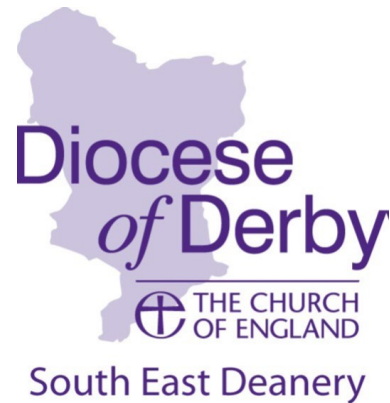


# South East Derbyshire Deanery Newsletter October-November 2023



**Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season (2 Tim 4:2)**

## *From Bishop Malcolm*

First, a big thank you to everyone in the South East Deanery who has been supporting the Bishop's Harvest Appeal for Trees for Life Burundi. The money that has been given will all go to help local community groups of women and young people to start up small tree nursery businesses, providing seedlings to plant on the steep slopes round Bujumbura city that have been so vulnerable to heavy rains caused by climate change. This is a fantastic initiative by Bujumbura diocese, who manage to combine effective discipleship and evangelism ministry with very practical action like this which empowers people to make a difference for themselves and for their communities. This is a win-win project: better harvests, safer homes, secure livelihoods, and positive impact in the fight against climate change. Of course it's not too late to put on an event for this – or to give online via justgiving. <https://justgiving.com/campaign/trees-for-life-burundi>

Meanwhile, over the next few weeks as we enter the season of Remembrance and as we look towards Christmas, we are bound to be thinking a lot about the horrendous acts of terrorism and the consequent violent conflict in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank, as well as about those suffering in the ongoing war in Ukraine. Whilst these are long term crises with no easy answers, we pray as those with hope, because of the resurrection of Jesus. His words of greeting to the disciples after the resurrection are nothing but the ordinary everyday greeting of anyone from the Middle East – shalom, salaam, peace. But saying it is one thing; living it and learning to rebuild trust once trust has been broken is something altogether different. We must pray for the church in the Holy Land in its witness to peace, and for all those at this time seeking to bring comfort and support to those whose lives have been devastated on all sides. Lord, have mercy.

For me (as, I guess, for many) this time of year is a wistful time – the shorter days and long dark nights affording time to reflect on what has been, and to wonder about what will come. Friends and family past and present often come to mind, along with the future of the church, of our nation, and of a world in crisis. Rather than staying with anxiety, thinking of these things takes me to the Advent prayer, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus. We want to see God's kingdom made more and more real, both where we live in our local communities, and around the world, so we pray, 'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.'

In this season may God open our eyes to the presence of Jesus amongst us – in the face of those we see in need of friendship, care and support – and in the word and sacrament, day by day, week by week, as we encounter Christ afresh, and are transformed by his presence; by his unfailing love.

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## Thank You Karen!

It is with great gratitude that the South East Derbyshire Deanery marks the end of Karen Padley's ministry as our Area Dean. Karen formally stepped down from this role on 1st October. Archdeacon Karen Hamblin writes:

*Karen has been a faithful, hard-working Area Dean since 2016 and prior to that was Rural Dean of Heanor. She has led Deanery Synod Chapter with great faithfulness and creativity and made herself available to you individually through many challenges and concerns. Her prayerful and attentive support is something I am sure you will miss.*

A card and financial gift has been passed on to Karen in token of all that she has given to us. She remains as full time Priest-in-Charge of Marpool and Heanor and Langley Mill with Aldercar. Thank you, Karen, for your faithful service as our Area Dean.

## For Your Diary

### Upcoming Deanery Synods

February 2024 Synod date and location to be decided

### Upcoming Greater Chapters

Tuesday 24th October—11.00am, All Saints Ockbrook

Tuesday 21st November—11.00am, venue to be decided



### Safeguarding Sunday: Celebrating the Work of Parish Safeguarding Officers

Sunday 19th November—2.30pm, Derby Cathedral

### Statistics for Mission Deadline

End of January 2024

## Statistics for Mission

I know, I know...Collecting statistics is one more job...

