that begins on 16<sup>th</sup> September

<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)



*Derby Diocesan Youth Council*  
*'Find Out More' event on August 1st*

# Derby Diocesan Youth Council

Youth Council is a group of young people from across the Diocese of Derby aged between 16-25 who want to have their voices heard. As we reshape and revitalise in line with the new Diocesan vision, we are inviting young people from across our diocese to find out more about how to join in with this exciting opportunity!

We are holding a 'find out more' session on Tuesday August 1st at 7PM on Zoom.

## Why now?

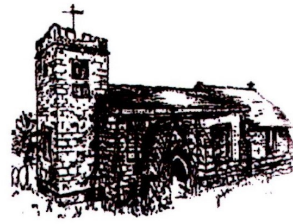
We are seeking to make significant investment in youth, children, and schools work. The Youth Council will have direct input on how this investment is made. The Council will also help to shape the response of Derby Diocese to issues like the climate emergency, inequality, poverty, and peacemaking.



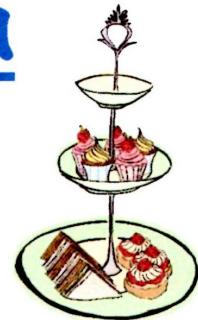
In return for your voice and your input, we will invest in you through personal spiritual development, regular meetings, a paid-for annual retreat, and other exciting opportunities.

*A Glamorous Mothers' Union Event!*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH,  
KIRK HALLAM



# Afternoon Tea at the Races



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August  
2.00pm start

at the Community Centre, Kenilworth Drive, Kirk Hallam  
Afternoon raising funds for the Mothers' Union  
with the excitement of horse  
racing too.



*Dress code =  
glamorous!*

Prizes for the best hat!



Tickets are limited, buy your tickets in advance Tel  
0115 7831793 - Adults £10, children £5.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families



## What Are You Up To?

### Volunteers drive charity



Readers who live in the Borough of Erewash might have caught sight of our Lay Chair in the latest edition of EBC Today. As well as being our Lay Chair, Brian also volunteers with Erewash Voluntary Action.

*(Brian is second from left in the picture)*

Are you involved in any volunteer or community groups in your area?

Would you like our Deanery to know about their work?

Helen would be delighted to include and highlight in future Newsletters the good work which takes place on our patch and in which our folk are involved.

Do let her know what's happening:

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