

## Churches Together for Derbyshire Annual Gathering

Churches Together for Derbyshire will hold its annual gathering at Matlock Methodist / URC Church on Saturday, 5 October 2019 from 10 am - 3 pm. The main speaker will be Revd Ruth Gee, Methodist National Ecumenical Officer and former President of Conference. The gathering also serves as an opportunity for churches from around the county to share their varied and exciting stories of working together.

Please contact Revd Peter Barham on 01332 551404 for more information and to book.

## Regular updates from your diocese direct to your inbox

The Diocese of Derby has a fortnightly eNews that contains the latest news, announcements from Bishop Libby, events, information and much more. It can be viewed on both PCs and tablets/mobiles and is a really easy read with options to click for more info on items of interest to you.

Don't miss out - sign up now at: [www.bit.ly/DDENEWS](http://www.bit.ly/DDENEWS)

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Located in the Derby's Cathedral Quarter, The Sanctuary at Derby Cathedral is a great place to buy Christian books and a wide range of gifts, and to relax and enjoy freshly made food, teas and coffees.

The Sanctuary at Derby Cathedral is your #1 option for ALL church supplies including candles, communion wafers and wine, incense, baptism cards, marriage and burial registers etc. Receive a discount of 10% on all orders over £30.00. Most items are in stock and available for immediate purchase.

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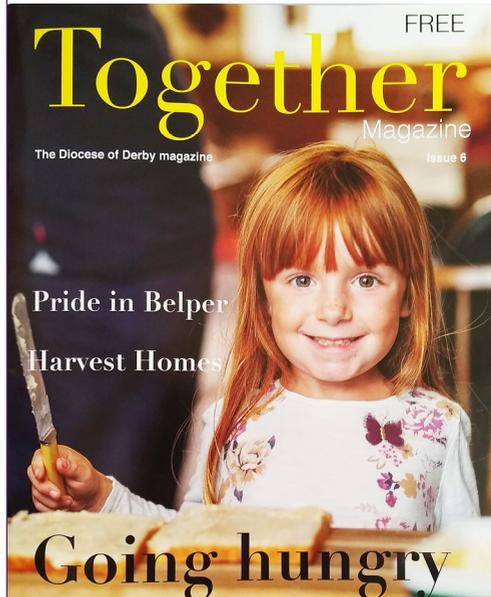
### Advertise your Christmas Events

If you would like your Christmas church events listing in the next issue of Together, please send details by Friday, 4 October.

The next issue will be available in November and cover December, January and February. Please email events to [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org)

Remember to add them to your ACNY page too!

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# Our Diocese

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## The Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance writes...



As announced, I am leaving the Diocese of Derby to take on the role of National Lead for Evangelism and Witness for the Church of England.

This is a full-time post based at Church House Westminster with responsibility for the Church's goals around evangelism - to motivate the million Anglican church-goers to share their faith, to equip a thousand new evangelists, and to enable clergy to lead evangelistic churches.

It has been a privilege to be Dean here for the last two years, and while I am moving on sooner than I had expected, I am grateful for all that we have accomplished together.

Among other things, I am glad to have been able to play a part in welcoming Bishop Libby to Derby, as a member of the Vacancy-in-See committee, Chair of the Statement of Needs Drafting Group, a member of the Crown Nominations Commission, and then with the Cathedral's role in electing and installing our new Bishop to her See.

In the Cathedral, we have opened Derby Cathedral School, launched The Sanctuary at Derby Cathedral, received a substantial grant from the Church Commissioners to ensure the future sustainability of the Cathedral, and made some significant new staff appointments, for all of which thanks be to God.

In my new role I will be working in the areas of evangelism, discipleship, and church growth, which have been particular hallmarks of Archbishop Justin's time in office. This is an exciting time to be involved in this work, with a renewed commitment from the Church at all levels to enable evangelism that is motivated not by institutional anxiety about diminishing numbers gathering on a Sunday, but about a longing for every person in our society to know the love of God for themselves. I am glad that this work will bring me back to the Diocese of Derby from time to time.

Please pray for me as I will continue to pray for you.

*The Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance  
Dean of Derby (until 29 September 2019)*

## Revd Canon Dr Elizabeth Thomson named Acting Dean

Bishop Libby is pleased to announce that the Revd Canon Dr Elizabeth Thomson will be Acting Dean of Derby from 30 September 2019. Canon Elizabeth has been at Derby Cathedral since 2014 as Canon Missioner, and was appointed sub-dean by the outgoing dean, the Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance.

On making the announcement, Bishop Libby said: "We are very thankful that Elizabeth is willing to take on this crucial role during the vacancy. Elizabeth has a proven track record of leadership and creative ministry in the cathedral. I am confident she will not only love and support the cathedral through this time of transition, but bring her gifts and experience to enabling the Cathedral to flourish and grow during this time."