However, it is a job which plays a vital role in understanding not only what's going on in our individual churches, but also in our diocese and on a national scale. The more we are faithful in submitting data the more it's possible for mission decisions which affect us strategically and financially to be made faithfully and wisely. The life of our diocese and deanery is directly impacted by the figures we provide.



Statistics for Mission data are required to be submitted by **end of January 2024**, and it's not too early to make a start on them. There should be a designated person in your church for submitting these. (Statistics for Mission figures are often submitted by the Incumbent, Warden or Parish Secretary). The link for this is available here: <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>

If you do not know who is the designated person for this in your parish or you need help accessing the online system, please let Helen Bridger 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 Helen so that she can help find the best way of supporting you. Email [helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org](mailto:helen.bridger@derby.anglican.org) or phone 01332 278148

# SYNOD SEASON

## Deanery Synod: *Wednesday 11th October* *Education and Mission*



The first Deanery Synod of the 2023-2026 session took place at Holy Trinity Ilkeston on 11th October. We began by appointing Brian Parker (St John's Long Eaton) as our Deanery Lay Chair, and Andrew Whysall (St Andrew's Langley Mill) as our Treasurer. We also noted with gratitude the ministry of Rev Karen Padley as our Area Dean, which came to an end on 1st October.

The main topic focussed upon **Education and Mission**, and we were pleased to welcome Rev Aidan Watson (Diocesan Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry), Liz Seymour (Diocesan Board of Education), Nat Coxon (Youth Worker, All Saints Ockbrook), Kate Hill and her team from Valley Cids\*, along with our own Fr Julius Anozie, who offered workshops and much food for discussion and thought.

Covid prevented both Bishop Malcolm and Archdeacon Karen from being with us as planned, but Bishop Malcolm was able to record a message for us, in which he:

- spoke of the Church of England's 2030 aim to double the number of young people in church,
- noted the effect of contemporary issues on children and young people,
- encouraged us to engage with the 'Growing Faith' Foundation and Networks (see below).
- referenced the national 'Flourishing Schools' initiative—more information at [Church of England sets out hopes for Flourishing Schools System | The Church of England](#)
- Affirmed and encouraged the good work which already exists in our diocese,
- Encouraged us to draw inspiration from the positive impact upon society of Burundian young people.

Aidan introduced the Synod to the '**Growing Faith**' initiative, which is a research-based movement aimed at changing the culture of the Church of England to put children, young people and families at the centre of mission and ministry. See [The Growing Faith Foundation | The Church of England](#) for more information. Liz then introduced herself and the work of the Diocesan Board of Education, noting that schools are increasingly grateful to receive input from local churches.

Synod members were invited to participate in two of four 15 minute **workshops**, as follows:

- Visiting Schools and Contributing to RE (Kate Hill - Valley Cids)
- After School Clubs (Nat Coxon – Youth Worker at All Saints Ockbrook)
- School Governance and a Vision for Spirituality in Schools (Fr Julius and Liz Seymour)
- Working with Secondary Schools (Aidan Watson)

Following these, Aidan encouraged us to **pray** for our engagement with children and young people, especially by joining the National Prayer Meeting every Tuesday lunchtime at 1.00pm via Zoom, lasting 20 minutes. The link for this is available at: [www.cofe.io/doublecyp](http://www.cofe.io/doublecyp)

We are also invited to **contact** Aidan for resources, support, ideas and information about para-church organisations which may be part of our work with children and young people.

Contact details: [aidan.watson@derby.anglican.org](mailto:aidan.watson@derby.anglican.org) or 01332 278144

Finally, we were introduced to the **Growing Faith Conversation Cards** (to be emailed to all Deanery Synod members), which are designed to help PCCs start and sustain a conversation about ministry with children and young people. Other details of Synod business will also be available in the minutes which your Deanery Synod Rep and incumbent will receive in due course.

