

Deanery News



October 2017

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter

Welcome

Dear all

I hope that you all had a good summer. The next few months are going to be busy ones in the Deanery, with a range of events which I hope will be helpful.

Deanery Synod will be meeting in October and hearing from a variety of people some of the different ways that we can expand our work with children and young people.

Also starting in October is a new group, organised by the diocese, called Transforming Faith. It is open to everyone to help us explore more about our faith. Do please have a look at the details later in the newsletter. It is also the main way that people training for Reader ministry will now be taught. There are also a variety of other events happening over the next few months, so do please have a look and see if there is anything relevant or that you could pass on to someone else

On 1st November, Bishop Jan will be coming to the Deanery to help us think about how we develop our mission and ministry. We will be sending more details out about this shortly.

Do please also have a look at our new website: www.merciadeanery.wordpress.com We are developing this as a resource for the parishes, so do please let us know if you would like to see different things on there.

As always, we are very grateful for people sending us news of events, photographs and reports of what you have been up to. Please let us know what is going on in your church, as it is encouraging and inspiring to see what different churches are doing. Please send these to Debbie (debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org). You can also contact her to subscribe (or unsubscribe) to the email sending you this newsletter, if you don't already do so.

All the best,

Rev Graham Rutter

Area Dean of Mercia Deanery

News from: St James, Shardlow



We had a wonderful service at St James, Shardlow on 30th July to celebrate their patron saint. We were very fortunate to have, as guest preacher, the venerable Geoffrey Johnston, Archdeacon of Gibraltar. Over 50 people joined together for a lovely service.

Archdeacon Geoffrey Johnston. Revd Tony Luke. Revd Ed Backhouse. Revd Paul Hygate

News from: St Bartholomew, Elvaston

On Friday 25th August, about 40 people celebrated the feast of St Bartholomew at St Bartholomew's Church, Elvaston. The Bishop of Repton, Bishop Jan Macfarlane gave a wonderful sermon and Evensong was sung according to the Book of Common Prayer. everybody enjoyed lavish refreshments after!



Revd Ed Backhouse, Revd Paul Hygate, Bishop Jan, Terry Marshall, Revd Tony Luke

WOW what a weekend at St Mark, Winhill



Every Friday we always start our weekend with 30 minutes of prayer at 6pm. We pray for the week gone by, for the week to come, for our community, our country and the world and all the joys and problems.

On this September weekend Saturday was the annual BBQ at the Vicarage. Delicious food, wonderful company and Nigel serenading us, Buddy Holly and Elvis numbers had us up and dancing.

Next day was our third Sunday, anything but Evensong, **Cafe Church**, more cake and coffee! Attended by members from 18 months to 90 years of age. Praise, songs, hymns and contemplation.

The perfect end to WOW What a Weekend!



An introduction to.... St George & St Mary, Church Gresley

This is a new element to the Deanery News.
We will be introducing all the parishes in our Deanery to help us to get to know one another.

What you are doing

At Gresley Church we are entering a new era, or actually an old one. Last year we took all of pews out in order to attempt to regain much of what was left when the Victorians put them in. We will (in October) have our first barn dance in Church, see poster, since the 1850s. We then took a larger step, in January, away from the traditional model and changed our morning worship to a more informal, worship led gathering with the chairs (as the photos show) facing a different direction entirely. This was generally received well and we have developed, and are developing this style of worship as we grow as a church.



What are your challenges

The challenge, that I wasn't expecting, was the growth of our young families (and therefore Creche space). We struggle with space here and the available hall space was already taken up by the youth and children's groups. There was the obvious suggestion to put them somewhere in the corner of the church hall. I felt it was important that they were part of the church from the beginning of the service until the end. The issue, as we tried various locations in the main body of the church was not only the noise, but movement as the little ones ran around. What I hadn't even considered was using the, now unused, sanctuary space which now lies unused and now to the left of the congregation and out of sight.



Our first community dance in church since

1850!!

**PRESENTS:
GRESLEY CHURCH
HARVEST BARN DANCE**

**Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm
Dance through the evening in a beautiful medieval setting!!**



**£2 PER ADULT ON THE DOOR
Kids Free
Supper/Refreshments break at 9pm
(donations only)**



We now have converted the entire sanctuary into our permanent crèche area (with a stair gate for safety). Up there the young children are able to play and draw. What we didn't realise was that the noise would then be more contained and that the parents would now be able to see and join in with everything – the sanctuary area being higher than the main body. It was looking back to my childhood days in the Catholic Church that I realised what we had 're-created' was a catholic model of the whole family together in worship.

What are you celebrating

The creche numbers continue to grow.

Praise the Lord.

