

'Why On Earth' - Sundays in January



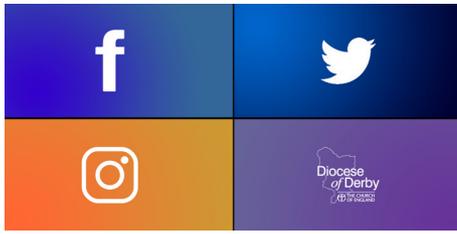
'Why On Earth' is an opportunity to talk about questions we might have about faith.

*Does it matter what I believe?
What do I make of Jesus?
Where does church fit in?*

No lectures, no right or wrong answers, no previous experience required. Just you and a few other people on the journey.

Sundays in January at 4.30 pm in the Beddoes Room at Derby Cathedral. Finishing in time for Evensong at 6 pm. All welcome!

Social Media for Beginners - free workshop



Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Whatsapp, Pinterest – the number of social media choices seems to get longer with each passing week.

Have you ever wondered what they all mean or how you can use them? And what is that hash-tag all about?

You can now find out as to help get you and your church started with social media the Diocese has a new workshop for social media beginners that will look at:

- Setting up accounts and pages and how to use them
- How to make posts to your accounts and what not to post
- Sharing ideas and best practice

The next workshop will be held at Derby Church House on Wednesday 9 January 2019 from 10.30 am – 3 pm.

The workshop is free of charge and you can book a place at www.derby.anglican.org.

Diocesan Synod Meetings 2019

The dates for the Diocesan Synod Meetings for 2019 have been agreed as:

- 2 March 2019
- 15 June 2019
- 12 October 2019

A prayer for the new year

As we come to the start of this New Year, let us seek God's grace.

*God our Father whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each day,
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds,
that we may pass this coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith.*

our Diocese

January 2019

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Libby Lane named as next Bishop of Derby



The next Bishop of Derby will be the Right Reverend Libby Lane, Downing Street has announced.

Bishop Libby is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Stockport, Diocese of Chester – a post she has occupied since 2015.

Libby describes Derbyshire as 'the place that holds my heart. She grew up in Glossop in the north-west of the county and was selected for ordination while working in the parish of St Thomas Brampton, Chesterfield.

Bishop Libby said: "I am excited and privileged to have been called to serve as Bishop of Derby. I grew up here; my vocation was fostered here. Derbyshire nurtured me and brought me to faith and I want to love Derbyshire back.

"I want to lead a church in Derbyshire where people find hope because they know they are loved by God in Christ, and I pray that hope sets us free to live our lives in ways that bring change for good.

"Please pray for me, as I will be praying for you. Jesus' invitation is to come closer, and His challenge is to go further - let's journey together."

The Dean of Derby, the Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance, said: "I am thrilled that Libby is coming to be our bishop. Her roots are here in Derbyshire, and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming her home and working with her in the months and years ahead. "This announcement presents us with an opportunity to think afresh, about who we are and who we hope to be, about the opportunities and challenges that face us as we move forward."

Bishop Libby marked the announcement by visiting a number of communities in the Diocese. She started the day, with her husband, George, her two grown-up children, Connie and Benedict, in her childhood hometown of Glossop, where her parents still live before meeting children and staff at Bolsover C of E Junior School, revisiting the church of St Thomas in Brampton, Chesterfield, meeting members of the farming and agricultural communities in Alderwasley, before heading to Derby Cathedral for a reception where she met local faith and community leaders. Libby ended her day joining Evening Prayers at the Cathedral.

The service to install Bishop Libby in Derby Cathedral will take place after Easter.

Archdeacon Christopher writes...

INSTITUTIONAL TRUTH



In 1989, the American economist, JK Galbraith, gave an address at a graduation ceremony at Smith College, an exclusive women's college in Massachusetts. He spoke to the graduates about the career choices they would face and warned them about the seductive charms of institutional truth:

I come now to your real choice. Your real choice will be in the realm of truth. Specifically, it will be in deciding whether you will be guided by sometimes inconvenient, even painful reality or by what I will call institutional truth. Institutional truth in our times bears no necessary relation to simple truth. It is, instead, what serves the needs and purposes of the large and socially pervasive institutions that increasingly dominate modern life.

