

# Our Diocese Together

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# News

## Blooming marvellous Mackworth

Mackworth Vehicle Conversions, a local company that fits out lorries and vans for local authorities and companies, wanted to contribute planters made from their waste material, along with plants and compost to people living in the Mackworth estate.

After seeing posts on Facebook from St Francis Church, MVC approached Revd Andy Ward, Church Leader, as they needed help to identify those who are struggling.

Through the relationship St Francis Church has with the local area coordinator, they identified people who would benefit from a free planter with flowers. The deliveries have started and MVC want this to be a monthly event.

MVC donate the planters and St Francis will deliver them. Andy said "We feel incredibly privileged to be asked to help a company serve and contribute to its local community".



## Thank You Day

Sunday, 4 July 2021



"Together", a coalition of UK organisations, including the Church of England, has been established with the aim of bringing people together and bridging divides, to help build a kinder, closer, and more connected society.

They are planning a national 'Thank You Day' to take place on Sunday 4 July, to mark the end of this phase of the crisis, to say thank you to everyone who helped us through and to look forward, reminded of what matters and how we want to stay connected to each other in the future.

The invitation to take part has been backed by several household names including the Archbishop of Canterbury who has also contributed to an online promotional video for the campaign.

Churches have a pivotal role in our parishes and communities, and are encouraged to participate in the 'Thank You Day' on Sunday, 4 July 2021 by holding a service of thanks, having a communal meal (within Covid safe guidelines) or sharing thanks in other ways.

Learn more at [www.thankyouday.org.uk](http://www.thankyouday.org.uk)

## National Thank A Teacher Day

Wednesday, 23 June 2021



National Thank A Teacher Day celebrates the professionalism, passion and commitment of our schools. It means so much to receive a thank you and our teachers across the diocese, especially our CofE schools deserve all our thanks.

If your church is affiliated with one of our schools or you have a school in your parish, please consider as a church ways to say Thank You on 23 June 2021 for their hard work, especially during the pandemic.

The website [www.thankateacher.co.uk](http://www.thankateacher.co.uk) gives you some ideas and also allows you to send an online card.

The day recognises ALL staff working in schools; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners.

Michael Morpurgo, author and President of the Teaching Awards Trust, said: "So often and for so many of us, it is a teacher who changed our lives, was at our side through hard and difficult times, who lifted us up when we were down, helped us find our voice, gave us confidence when we needed it most, set us on a path that we have followed ever since."



## Canon Elizabeth to leave Derby Cathedral

Canon Dr Elizabeth Thomson has been appointed Provost of Dundee. Elizabeth's last service at Derby Cathedral will be the Eucharist on Sunday, 6 June 2021 and she will be installed in a special service in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on Saturday 19 June.

Elizabeth joined Derby Cathedral in 2014 as Canon Missioner and was appointed Sub-Dean in 2018.

The Dean of Derby, the Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, said: "We are delighted that Elizabeth has been selected as the new Provost of Dundee and she leaves with our thanksgiving to God for her seven years as our Canon Missioner. Elizabeth will

be much missed here in Derby. I know that Elizabeth will in the years to come enrich the city of Dundee and the Diocese of Brechin with her many gifts, not least her creativity, capacity for outreach and pastoral insight. Our greetings and prayers to all in the Scottish Episcopal Church who will undoubtedly enjoy Elizabeth's ministry in the years to come."

Elizabeth said: "It has been a privilege to be here for seven years, working with excellent colleagues in the cathedral and the Diocese and learning so much from the whole Cathedral community. I am looking forward to new challenges in Dundee but I will be sad to say goodbye to Derby Cathedral."

## Manna Food Boxes extends to All Saints, Sawley

Since its launch in November 2020, the Manna affordable food boxes scheme has grown so rapidly that they have now extended to provide pick-up points in St John's Long Eaton and All Saints Sawley.

Clients pay £6 a week to receive a Manna Food Box which includes fresh fruit and veg, a dairy or protein product, tins and dried goods with a total box value of up to £30.00.

Revd Elaine Jones, curate of All Saints Sawley, said: 'The continued impact of coronavirus means that some people are struggling to make ends meet. We're really pleased that with the success of the scheme at St John's we can now extend it to make the boxes available in Sawley too. If people are on reduced incomes, they can know that for this relatively small amount of £6.00, they

will receive a box of wholesome foodstuffs, and that can free them up to manage other bills'.

The name 'manna' comes from the Bible story of God providing food called manna for His people as they travelled through the desert.