*Helen Bridger*

\*For further information about Valley Cids, see [Home - Valley CIDS](#)

## SYNOD SEASON

### Diocesan Synod—14th October



Five members from South East Derbyshire attended the recent Synod. Particular mention was made of our friend Jan Walker MBE who had recently stood down from the Diocesan Synod after many years of service

In her presidential address Bishop Libby took lines from Psalm 123: 'How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?'. She listed a litany of issues that make us feel overwhelmed and 'in a strange land': the climate crisis, Ukraine, the Middle East and other conflicts, political instability, the cost-of-living crisis, COVID and other health concerns. The Bishop recognised that Church is not a solace; the challenges of our buildings, fewer people worshipping, the strains of the Living in Love and faith' issues.

Bishop Libby went on to ask to indicate if we or the churches we represented have been involved in various ways. This graphically demonstrated the amount of prayer, worship, mission and community outreach that was happening across the Diocese. This was our song: 'Good news to all'.

The Diocesan budget for 2024 was agreed although it will require about £600,000 to be drawn down from reserves to balance the books. This deficit position developed into a wider discussion about financial stability. There will probably be no reserves to cover deficit budgets for 2026 and beyond. The Common Fund data has been updated within the existing formula with safeguards for extreme changes. Details will be sent to parishes shortly along with material explaining the importance of Common Fund to the work and ministry of the Diocese.

Synod discussed a motion committing the Diocese and its churches and other institutions to strive towards a Net Carbon Zero situation by 2030. During the discussion it was recognised that this was a challenge, it would be very costly and some wondered if it was all too late.

There will be two further gatherings of the Diocesan Synod in the current session in March and June 2024. Elections will take place next year for the new session that commences on 1 August 2024. For the next round of elections South East Derbyshire Deanery will have nine places for clergy and nine places for the laity

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

# Introducing the Parish Support Office

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## Introduction by Will Hagger, Diocesan Secretary



*“The Parish Support Office (PSO), based at Derby Church House, provides support to our parishes across the Diocese of Derby. We have a wide range of skills that combine to deliver prayer, guidance and support. Our parishes, church leaders and communities are at the very heart of everything we do. I hope this overview provides a greater understanding of the services we provide along with some key contact details. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the Parish Support Office”.*

## Archdeacons

The archdeacons report directly to Bishop Libby and help oversee and shape ministry within the diocese. They have significant responsibilities for the welfare and appointment of clergy, and the maintenance and upkeep of church buildings. The three archdeaconries reflect the significant missional contexts of our diocese, serving our rural, urban, and emerging post-industrial communities. The statutory responsibilities of the archdeacons are delivered within their geographical boundaries.

## Deanery Administrators

Deanery administrators are primarily based remotely across our diocese, working directly to support the area deans and being a contact for every parish in each deanery and with the parish support office. They are often our “contact on the ground”, communicating and sharing stories with their deaneries through different means, including Deanery Synod, deanery newsletters and social media.

## Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)

The DAC is a statutory body set up under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, which provides advice and guidance on the care of churches and churchyards. Making changes to church buildings, contents or grounds requires submission of a faculty application (a request for permission) to the chancellor of the diocese. Faculties are issued by the chancellor or the archdeacons, taking the DAC's advice into account.

The members and advisers of the DAC have expertise in a wide variety of specialist fields including architecture, art, archaeology, bells, heating, organs, clocks, sound and audio systems, liturgy and the environment. They serve in a voluntary capacity and can be called on to provide advice.

dac@derby.anglican.org

## Discipleship, Mission and Ministry (DM&M)

DM&M is concerned with the recruitment, selection, and training for both ordained and lay ministries (readers and pastoral workers) for mission and ministry in the diocese. They provide a variety of training and development activities as well as vocational courses for those considering full- or part-time stipendiary or lay roles within the diocese:

- Vocations (selecting people for licensed ministry), lay training, training for licensed lay ministry, clergy training & ministerial development, Living Generously programme, families, children and young people, buildings for mission (community engagement), reader community.
- Supporting clergy wellbeing, ministerial development reviews, new models of ministry, and central church grant funding.
- Responsibility for diocesan environment programme, mission planning, new worshipping communities, statistics for mission, lay ministry development, social justice and action.

