

Deanery News



August 2017

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter

Welcome

It has been a busy few months in the Deanery with many exciting and encouraging things going on. Do please have a look at the rest of the newsletter for a selection of them. These included the Deanery confirmation service, and the ordination of deacons at Derby Cathedral. Of the nine deacons starting this year, four are from Mercia Deanery, which is a great encouragement. You can read more about them later in the newsletter.

At our last Deanery Synod we explored ways of working on our Deanery Priorities of: Times and opportunities to pray; Working with Elderly people; Sharing ideas; Working with young people. Do look out for the various things that we are doing over the next few months to help support us in our work. At our next Synod we will be particularly focusing on working with young people.

We are now in the process of setting up a website to help us share ideas: www.merciadeanery.wordpress.com Do have a look!

We also voted on the next step of formally and legally becoming Mercia Deanery, which I'm glad to say was overwhelmingly passed. There will now be a period of consultation with PCCs and Incumbents. I'll keep you updated with developments as and when they happen.

From the autumn, the diocese is starting a new way of helping people in their discipleship and training people to be Readers which will be starting in the autumn, and which we are hoping will be delivered more locally (hopefully within the Deanery). We will let you have more details when they are available! We are also hosting a number of training events in the autumn, so do please have a look and see if they would be helpful for you - or pass them on to people you think would benefit.

All the best,

Rev Graham Rutter

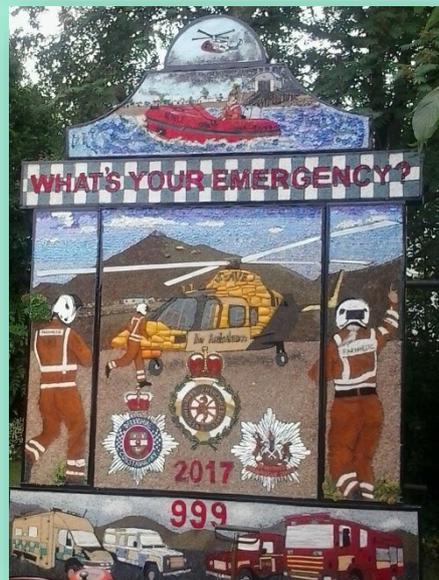
Area Dean of Mercia Deanery

News from: All Saints, Aston on Trent

The order of st john came to st wilfrid, barrow on trent on sunday. it helps run the st john ambulance brigade and an eye hospital in jerusalem. they came because the church used to belong to the knights hospitallers, which was the medieval predecessor of the current group. pictured is their chaplain, the Revd Jane Legh with Revd



Aston on Trent had their well dressing on 1st July. The wells were blessed at a service on saturday morning on the village green, next to the main display. there was a good crowd and the Aston arioso choir sang. pictured are the vice chair of south derbyshire district council, the methodist minister John Hartley and Revd PaulHygate from Aston



after hundreds of years St Marys Weston on Trent finally has a toilet ! thank you to the small group of dedicated people who raised the money. pictured is PaulHygate blessing it !

A Day of Great Blessings for the Benefice of Foremark with Repton and Newton Solney

Sunday July 16th was a day of great blessings for the Benefice of Foremark with Repton and Newton Solney. In the morning it was a delight to baptise Hannah Ward at our main act of worship. We wonder if she will follow in her mother Jenny's footsteps and become a bell ringer? Her baptism was especially memorable as the first to be performed using the new mobile font that has been given to us by the former Bishop of Repton Henry Richmond [RIP] and his wife Caroline.