The scheme coordinators include Carl McCarthy (Hope Long Eaton), Revd Elaine Jones, curate of All Saints and St Mary's Sawley, and Revd Sam Tredwell, vicar of St. John's Long Eaton. They buy food from FareShare, local wholesalers, and receive donations from local supermarkets.

Revd Elaine said: 'It matters to God when people are hungry, when they're worried about how they're going to feed their children. We want to show that God cares'.

[www.mannafoodboxes.com](http://www.mannafoodboxes.com)





# HOPE in East Scarsdale

**Launched almost one year ago, TEAM Education Trust has the education of children at its heart. The Trust currently comprises of three schools; Stubbin Wood School, Model Village Primary School and Whaley Thorns Primary School. The trust has been structured so children are the focus of its actions and to ensure they have the best foundations on which to build success in their future lives, jobs and relationships.**

The HOPE project is a collaborative project with all three TEAM Education schools and local churches. It is the first community project undertaken by TEAM Education and underpins our desire to highlight how important community links are and to showcase the work of the amazing students in TEAM Education.

Based on HOPE and looking forward to returning to life after the pandemic, students were asked to complete a piece of artwork based on their own HOPE, dreams and desires. With the kind support of Revd John Draycott and Revd Karen Bradley, a combination of all artwork from the TEAM Education schools was arranged for display in Holy Trinity, Holy Cross, St Luke's and St Michael's churches.

Revd Karen Bradley, vicar of Holy Trinity, Shirebrook, said: "It was wonderful to welcome the artwork around the theme of HOPE. I had

seen some of the 'work in progress' during Teams assemblies over lockdown and to see it all come together was fabulous – and such great talent displayed.

"The artwork came into Holy Trinity for the period of Thy Kingdom Come – a very happy coincidence - and on the day of Pentecost individual pieces were taken out to Holy Cross Langwith, St Michael's Pleasley, and St Luke's Whaley Thorns, symbolically spreading the hope across our Team of parishes as we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit and the new hope that came at Pentecost.

"It has been a privilege to work with the TEAMS Education Trust on this project and we are hopeful that this will be the first of many new opportunities as things open up and we are able to fully re-engage with schools in our community once again."



## Carolyn Lewis to lead Board of Education

Canon Carolyn Lewis has been invited by Bishop Libby, after consultation and agreement, to lead the work of Derby Diocesan Board of Education for an interim period, initially for a year from September 2021.

Carolyn is currently Diocesan Director of Education in Leicester, and will undertake this new role in addition to her role in the Diocese of Leicester. She will become one of the first Executive Diocesan Directors of Education (DDE) in the Church of England, and this is a pioneering step for both Derby and Leicester's education teams.

Through this partnership working both dioceses will be exploring how to be innovative in supporting their respective Church school families and in placing schools at the heart of the Church's mission. This is an exciting opportunity for both dioceses and shows commitment to our values of generosity and creativity.

Bishop Libby said: "Our Church Schools are examples of the good news of the Kingdom of God: their work and life are at the heart of the Diocese of Derby. I am delighted that Carolyn has agreed to take on leading our Board of Education through this next season, sharing her experience of leadership and passion for Christ across both the Diocese of Derby and the Diocese of Leicester."

Carolyn has been the DDE in the Diocese of Leicester since 2014. On hearing of her new role, Carolyn commented: "I cherish my vocation as Director of Education and feel extraordinarily privileged to be supporting the work of Church schools across both the Diocese of Derby and the Diocese of Leicester".

Read the full article on [www.derby.anglican.org](http://www.derby.anglican.org).

The vision is for all TEAM Education Trust schools to offer nurturing, inclusive learning environments led by teachers who collaborate and embrace our values of TEAMtogether.

**T**ogether – work in partnership to achieve more for our students, schools & communities.

**O**pportunity – for all to access the very best learning and resources

**G**rowth – enabling students, staff and families to develop

**E**nterprise – nurturing a positive 'can-do' attitude to try to new things

**T**rust – in ourselves and those around us

**H**onesty – valuing integrity and truth in all we do

**E**xcellence – setting out to achieve the highest standards in everything we do

**R**espect – for our environment and all in our TEAM family of schools

# Road to ordination

One of the highlights of the church year is **Petertide**, when we welcome to the diocese those who will be become deacons at this year's ordination service.

This year, 15 people will be ordained at Derby Cathedral. Here we meet John, Becky and Rachel and hear how each of them discovered their calling.

Find out more on our website - [www.derby.anglican.org](http://www.derby.anglican.org).