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The Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry, is available to support parishes ongoing ministries with children and young people, and to help develop strategies to develop a Growing Faith culture in your communities. Growing Faith encompasses schools, households and congregations and provides resources and encouragement to develop connection points between them so that young discipleship is nurtured.

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## Executive and Governance

The diocesan secretary (DS) is the chief executive of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF), the corporate entity of the Diocese of Derby, heading up a team of dedicated professionals, providing support and leadership within the diocesan structure, for its assets and resources. A member of the Bishop's Senior Staff, the DS works closely with the bishop to implement strategy and policy ensuring that the DBF provides the best possible service and support to the parishes of the diocese. The executive assistant is responsible for all governance matters including preparation and minutes of the Diocesan Synod, maintaining key data and supporting the DS.

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## Finance

The Finance Team is responsible for the overall, effective financial management of income, expenditure, and investments of the DBF, including setting annual budgets, reporting to the Board, and preparing and filing annual accounts.

The team also provides advice and guidance to parishes on financial matters including Gift Aid, investments, grants and loans, common fund, return of parish finance, and fees. The Finance Team produces a quarterly newsletter to support PCC treasurers. If you don't receive the newsletter, please contact Finance at:

[finance@derby.anglican.org](mailto:finance@derby.anglican.org)

## Human Resources (HR)

Human Resources (HR) is responsible for all personnel matters including appointments, pay and remuneration, conditions of service, training and wellbeing. HR also provides advice, guidance and support to the Bishop of Derby, the archdeacons and senior managers as well as to all parishes and clergy, ensuring the DBF is always compliant with employment law.

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## Media and Communications

The Communications Team works with all partners on media relations, including handling all media queries. It provides communications advice to the DBF, DBE and the Bishop of Derby's Office. The team is responsible for diocesan publications, maintains the website, monitors and posts on the diocesan social media accounts, creates training materials and delivers training to support parishes in matters as diverse as writing a press release to managing your A Church Near You site.

It also maintains the diocesan and vision branding, and handles crisis communications, general comms advice and support to parishes, and providing copyright advice. The team is always looking to promote good news stories from parishes and communities across the whole diocese. If you are approached by media, do let the Communications Team know so that it can provide support as needed.

[communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org)

## Property

The Property Team is responsible for proactive management and maintenance of houses for clergy (176 in total) and glebe land holdings (circa 1,250 acres). The team is responsible for generating income and capital from surplus assets through leasing, sale and planning and development strategies. The team provides guidance to parishes on leasing and sale of church halls and dealing with their own land holdings.

The Property Team does not deal with queries relating to church buildings.

[propertyteam@derby.anglican.org](mailto:propertyteam@derby.anglican.org)

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everybody's business. The Safeguarding Team ensures the Diocese of Derby provides a safe and caring environment for everyone. They have a statutory responsibility to manage safeguarding concerns and risk assessments, and to manage risk within our worshipping communities.

The Safeguarding Team is responsible for advising the bishop, diocesan staff, clergy and parish safeguarding officers on safeguarding issues, policy, and complaints. It provides support around disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks and delivers a full programme of safeguarding training to ensure compliance with national guidance.

The team works closely with parish safeguarding officers and holds events and training specifically designed for them, and produces a regular newsletter. If you don't receive the newsletter please contact Safeguarding at:

[safeguarding@derby.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@derby.anglican.org)

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## Parish Support Office partners

### Bishop's Office

The Bishop's Office is funded by the national church and supports the mission and ministry across the diocese.

[office@bishopofderby.org](mailto:office@bishopofderby.org)

### Derby Cathedral

The Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop of Derby, and a centre for mission and worship serving the people and parishes of the Diocese of Derby. It is a separate legal entity.

[derbycathedral.org](http://derbycathedral.org)

### Derby Diocesan Board of Education (DBE)

The DBE provides statutory functions and advice to the governing bodies of our 111 church schools. It is a separate charity accountable to their own governance. The DBE works closely with the DBF in terms of children and young people.