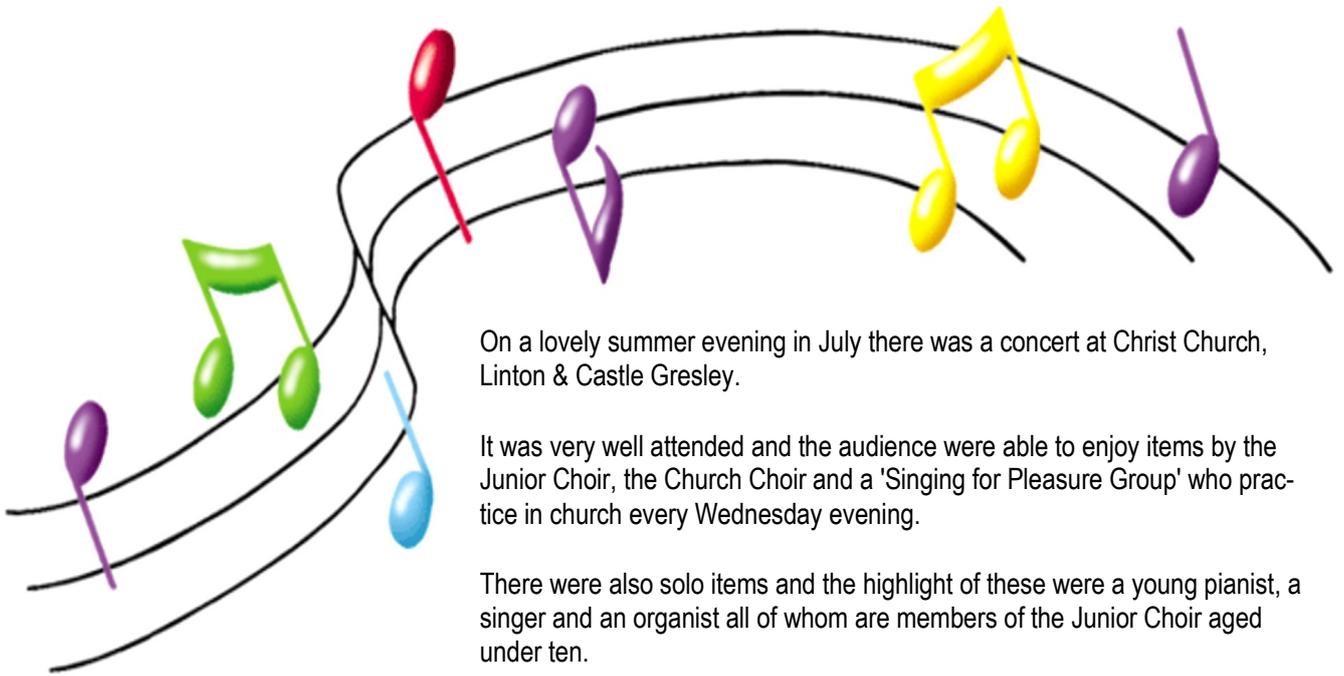


Then in the afternoon our focus moved from St Wystan's to St Mary's, from Baptism to Confirmation and from a previous to the current Bishop of Repton, The Rt Rev'd Jan MacFarlane. The most important people present were of course the candidates: from Repton, Emily Holt, Madeleine Holt, Louise Fox; from Newton Solney, Belinda Robinson, Simon Jarvis, Sophie Jarvis; welcoming also two candidates from Aston on Trent, Graham Streek and Kate Robertson and one from Bretby Harry Taylor.

The setting of St Mary's was perfect for an intimate and deeply meaningful service and the glorious weather enabled Bishop Jan to lead everyone out of the church at the end of the service to symbolise our moving out in our Christ given mission to the world, existing members and newly confirmed members together.



Christ Church, Linton & Castle Gresley



On a lovely summer evening in July there was a concert at Christ Church, Linton & Castle Gresley.

It was very well attended and the audience were able to enjoy items by the Junior Choir, the Church Choir and a 'Singing for Pleasure Group' who practice in church every Wednesday evening.

There were also solo items and the highlight of these were a young pianist, a singer and an organist all of whom are members of the Junior Choir aged under ten.

It was lovely to see the talent on offer and good that the next generation of musicians are so keen to perform.

Should you, or your children be interested in joining any of the musical groups then please contact Robert Newton on 760032. You can be very sure of a warm welcome.

St Marks, Winshill

St. Mark's, Winshill had a lovely sunny evening in the church grounds enjoying a fish and chip supper.

Our friend Nigel brought along his guitar to entertain us with some classic rock music. Many of us new all the words. The little ones had fun with bubbles. Rev Philip brought his guitar too and we joined together to sing praise to the Lord.



Meet the Curates

Frank Startin

Many years ago I trained as a barrister before switching to Chartered Accountancy and joining a local firm in Burton on Trent. In 1999 I set up my own accountancy partnership called the Chartwell Practice which allowed me to be more flexible with my time in working for my then local church St Saviour's in Branston. I had various years as Treasurer, PCC member and Warden as well as drumming in the worship band and latterly leading and preaching at services. I also spent some time getting involved in the local community in and around Burton on Trent as a school governor, as a Parish and then Borough Councillor.

After some years in denial, but after encouragement from my wife (during the two year Bishop's Certificate training course which she ran) and the Vicar and worshippers at St Saviours, I finally answered the call to ordination and studied for 3 years part time at The Queens Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education whilst still continuing as Senior Partner in the Chartwell Practice. I have now stepped back from that full time role, continuing part time as a business consultant, alongside my curacy with the Revd. Philip Boshier.