I'm Becky Reeve

and I am looking forward to being ordained in June and starting my curacy at St Augustine's, Derby. It has been a long path to this point - I came to faith on Christmas Eve 2002, having grown up in a non-religious family, and received

my sense of call to ministry

at the same time as my call to faith. I didn't really understand how churches worked though, so I thought I could just fill in a job application form to be a priest like for any other job...little did I know! I started attending a free church in 2003, but after a couple of years felt drawn to Anglicanism, and I knew as soon as I started attending an Anglican church that I had found my home. Eventually, I was recommended for training and have spent the last two years in full-time training at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, living alongside a community of monks.

I grew up in Sutton Coldfield, on the edge of Birmingham, but went to university in London. When I met my husband, Patrick, I moved down to the South Coast, where I have been for the last 10 years.

I have worked as a primary school teacher, 6th

form college lecturer in English and Classical Civilisation, tutor for marginalised young people and school SENCO. I have also spent time living in communities supporting young adults with learning difficulties and working with street homeless people. Having received the gift of faith myself I am keen to find ways to reach out to other people.

Walking pilgrimages are a passion for me: I walked the St Martin's in the Fields pilgrimage from London to Canterbury every year from 2008 until Covid struck, and Patrick and I organise regular reunion walks for this pilgrimage. In fact, Patrick and I actually met walking. We also completed the Camino de Santiago just before I started training, which was a fantastic experience.

When I was interviewed about being a curate I had to admit that I didn't have a connection to Derby. It was only after I had agreed my curacy at St Augustine that I found out from my father that my great-grandfather had not only been born in Derby, but in the same parish that I will be based in! His father was an itinerant stonemason who worked on churches, and who moved into the parish just as the church was being built, so it is highly possible that my great-great grandfather helped to build the church where I will be a curate!



## My name is John

**Ferguson**, and I live in Overseal, a village at the very south of the diocese near Swadlincote. I'm looking forward to being ordained to work in the parish of St. Barnabas, Derby, as a Self-Supporting Minister (SSM). As an SSM I will continue to work full time as an IT Manager for a well-known discount retailer.

I grew up in a small village in Lancashire and started attending church at a young age with my sister. We were drawn in by the vibrant Sunday school and by the time I moved to attend Derby University, I was a leader there and a member of both the music group and PCC.

I moved to Derby in 2005 to study Computer Networks. On leaving my previous church, our curate put me in touch with St. Peter's and this has been my home for nearly 16 years. There, I have held various roles: youth leader, home

group leader, member of the PCC and various working groups; and I have been involved in several outreach activities, such as Recharge (church in a pub) and Alpha Café. But my primary role was as a worship leader. Part of this development involved attending the Mission Worship Conference in Eastbourne every couple of years. Whilst there In November 2017, I felt God speak to me through song. I came away with a deep desire to grow my faith through study but resisted the call to ordination. In September 2018 I started a part-time course at The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham and God spoke to me again. This time it was through a vision (but it still involved a song) and the rest, as they say, is history.

In my spare time, other than music, I enjoy scuba diving and I especially enjoy diving in the Red Sea.

I am still working out what ordained ministry will look like for me, I'm sure it will involve music in some way. But I also feel the fact I will be staying in secular employment could be key, helping to bridge the gap between secular and sacred.

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## My name is Rachel Burdett.

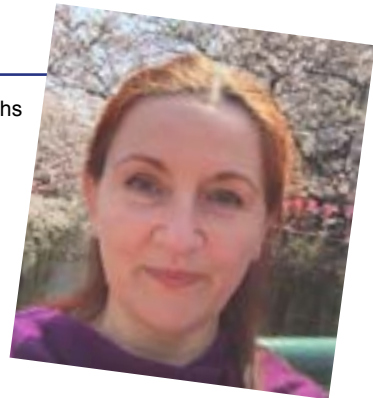
I've just completed two years of study at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, and I'm excited to be joining Belper Christ Church with Turnditch as the assistant curate.

My sending parish is Eckington with Ridgeway, in North East Derbyshire. I went to university in Leeds and studied Modern Chinese Studies (with a bit of Japanese thrown in). After graduation I went back to China (having spent a year there as a student) and taught at a university there for a short while, and after that decided to take a job in Japan. Two years later, I came back to the UK, but missed Japan so much I got another job there and then spent the next 25 years teaching in Japanese secondary schools - mostly at a private Anglican school called St. Hilda's, in Tokyo.