[derbydbe.org](http://derbydbe.org)

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## Bishop's Badge

### Celebrating South East Derbyshire's Recipients for 2023

In 1927, the Diocese of Derby was founded and Bishop Edmund Courtenay Pearce, the first Bishop of Derby, arranged for a medal to be struck to celebrate this new beginning.

In recent years, the seventh Bishop of Derby, the Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, arranged for a replica of this medal to be minted and mounted in the form of a badge, for presentation to nominees in acknowledgment of their service to church and community.



Badges are awarded both for missional innovation and for long service. As the eighth Bishop of Derby, Bishop Libby continues this tradition. We celebrate with our 2023 recipients, who are:

*Ann Ball (St Andrew's Stanley and United Church All Saints Stanley Common)*  
*Kate Bassford (All Saints and St Mary's, Sawley)*  
*Margaret Bromby (Christ Church, Cotmanhay and Shipley)*  
*Janet Costal (St Andrew's Stanley and United Church All Saints Stanley Common)*  
*Jim Davison (St Wilfred's, West Hallam)*  
*Rob Groome (All Saints, Risley)*  
*Julie Hart (Christ Church, Cotmanhay and Shipley)*  
*Pat Hassall (All Saints and St Mary's, Sawley)*  
*Sylvia Homer (St Michael and All Angels, Stanton-by-Dale)*  
*Zoe Leleux (St Michael and All Angels, Stanton-by-Dale)*  
*Jean Parsons (St Wilfreds, West Hallam)*  
*May Thompson (St John the Baptist, Smalley)*  
*Mo Tolson (All Saints, Risley)*  
*Alan Tolson (All Saints, Risley)*

Sylvia Homer and Zoe Leleux are delighted to share something of what it meant to receive this award:

*"When I first received the email to receive the Bishop's Badge Award, I felt total disbelief and shock as to why I should be nominated. My husband then sat me down and pointed out the number of roles I had served in over the last 36 years. Until he did that I had not realised just how many!*

*The reaction from my family was lovely and it was wonderful to be able to celebrate the day with them and members of the Church family. All I have done is out of gratitude for what Jesus has done for me." Sylvia Homer*

*"I was surprised, not to say shocked when I was nominated for the Bishop's Badge. I can think of people who deserve it more. All I have done has been for Jesus. My response to his love has been 'to labour and not to seek for any reward save that of knowing that I do his will.'" Zoe Leleux*



# *Bishop's Badge Recipients for 2023*

## *A Few Celebratory Snapshots*

*Congratulations One and All*



**Sylvia Homer**



**Kate Bassford**



**Pat Hassall**



**Julie Hart and Margaret Bromby**



**Mary Thompson**



**Zoe Leleux**



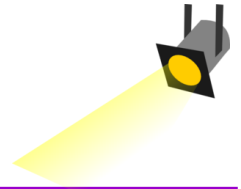
**Rob Groome**



**Margaret Bromby  
reading the lesson**

## Parish Spotlight

### A Joyful Family Baptism at All Saints Ockbrook



*Rev'd Tim Sumpter writes:*

40 years ago I came to Christian faith as a young soldier serving in the Army Air Corps. As I hadn't been baptised as a child I was very quickly baptised in the Baptist Church through which I had come to faith. Subsequently my wife and her family and my parents all came to Christian faith too.

Some years later I was a Baptist ordinand studying in Oxford and experienced a second conversion, this time to Anglicanism, via the ministry of Dr Michael Green, the then Vicar of St Aldates. I left the Baptist College, returned home, and joined a local Anglican church, and eventually was ordained in the C of E.

My wife and I decided – unusually for a clergy family – not to have our children baptised, but allow them to decide that for themselves.

I have been the Vicar of Ockbrook with Borrowash in Derby Diocese for just 22 years. Two of my three sons have recently come to Christian faith/discipleship for themselves and requested baptism. Luke Sumpter (32) lives in Coppull, Lancashire, with his wife Sandra. He is a writer and author. Joel Sumpter (26) lives in Derby with his family. Joel works in a local business which makes plastics.

