

Dates for your Diary

14th June-19th July

Your next Step. Discipleship/confirmation course St George & St Mary's, Church Gresley 7.30pm-9.30pm

7th June

Growing Bridge Builders Cancelled

22nd June

Deanery Synod meeting Postponed

29th June

C2 Safeguarding Course The Heritage Centre, Aston on Trent 6.30pm-9.00pm

16th July

Deanery confirmation service Venue to be confirmed 4.00pm-5.30pm

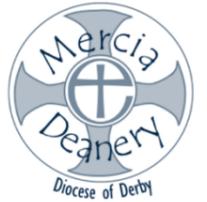
4th October

CPAS PCC Tonight St George & St Mary, Church Gresley 7.15pm-9.45pm

Mercia Deanery Benefices

● Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney ● Gresley ● Melbourne, Ticknal, Smisby and Stanton-by-Bridge ● Newhall ● Seale and Lullington with Linton and Castle Gresley ● Stapenhill (including Caldwell) ● Swadlincote and Hartshorne ● Trent and Derwent: Aston-on-Trent, Elvaston, Weston-on-Trent and Shardlow, Barrow-upon-Trent with Twyford and Swarkestone ● Trent United: Walton-on-Trent and Croxall, Stapenhill Immanuel. Rosliston, Coton-in-the-Elms, Catton ● Winhill and Bretby

Deanery News



June 2017

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter

Welcome

I hope that you all had a good Easter and Pentecost. I look forward to hearing about parish Thy Kingdom Come events and was pleased with how the deanery Thy Kingdom Come event went. Please do have a look at the pictures inside. As a deanery, we identified Times and opportunities for prayer as one of our priorities, and so we will continue to look at other opportunities we can provide to help us come together as a deanery to pray.

As part of our priority of Working with the elderly, the Dementia Awareness Course was very well received and we are exploring how we can follow this up.

As part of our priority of Sharing ideas between parishes, the Intercessions Course run at Repton was very helpful, so my thanks to all involved. The Safeguarding course was very well attended, while the next course is already full. We will be looking to host more Safeguarding courses later in the year and also next year.

As part of this priority, we are also currently developing a deanery website. We will be looking at this at the next Synod meeting, but in the meantime if you have any ideas about what it would be helpful to include in a website, do please get in touch.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who stood for churchwarden, PCC member, and Deanery Synod member. The deanery Archdeacon's Visitation was a good opportunity to come together in worship and to be encouraged. I'd also like to thank Melbourne for hosting us.

Since the last newsletter, Rev Janet Turville has announced that she has been appointed as Team Vicar of the Team Parish of Louth, Diocese of Lincoln. I'd like to thank her for work in the deanery and encourage you to pray for her, the Trent United group of parishes, and for the people of Louth.

A number of curates will be joining the deanery in July, with their ordinations happening in early July. This is another exciting event in the life of the deanery and we hope to bring you more details about them in the next Newsletter.

All the best,

Rev Graham Rutter

Area Dean of Mercia Deanery



THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come prayer day



We had a wonderful time on Saturday at the Deanery Thy Kingdom Come prayer day. It was great to pray and worship together with Bishop Jan and with people from across the Deanery.

People were greeted by Chaplains from Swadlincote Town Centre Chaplaincy. There were a great variety of different opportunities to help us pray. Outside, there were opportunities to make and decorate prayer kites, spinners and paper prayer-o-planes. In the Hall, garden, and church there were opportunities for quiet prayer, including a variety of creative prayer stations. There was also a prayer labyrinth for people to make use of whilst Canon Alan Harper offered a couple of taster sessions on Christian Mindfulness.



This was followed by a service led by the Area Dean-Rev. Graham at which Bishop Jan preached. She encouraged us to seek to carry on being filled by the Holy Spirit to make the best use of the opportunities given to us to tell of God's love for everyone. The excellent worship group was made up of members of several Deanery Churches who came together especially for this event.

This was all followed by a delicious afternoon tea with a wide variety of cakes which were enjoyed by everyone.



This was a very inspiring event with a great number of people contributing to it. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it a success.



How's your PCC doing? Focused, fun and fruitful? Or a little different to that?

Following the launch of the PCC Tonight resource, CPAS is running an event to clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, to explore 12 common dysfunctions, and to introduce material you can use to help your PCC function well. Intended for all PCC members, bring several car loads and come ready to enjoy a fun and informative evening.

Date

4 October 2017

Venue

St George and St Mary's Church
Gresley Church Community Centre
Church Street, Church Gresley
SWADLINCOTE
DE11 9NR

Time

The event runs from 7.45pm-9.45pm,
doors open at 7.15pm for refreshments.

Cost

£12 each for the first booking, £3 for
each additional member from your PCC.
For the discount to apply, you will need
to make a group booking.

'MISSION-ORIENTED, CHRIST-FOCUSED, EXPERIENCE-GROUNDED, NOT-A-MOMENT-WASTED, UPBEAT AND PRACTICAL TRAINING EVENT FOR PCC MEMBERS. HOWEVER HEALTHY YOUR MEETINGS ARE, THEY'LL BE BETTER FOR ATTENDING PCC TONIGHT'.

PETER ACKROYD

TO BOOK, VISIT
WWW.CPAS.ORG.UK/PCCTONIGHT

Deanery Training

FULL
Keep a look out for more
training in the new year.