Church Building Projects: Purpose, Planning, Procurement: One-Day Workshop

This workshop was developed in 2016 by the National Stewardship & Resources Team for [churchwardens](#), [PCC members](#), [Treasurers](#), [clergy](#), [Building Committee Members](#), [Project Managers](#) and others involved in starting a building project in your church or church hall. In a process which involves a lot of money, a lot of time and some changes to your church building, avoiding some of the common pitfalls is not just a question of using your common sense. Attending this workshop will help you to benefit from the collective wisdom of experts and of people who have been involved in successful projects in the past. By focussing on the main questions, it will help you to find and work with professionals effectively to achieve your church's goals.

We will focus on six big questions: • How do you get project scope right and to budget? • What organisations do you need to involve and how do you work with them effectively? • How do you organise and how do you find the right professionals? • The practical processes and things to avoid – what are they? • What must you do, and what ought you to do? • Raising the money – how do you budget it and how not to waste it? Delegates will be invited to provide critical feedback and comment on its components to make it better for future delegates. Preferred numbers are 15-25 per workshop.

Thursday 23rd November - 10am-4pm, at St Peters Church, Derby.

The cost of the event will be £20.00 per person. This will be to help cover the cost of the hire of the Church and Lunch and refreshments.

If you can ask that people who would like to attend please email me sarah.legg@derby.anglican.org Once I have confirmed back to them that they are booked on the course, then please can they make payment as of below:

Payment by

Cheque to: Derby DBF Ltd,
Or by Bacs: Sort code – 60-12-01
Account Number – 85463671
Account name – Derby DBF Ltd
Reference to quote - Church Building Projects Workshop

We are having to limit the number on the course to 24 people with no more than two people from each parish.

If we get booked up quickly we will keep the name of people interested and if there is enough interest we will look at holding another course early next year, in the North of the Diocese.

Launch of the Parish Giving Scheme

In October the Diocese are launching the Parish Giving Scheme!

The Parish Giving Scheme is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest threats to parish income: static giving.

Donations made through the Scheme use Direct Debits: they can be monthly, quarterly or annual. If the Scheme becomes a church's principal funding method, giving is inflation-proofed, cash-flow is maximised, and administration is minimised.

We are holding three launch events:

- **Thursday, 5th October at Wingerworth, All Saints:** Longedge Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6PU
- **Wednesday, 11th October at Buxton, St John the Baptist:** St John's Rd, Buxton SK17 6XG
- **Monday, 16th October at Derby, St Augustine:** Upperdale Road, Derby DE23 6BP

Each event starts at 7.30pm and ends around 9.15pm.

The events are aimed at Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurers and Planned Giving Secretaries.

Please put one of the dates in your diary!

David Mundy Parish Resource Officer e-mail: david.mundy@derby.anglican.org 'phone: 07710 094948

Deanery Training



Discover new perspectives on life and faith

Challenge your existing ways of thinking and behaving

Share your learning with others

Transforming Faith is a course based around discussions in small groups. All the participants bring their experience of life, faith, work and the church to the discussions so that everyone can learn from each other. The discussions are guided by material on various topics including;

The Bible
Mission and evangelism
Christian doctrine and history
Ethical living
Reflective practice

At
Emmanuel Church Hall, Church
Street, Swadlincote,
DE11 8LF

Time
7.15pm-9.15pm

Dates
17th & 31st October,
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November,
5th & 12th December.

"It is good to meet new people, to explore faith with them, learn what we don't know AND eat cake – we are being transformed by this course on our ongoing personal discernment journey!"

"I'm enjoying Transforming Faith, it's made me think, given more depth to what I knew about the bible and introduced me to new ideas. It's great to be able to do this as part of a group where people have very different experiences of church."

Deanery Training



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)



CHURCH WARDEN TRAINING
LED BY—ESTHER ELLIOTT

24TH OCTOBER 2017
6.30PM—8.30PM

ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL, MANCHESTER LANE,
HARTSHORNE, DERBYSHIRE, DE 11 7BE

This training session is designed to give an overview of the role and responsibilities of a Church Warden and to give existing Church Wardens the opportunity to reflect on their own ministry and effectiveness.

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

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FIRST AID COURSE
LED BY: NIGEL STIRLAND

COST OF TRAINING: £12 PER CANDIDATE

8TH NOVEMBER 2017
7PM—9.30PM

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

THIS IS A CERTIFICATED COURSE
COVERING THE UNCONSCIOUS CASUALTY (BREATHING, NOT
BREATHING), ADULT AND JUNIOR. CHOKING, SEVERE BLEEDING,
SHOCK BANDAGING STROKES AND HEART ATTACK

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SAFEGUARDING FOR LEADERS (C2)
THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
6.30PM—9.30PM

VENUE:
ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL, MANCHESTER LANE,
HARTSHORNE, DE11 7BE

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.

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