Institutional truth is what the organisations, businesses, political parties, churches we belong to or are paid by require us to believe and proclaim. It's not necessarily a result of ill-will or conspiracy – it's simply the way institutions tend to work in achieving coherent

forward movement. It raises the question, though, of how we maintain personal integrity in the face of the pressure of institutional truth, a problem faced by many people in all parts of our society. How do we stand up for the simple truth and reality? As Galbraith says, 'It is far, far safer to be wrong with the majority than to be right alone. And more reputable, too.' On the other hand, 'there is considerable personal enjoyment in pursuing it. To the adherents of institutional truth there is nothing more inconvenient, nothing that so contributes to discomfort, than open, persistent, articulate assertion of what is real.'

As Christians, we claim to be concerned about reality and about the truth that sets people free. How does that fit with the institutional truths that all churches are bound to proclaim? Dean Inge, one of the great Anglican characters of the last century, wrote, I think tongue in cheek, '*The Almighty is obliged to do many things in his official capacity which he would scorn to do as a private individual.*' Thirty years on from Galbraith's warning, where do we stand? Would it be fanciful to proclaim 2019 as a Year of Reality?

Venerable Dr Christopher Cunliffe
Archdeacon of Derby

Information on waste collection and charging for churches

The Controlled Waste Regulations 2012 classifies waste from a hereditament or premises exempt from local non-domestic rating as household waste. In practice, this means waste from places of religious worship is regarded as domestic waste and authorities with waste collection duties must collect it and may not charge for its collection or disposal.

Under paragraph 11(1) and (2) of Schedule 5 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988, that provision also applies to buildings used in connection with the conduct of public religious worship – such as an office or church hall.

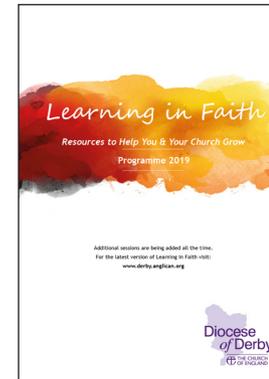
If a church hires out such buildings to other groups not connected with the conduct of religious worship, that would be regarded as a commercial activity and any waste arising from such use would be commercial waste – for which a charge for both collection and disposal can be made.

A further consideration would be where the waste arises from a building or renovation project, for which private waste collection arrangements would generally be necessary.

It is recommended that such costs should be taken into account at the planning stage.

Learning in Faith

Resources to Help You and Your Church Grow, Programme 2019



This New Year brings an exciting new programme of learning opportunities for churches to engage with.

The programme includes topics ranging from 'Effective Evangelism for the Local Church' to 'Handling Tension Constructively' to 'The Role and Responsibilities of a Church Warden' to 'Supporting Schools with Faith Activities,' to name just a few. Hopefully you will find something to support you and your parish with your plans for the coming year.

To review the variety of sessions on offer, visit the Diocesan website and click on the Training tab or look for the Learning in Faith printed brochure in church. Every training opportunity, bar one, is offered free of charge in venues across Derbyshire, so you will find sessions that interest you in nearby locations.

Coming up in January 2019:

Vocations Exploration Evenings

Thursday 10 and 17, 7 pm - 9.30 pm
St Oswald, Ashbourne

'Here I am'. Do you sense that God is calling you to ministry? Spend two evenings exploring your vocation with others who are discerning God's call to ordained or licensed lay ministry.

'Experience' Christian Festivals: Churches Inviting Schools In

Monday 14, Church House, Derby
Monday 21, St Oswald, Ashbourne
Both dates at 6.45 pm - 8.30 pm.

The 'Experience' journeys are an exciting way to share Christian festivals with school children.

Talking Faith for Ordinary People

Saturday 26, 10 am - 1 pm
The Church on Oakwood

A workshop designed to remove the fear from sharing our faith story and give some practical thoughts and ideas of how we can do so more effectively.

Stewardship

Monday 28, 7 pm - 9 pm, Church House
Weds 30, 7.15 pm - 9.15 pm, Danesmoor

This course will look at the stewardship of time, talents and money.

Leading Intercessions

Thursday 31, 7 pm - 9 pm
St Andrew, Swanwick

A short, practical session on how to plan and write intercessions, covering what to include, what to avoid and how to deliver them. The session will include the opportunity to write some intercessions together.

How to book:

Please use Eventbrite to book your place for all sessions unless specified otherwise.

Visit the training page at:
www.derby.anglican.org.

Alternatively, you can call 01332 388687 or email training@derby.anglican.org.

We look forward to seeing you soon.