Apart from odd times away studying I was born and bred in Burton. I was baptised at St Marks Church in Winhill and went to school next door at Abbot Beyne (formerly Burton Grammar School). My dad was born in the Bretby Parish and my parents and grandparents were married at St Wystan's Church there. My first experience of church was singing in the choir at Bretby as a ten year old, though I did not come back to faith until I was in my early thirties. I am married to Christine who taught RE locally for many years until taking early retirement. Christine is also a lay reader at St Saviour's Church in Branston which she continues to do whilst they find a new vicar! We have one son called Oliver who has just graduated from Oxford University with a Master's Degree in Theology.

To a great extent, as I start my curacy, I have come full circle in both a spiritual and physical sense. It is therefore with excitement and enthusiasm (which I hope comes across and will be sustained into the future), that I look forward to living out and sharing the Gospel with all of the parishioners and leaders at St Mark's and St Wystan's as I get to know them and the local community better, as we work and play, learn and pray, and worship together.



Kate Buckley

Kate Buckley will be joining the Diocese of Derby as Assistant Curate following her ordination on Sunday 2 July 2017. She will serve the communities of South Derbyshire (The parishes of Walton-on-Trent with Croxall and Rosliston in the benefice of Walton on Trent with Croxall, Rosliston with Linton and Castle Gresley, of the benefice of Stapenhill Immanuel and of the parish of Coton in the Elms in the benefice of Seale and Lullington with Coton in the Elms, and of the parishes of Swadlincote and Hartshorne).



Now retired, Kate originally trained in hotels before moving into administration and secretarial work in a number of different industries – from concrete pipe manufacturers to chartered quantity surveyors. She lives in Burton on Trent with her dogs and has two sons and eight grandchildren. "I had originally expected a quiet retirement but God clearly has other plans and I have felt Him beside me every step of the way. If anyone were to ask I would suggest that, if they feel called to serve God as Priest then they should certainly try. The consultation process, the examination of vocation and the support I have received during my own journey, has been amazing and rewarding in ways I could never have imagined. It really has been a wonderful adventure."

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Stella Greenwood

I was born and raised in North Kent as part of a Christian family attending a Baptist Church. I was baptised by full immersion at the age of 14. As a student at Teesside, I was active in the Christian Fellowship which allowed me to experience many different styles of worship and begin what I now see was my journey into the Church of England.

It was as a student, I met Paul and we were married in September 1995. Paul grew up as an Anglican and was settled in a local church, St Margaret of Antioch in Lytham St Annes. I joined him and it was while we were there that I was called and trained as a Reader, being admitted and licensed by the bishop of Burnley on September 16th 2006. At that time, it was my belief that this was the vocation God had for me, however over time I was convinced of a further calling to ordained ministry.

While considering this change in vocation, Paul was offered a job in Leicester. After a lot of prayer and consideration we decided that it was right for us to relocate and we moved to Derbyshire where I was re-licensed as Reader to the Benefice of Seal with Lullington and Coton in the Elms.

I went to the Bishop's Advisory Panel (BAP) in March 2015 I was accepted for ordination training. I trained for two years with All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry. The training was at times challenging but it was also very rewarding as I learnt more about God and about myself, growing and forming into the person that God wants me to be.

My ordination was a culmination of this time of growth and confirmed strongly to me that I was following the path that God had for me but that this was only part of the journey, there is more to come. I am looking forward to the next part of the adventure with enthusiasm and excitement.

As a Self Supporting Minister, I still work part time as a Business Controller for Rolls-Royce in Derby, so I need to balance my hours between secular work and ministry. I have also been involved in Scouting for over 25 years, having joined as a Venture Scout in my youth and continued as an adult leader. I now work in support of adult leaders as Local Training Manager for South Derbyshire Scouts.

On the family front, I have two children, Hannah (13) and Robert (10) so it is important to ensure I keep time for my family and also for myself and my own relationship with Paul. We enjoy a weekly class in Ballroom and Latin dancing, giving us time to spend together and I take an adult ballet class, which helps me to relax and de-stress.



Ed Backhouse

"I'm Ed I've just been ordained deacon by bishop Alasdair and started working as assistant curate in the Trent and Derwent parishes. I spent some time at st John's Nottingham before heading to Durham for training.



I enjoy many social things, history, music and good food. I am very passionate about the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and sit on the trustee board of it's partnership. I am also keen on reaching people with the gospel through outreach and evangelism. I am looking forward to my next few years in this place and excited to see what God will be doing in the Trent and Derwent parishes, the deanry and beyond to quite literally the other side of the world. God bless you all and I look forward to meeting you all in due course, Ed"

People in photo from left to right. 'Jacob maiden, Bishop Peter Ramsden, Tony Luke, Bishop Alasdair Redfern, Edward Backhouse, John Hudghton, Bishop Roger Jupp.'