# Learning in Faith

## October Highlights - Don't miss out!

### Planting New Congregations

Sat, 5 October at St Barnabas Centre, Danesmoor

### Leading Intercessions

Tue, 8 October at Church House, Derby

### Exploring Your Calling

Wed, 16 October at All Saints, Mickleover

### Working with Secondary Schools

Thu, 17 October at St Oswald's Church Centre, Ashbourne

### Sharing the Good News

Tue, 22 October at Church House, Derby

### Becoming a More Inclusive Church

Wed, 23 October at St Helen, Darley Dale

### Talking Faith for Ordinary People

Wed, 23 October at St Barnabas Centre, Danesmoor

NEW Autumn courses and dates  
now added.

Reserve your place and view all  
other courses -

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## Planting New Congregations

Saturday, 5 October 2019

10 am - 4 pm

St Barnabas Centre, Danesmoor

Throughout church history, one of the most effective ways for the church to grow has been through planting - creating new churches and congregations from existing ones.

This day-long workshop, hosted by Revd Jason Kennedy, Diocesan Missioner, helps churches to prayerfully consider, without assuming any knowledge or experience, their own way forward with God in this exciting way of growing His Kingdom.

Book your free place now at [www.bit.ly/DODPNC](http://www.bit.ly/DODPNC)

## The Art of Spiritual Accompaniment

- Does you heart long for a little time and space to pray and reflect on what God might be saying to you?
- Do you find people open up to you and want to share something of their faith journey with you?
- Would you like to learn more about spiritual accompaniment or feel that God might be calling you to a ministry of spiritual direction?



If the answer to any of those questions is YES then the Diocesan Spirituality group are running a 12-session course over 6 months beginning in January 2020 that might be of interest to you. The course will introduce you to different ways of prayer and various spiritual traditions as well as enabling you to grow in self-awareness and develop your listening skills. We will also look at how to discern God's voice and calling in your own life and the lives of others.

For more info and an application form, contact Revd Nicky Fenton - [nicky.fenton@derby.anglican.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@derby.anglican.org). More details are available on the Spirituality Page of the Diocesan website.

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## From our Deaneries

### Mercia

#### Mercia Deanery Day - Saturday, 19 October 2019

The Mercia Deanery Day will be held on Saturday, 19 October 2019 from 10 am - 3 pm at Emmanuel Church Hall in Swadlincote.

There will be a variety of exciting workshops and stalls available. Please bring lunch with you, hot drinks will be available.

For more details, contact Debbie Patrick, Mercia Deanery Administrator, by email: [debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org).

### South East

#### Deanery Resource Day - Saturday, 9 November 2019

The next resource day will focus on "Reaching Out" and will provide useful ideas for engaging with those with additional needs in congregations:

- Being dementia friendly
- How people hear in your church?
- Vintage Messy Church
- How do we care for carers?

It will take place at All Saints', Marlpool from 10am - 1pm including a closing worship. Please contact Angela Clayton, Deanery Administrator, to reserve your place - [angela.clayton@derby.anglican.org](mailto:angela.clayton@derby.anglican.org).

Learn more about your deanery and view deanery newsletters at: [www.bit.ly/deanerynews](http://www.bit.ly/deanerynews)

## Spirituality Day with Bishop Libby

The Diocesan Spirituality Group is holding a Spirituality Day on Thursday, 10 October 2019 at St Thomas, Brampton, from 10 am - 3 pm. Breakfast and registration from 9.30 am.

*'Give us this bread always' - John 6:34*

Bishop Libby is leading the day exploring the idea of us being fed as we pray, learn, tell and serve considering how this might become a framework for a rhythm of life. This is a free event, open to everyone. There will be a marketplace of stalls, light refreshments and plenty of opportunity to network over lunch (please bring your own - lunch not provided).

Book your free place now at [www.bit.ly/DSGOctober](http://www.bit.ly/DSGOctober)

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### Derby City

#### Festival of Life - Saturday, 12 October 2019

Breathing Space and Derby City Deanery's "Festival of Life" is on Saturday, 12 October 2019 from 10 am - 6 pm at St Peter's, Chellaston.

A deanery quilt is in preparation and all parishes are invited to participate and think how their square will be decorated. 1,000 angels are in production for yard-bombing, and there will be a Deanery/Breathing Space tent at which you can advertise your parish's activities.

If you can help with a Fair-Trade stall, children's activities, cake and other baking and helping in the kitchen (Food Safety Certificates required), leading a Prayer Walk (routes planned), joining in street drama, being part of a clear-up team, or to be generally helpful throughout - please contact Revd BJ Facey - [bjfacey@btinternet.com](mailto:bjfacey@btinternet.com) and Revd Sarah Watson - [revslwatson@gmail.com](mailto:revslwatson@gmail.com).

Full details of the Festival of Life are available in the September 2019 issue of Derby City Deanery News, or contact Jo Simister, Deanery Administrator, via email: [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org).