Following a service in All Saints' Ockbrook on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 11am - at which Luke and Joel both shared something of the different spiritual journeys they have been on, which had taken them both far from Christianity and the church - they were baptised by full-immersion in a friend's pool located near the church building in Ockbrook. Many people came, including friends and family, people with faith, agnostics and atheists, alongside our church children and youth with the children's and youth worker.

It was a deeply moving and significant moment in my own journey of faith, and as the vicar, and their father, to baptise Luke and Joel, along with another young man named Isaac. I was assisted by two members of the church family, to ensure the candidates were fully submerged, and came up again without being dropped!

In the course of my ministry here I have now baptised 28 new disciples by full immersion (those who had not been baptised as children) which seem to be increasing in our current cultural context.



**Joel, Luke and Isaac  
making baptism promises  
at All Saints with Rev'd Tim**



**Joel's baptism**

*Congratulations to Luke, Joel  
and Isaac on their baptisms,  
and thank you to Tim for  
sharing such a precious family  
faith story*



**Luke's baptism**

## *An Opportunity for Young People*

Rev'd Samantha Tredwell (Long Eaton, St John's) is in the early stages of organising a youth weekend away in April next year for Year 6 (11-year olds) to 18 year olds at the Peak Centre. This is through Churches Together locally so would involve Christians of many traditions. Out of this there is a plan to form a monthly faith based youth gathering in Long Eaton. If any churches in the Deanery have young people who would like to come along it would be great to have them. The more the merrier. Cost will be around £60 per person (includes all food and activities though not transport to the Peak Centre) Please contact Rev'd Samantha Tredwell [samtredwell@outlook.com](mailto:samtredwell@outlook.com) for more details.



## *Discipleship Training in the Diocese of Derby*

### **Licensed Lay Ministry Training**

The Licensed Lay Ministry (Reader) Training course starts again in Autumn. If you feel a call to licensed lay ministry **of any kind** then this course is for you (it now extends to many ministries which may once not have been thought of as 'Reader' ministry). Find out more on our dedicated training website [www.discipleship-training.org](http://www.discipleship-training.org) or contact the Director of Studies: [dawn.glen@derby.anglican.org](mailto:dawn.glen@derby.anglican.org). Deadline for applications: 30 November 2023.

### **Discipleship Training**

Our Diocesan discipleship training courses start afresh in January and is a great time to start on any of our modules, even if you just want to dip your toe in the water! Study for your own faith journey or to receive our Diocesan Certificate in Mission and Ministry. Term starts on 13 January 2024 with the Everyday Faith module. Application forms can be found on the above website. Deadline for applications: 1<sup>st</sup> January

## Contemplative Services at St Clements Horsley

At St Clement's Horsley we are developing a range of **contemplative services** at which you would be very welcome.

On the third Sunday of every month we hold a morning **Taize Service** from 10am – 11am. This service starts with a short run-through of all the songs we will sing – and then it continues as a Taize Prayer with its blend of silences, readings, intercessions, poetry and music.



We also hold **Music and Silence evenings** intermittently throughout the year. Our next evening will be on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9pm. The evening consists of four songs sung together interspersed with silence. We start with a short vocal warm up and the parts of each song are taught prior to singing it. When we sing the songs together there is the option for individual singers to be quiet for a moment and come into the centre to listen to all the harmonies together, which can be a very moving experience. There is a break in the middle of the evening with the opportunity for a drink together.

We would love the opportunity to sing together with others who are interested in these events, and you would be made very welcome. There is street parking available outside the church – St Clement's, Church Street, Horsley DE21 5BR.

## And Finally....

A very warm welcome to the Deanery and Diocese to Anne Wilkins, her husband Chris and their family. Anne was installed as the new Priest-in-Charge of All Saints Sawley and St Mary's Sawley on 2nd October. We are delighted that they have joined us.

(Anne introduced herself in the July/August newsletter. See: [SE Deanery Newsletter July-August 2023 \(1\).pdf](#))