Deanery Training



TREASURERS TRAINING

LED BY: DAVID MEREDITH

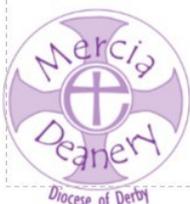
28TH SEPTEMBER

6.30PM–9.00PM

**TICKNALL VILLAGE HALL
7 ROSE LN, TICKNALL, DERBY DE73 7JW**

THIS TRAINING IS FOR PCC TREASURERS

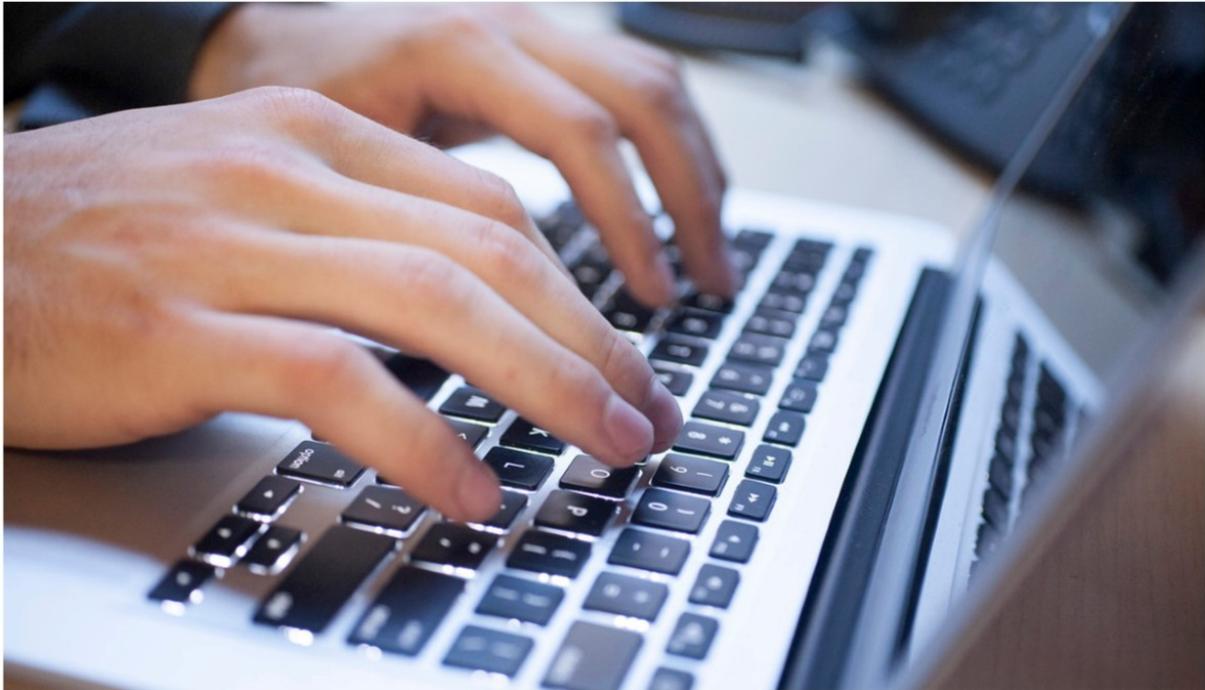
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PCC SECRETARY TRAINING

LED BY: ESTHER ELLIOTT

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

7.30PM–9.00PM

**EMMANUEL CHURCH, CHURCH STREET,
SWADLINCOTE, DERBYSHIRE, DE118LF**

TRAINING FOR PCC SECRETARIES BOTH
NEW AND EXPERIENCED

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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](http://WWW.CPAS.ORG.UK/PCCTONIGHT)

Dates for your Diary

19th September

PCC Secretary Training Emmanuel church, Swadlincote 7.30pm-9.00pm

28th September

Treasurers Training Ticknall Village Hall, Ticknall 6.30pm-9.00pm

4th October

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

5th October

CI Safeguarding Training (*fully booked*) St Michael church, Melbourne 6.30pm-9.30pm

10th October

Deanery Synod Meeting Emmanuel church, Swadlincote 7.30pm-9.30pm

24th October

Church Warden Training St Peter's church hall, Hartshorne 6.30pm-8.30pm

8th November

First Aid Training The Heritage Centre, Aston on Trent 7pm-9.30pm

Mercia Deanery Benefices

● Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney ● Gresley ● Melbourne, Ticknall, 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, Cotton-in-the-Elms, Catton ● Winhill and Bretby