SAFEGUARDING FOR LEADERS (C2)

THURSDAY 29TH JUNE

6.30PM—9.00PM

**THE HERITAGE CENTRE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
ASTON ON TRENT, DE72 2DH**

Safeguarding in leadership training for all those who are responsible for staff and work with children and adults and clergy who do not have incumbent status.

This training is for:

Associate Ministers, Lay ministers, Readers, Paid children's/youth/family workers, parish safeguarding links, officers who meet the public in their roles, wardens, safeguarding leads, child/adult group leaders and co-ordinators, tower captains, choir and music group leaders with U18's.

To sign up email: debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org



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Experience Easter at Winshill

St. Mark's Church, Winshill, presented Experience Easter for the Primary School children of the village. Over two weeks more than 300 children came with their teachers to learn of the events of Holy Week. Members of the congregation set up the stations and shared the Bible stories connected with each station.

It was a great success, and each child received an Easter Egg to remind them of new beginnings and their visit to our church.



Photography — Abigail Easton

Bishop Jan visits Repton Benefice

On Sunday May 21st Bishop Jan lead our morning worship at a service attended by members of Foremark, Newton Solney and Repton churches. It was our opportunity to welcome her, and husband Andrew, to a place where, as she expressed it herself, "by virtue of my title I have a special affinity with already".

During her sermon she encouraged us to follow in the footsteps of the earliest Christians here [Mercia was converted to Christianity in 653 here in Repton] and keep to the Great Commission Jesus gave his disciples to tell all nations and baptise in his name.

During the service Bishop Jan consecrated a new moveable font. This had been given by The Rt Rev'd Henry Richmond, former Bishop of Repton and his wife Caroline. Sadly Bishop Henry died earlier this year but Caroline was able to join us. It was also an opportunity for Reptons first child to receive their first communion before confirmation, a very special moment for Ian Crowley and his family.

After the service, Bishop Jan and her husband Andrew joined us for a Bring and Share Lunch. She had hoped to meet with a lot of us – but with over 50 from the Benefice enjoying excellent food, it proved an impossible task. Perhaps she will be able to join us again, and meet more of us.



David Tucker (blacksmith who made the font stand), Caroline Richmond, Bishop Jan Rev Martin Flowerdew and John Wheeldon (potter who made the bowl of the font)



Vicar sits with children in hope of ice cream and jelly!!



Bring and Share lunch with Bishop Jan and Andrew

Deanery Training

Your next step?

Find out more about the Christian faith

pilgrim

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

**A new course that explores:
'what next?' in your discipleship.
What/where am I called to serve?**

This will also act as the confirmation course for anyone wanting to be confirmed by Bishop Jan at our Deanery service on **16th July**.

Gresely church Community Centre, Church Street, Church Gresley DE11 9NR.

Leaders: Rev Mike and Kathryn Firbank

Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm–9.30pm
June 14th, 21st & 28th
July 5th, 12th & 19th

To book a place, email: mjfirbank@hotmail.com
RSVP by 9th June



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St Peter's Patronal Festival, Netherseal

24th June to 2nd July 2017

A warm welcome awaits you to St. Peter's Church for a week of events set against the beautiful backdrop of a Flower Festival created in celebration of St Peter's Day on 29th June.

Saturday 24th June - Open Church 2.00pm – 4.30 pm Strawberry Tea and refreshments in the church and an opportunity to view flower displays

Sunday 25th June - 10.15am - Patronal Service of Holy Communion Preacher: Rev'd William Bates. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Saturday 1st July - Summer Concert - 7.30 pm A variety of music for a summer's evening with cocktail refreshments.

Sunday 2nd July - 6.30pm – Traditional Service of Evensong

For more information, contact Carolyn Coxon 01283 762703 or email carolyncoxon@btinternet.com



Deanery Confirmation Service

The next Deanery Confirmation is on

On Sunday 16th July 2017
At 4pm
Service led by Bishop Jan

If you would like to be confirmed—Have a chat with your Vicar.

The preparation for confirmation is a course called 'your next step'.
See the flier in this newsletter for more information.



Repton open gardens

On the 17th and 18th June, from 2pm to 6pm, St Wystan's Church will celebrate our 25th year of Open Gardens.

This is our main fundraiser for church and this year, 13 Gardens, Monsom Lane Allotments and Repton Memorial Arboretum will open to our local communities and beyond,

Over the past 24 years, this annual event has continued to bear fruit thanks to the faithful service of those who have opened their gardens, those who have planned the event and all who have so generously supported us: prayerfully, financially, practically, and faithfully by visiting and sharing their lives with us over the week-end.

Of course, none of us can foresee what will happen as we prepare to open. Each year, we give thanks to God for the many blessings He gives us and, at the same time, we 'open' ourselves to Him, lay things in His hands and trust that all will be well as His will is done.

As we pray together 'Thy Kingdom Come' between the festivals of Ascension and Pentecost, let us continue to 'open' ourselves to Him that we may be moved by His Spirit, moved to reach out to others especially those on the edges of our churches and moved to invite them to join with us, as the whole body of Christ, in the beauty and diversity of His creation, in our gardens.

If you would like more details of the activities during the Open Gardens week-end, please see the flier or contact Wendy Longden, Telephone number: 01283 703259, e-mail: wendylongden@btinternet.com.

All are most welcome.

Repton Open Gardens

**Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th June
2 pm to 6 pm**



Adults £5.00 Children free

Teas from 2.30 pm

Scarecrow Trail, Children's Garden Trail, Plants, Produce and Book Stalls, Tombola, Prize Draw

In aid of St Wystan's Church, Repton