I had expected to be a teacher for the rest of my working life but about five years ago I sensed I was being called to ordained ministry and started to explore that through the Diocese of Derby. I moved back to the UK in March 2019 and began

college six months later.

Being an ordinand during Covid-time has probably been the best and worst time. There have been fewer placements and worship has been disrupted in many ways, but it has all given me a lot to think about.



In my time off, I do a lot of walking and taking photos. I love Derbyshire and it is rather mystifying, now I've come home, to imagine how I lived on the other side of the world for so long. At home I enjoy cooking and during lockdown, like apparently many other people, I learned how to make my own marmalade.





# Rising from the ashes

Back in December 2020, All Saints' Church, Mackworth was devastated by fire. Whilst the tower was largely unaffected, the nave and chancel were almost completely destroyed, including the roof. Amazingly a number of artefacts survived and have already been set to experts for restoration. The work has also revealed a crypt that was not known about. These images of the church's interior follow months of clearance work and the stabilisation of the site. The next phase will be to make the building watertight. Most of the funding for the work carried out so far has been provided by the church's insurers, Ecclesiastical. It is hoped all the work might be complete by Christmas 2023.





### **A message from Revd Jacqueline Stober**

Remember the devastating fire we had back in December? People were very kind and began fundraising for us straight away. We are grateful for these funds because they will allow us to add in those important extras not covered by the insurance company. We are hoping to make the building more energy-efficient, increase community use and make our church fit to welcome future generations. I was finally able to get inside last week. The engineers have strengthened the columns, and the building is now relatively safe, so we were able to get inside and remember what it was like to worship in that space.

Some of the silverware has survived, and thanks to the safe, even the registers weren't totally destroyed, although they are in a sorry state. So much has been lost, but so much remains: the memories of all the brides walking down the aisle, the christenings that took place at the font, the weekly worship and fellowship of a faithful congregation. One day, with your help, we hope to be able to restore the mission of our church.





The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson writes...

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## Cathedral of Sanctuary

In 2015, Derby Cathedral was the first cathedral in England to be given Cathedral of Sanctuary status. In 2021 our participation in the City of Sanctuary network is being reviewed, which means that we are in the process of reviewing what we have achieved over the past six years.

In Matthew 10:40 Jesus says, *'Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me'*, and later in the Gospel during the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats he adds, *'I was a stranger and you welcomed me'*. Hospitality is about working with God to transform unjust structures in society that hold people back from flourishing: its about pursuing peace and reconciliation with the most vulnerable and its to be at the heart of our understanding and practice of sanctuary.

In May 2000, just a few months after I had commenced an incumbency in the inner city of east Newcastle upon Tyne, and without any warning, I found myself living in the midst of a Home Office dispersal area for asylum seekers and refugees. As ecumenical partners we worked together to welcome and support people who had escaped warfare and political pressures from all over the world. Our ministry as a parish church was transformed overnight as our local communities transitioned to being hospitable to over 50 language groups. It was a privilege to get to engage with so many cultures from all over the globe, but it was often heart-breaking as we listened to the stories of people who had sought sanctuary in the United Kingdom.

In the Cathedral at present is the exhibition by the artist Nicola Moody called Tear and Wear. Nicola has created textile hangings to reflect the experience of five women who have had the experience of sexploitation.

The language of textiles in each case tells a particular history. Nicola says: 'The textile work is a literal manifestation of unravelling, fraying, knotting, the appearance of holes, and different methods of repairs.'

Each piece is a metaphor for someone whose life has been disrupted and damaged by sexual exploitation in a world where there is continued trade in human beings for the purposes of slavery. You can view this moving exhibition in the Cathedral until 24 June.

Derby Cathedral, with many of our parish churches, explicitly aims to be a safe and welcoming space for everyone who comes through its doors. We wish to be inclusive in the culture we promote and in every aspect of our lives, supporting refugees, asylum seekers and those who are escaping from forms of modern slavery. We continue to work towards these ends and to the best of our corporate ability fulfil the Cathedral of Sanctuary vision.

See [www.cityofsanctuary.org](http://www.cityofsanctuary.org) – click through on Derby and see what is happening locally!

On 20 June 2021, the Cathedral will mark Sanctuary Sunday and Bishop Libby is joining us to preach. We trust this will be another key step on our journey together and enable us all to reflect on the presence of God in the experience of sanctuary, both the suffering that those seeking asylum bring with them, and the experience of offering as safe space and warm, unconditional hospitality to the stranger with whom we in God's grace might become friends.

**Peter**

*The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson  
Dean of Derby*