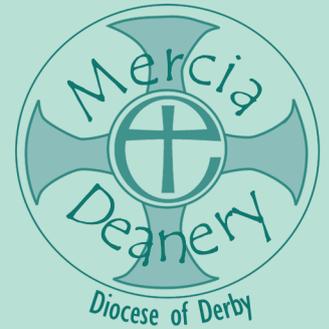


Deanery News

June 2018

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



Dear all

It is great to read about some of the exciting things that have happened in the Deanery, and encouraging to see some of the things that are planned. Do please have a look.

As part of our Deanery priority of giving times and opportunities to pray, I'd like to invite you to the Deanery Prayer afternoon taking place in Melbourne on Saturday 7th July. Do please have a look at the details in the newsletter, but this promises to be a great opportunity to come together, discover and make use of some different ways of praying. There will also be activities for children, drinks and cake, and we will finish with a short service. Everyone is very welcome. As I have been asked, just to be clear that people from other denominations and people who don't normally attend any church are very welcome. We hope that this event will be helpful for people of different ages and experiences. So, do please come along and feel free to bring someone with you!

I would also like to encourage you to have a look at the information on the Parish Giving Scheme. This is a very helpful way of taking away some of the administration round giving, which can be used simply and easily by every parish. Deanery Synod heard a helpful presentation on this by David Meredith, one of the diocese's Parish Resource Officers, so I hope that this is something that each PCC can make use of. David is also available to come and support parishes as necessary.

Looking further ahead, another time and opportunity to pray in a different way is the Christian Mindfulness afternoon that is taking place in September. This is a great way to "be still and know that I am God". Please do sign up.

As always, we do welcome photographs, news, and information about upcoming events. Do please send them to debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org as well as any requests to subscribe to the email version of this newsletter.

There are also two important events in the life of the diocese taking place shortly. Three of our curates will be ordained in the cathedral at 4pm on Saturday 30th June, and the fourth in Aston on Trent church on 1st July. You're very welcome to attend and whether you attend or not, do please remember Frank, Stella, Kate, and Ed in your prayers.

The farewell service for Bishop Alastair will also be in the cathedral, at 3:30pm on Saturday 14th July. Again, people are very welcome to attend to celebrate Bishop Alastair's ministry and to give thanks to God.

Graham Rutter

Area Dean of Mercia Deanery



Easter Day at St Peter's, Netherseal

We were delighted to welcome The Bishop of Repton, the Rt Revd Jan McFarlane not only to lead our Easter Day Service, but also to confirm three of our young church members. As it was held on 1st April the service of celebration was themed around being a "fool for Christ".

The bell ringers welcomed the congregation of 54 into the church and we were blessed with an uplifting service of confirmation and celebration of Holy Communion with music provided by the choir. Bishop Jan teased the congregation with a possible very short address appropriate for the day – "Jesus is dead – April Fool" which set the tone for the rest of the service.



After the presentation of the confirmation candidates to the Bishop for the decision, they were led, to the font to remind them of the baptism promises made on their behalf by Godparents. Those close by also were splashed with water from the font.

Following their confirmation the candidates led the congregation to the Holy Table for communion. The service concluded with the Bishop leading the candidates through the church and out into the world.

The service was followed by light refreshments. Each element of the whole service, contributed to the joy of the occasion, which stayed with us for some time afterwards.

An Exceptionally Exciting Easter at St Mark's!

Easter is always a most joyous time, but this year we had even more cause for celebration. The morning service saw several of our church members being baptised, as well as the dedication of six newly made Bible bags and a Bible box for children, and the launch of our brand new website! We were also overjoyed to have once again been able to welcome hundreds of children from local schools into church during the run up to Easter to learn about that most wonderful story through our Easter Experience. An awful lot of work was put in by many people to achieve these wonderful projects with such great success!

Our bible bags cater for children aged 0-6years, each containing bible stories, books, games, toys, puzzles and colouring sheets based around a theme. The bags are chock-a-block with things for children to do on their own, or with a parent or friend, either in their pew or at the space at the back of church.

Age 0-3 years Bible Bags - Food –Feeding of the Five Thousand and the last supper.
- Animals – Noah's Ark and the Lost Sheep - Building – The Walls of Jericho and The House upon the Sand/Rock



Age 4-6years Bible Bags - Noah's Ark (theme: Promises, New Testament link- Easter) - Jonah and the Big Fish (theme: trusting God, New Testament link- Peter walking on water) - Joseph's Colourful Coat (theme: returning to God, New Testament link- the Prodigal Son)



The Bible Box contains the provision for adult led sessions on ten different bible stories for groups of children.

Have you seen our new website? We are very proud of it and hope it will act as a positive initial introduction for newcomers, and be a useful resource to church members.

www.stmarkswinshill.co.uk



Strategic Buildings Review

Exciting announcement about a new
£1m Diocesan Fund

For more information, go to:
www.merciadeanery.wordpress.com
'Parish Resources'

The Raymond Ross Fund

United Benefice Service in Elvaston

United Benefice Service in the Trent and Derwent churches

Sunday 29th at St Bartholomew's Church, Elvaston.

Bishop Tim Ellis led a wonderful service using the Book of Common Prayer, and gave an inspiring sermon on Saint Bartholomew.

Around 30 - 40 people from our sister churches came along and sherry was enjoyed afterwards it has become the practice in our benefice to make the fifth Sunday in the month a special occasion the next one will be in July with Bishop Peter Ramsden at St James, Swarkestone.

Revd Paul Hygate, Associate Priest



Revd Paul Hygate and Bishop Tim, Ray and Terry our churchwardens, and Evadne our organist

The churches of St Wystan in Repton & Bretby

The Repton URC and St. Wystan's Churches all holding a joint Service in Aid of Leprosy Mission

At: 11am on 1st. July

At: The United Reformed Church, Pinfold Lane, Repton, DE65 6GH.

The Leprosy Mission Area Director for England will be attending.

Please come along to support this cause.



Melbourne Church Fete

A wonderful sunny day greeted the team who arrived early to set up the numerous stalls, games and play area for children. This traditional English summer activity was enjoyed by a happy crowd of church members, friends and Melbourne Infant School Choir. Their superb singing was undoubtedly the highlight of the afternoon, followed closely by the cream tea served all afternoon. You can imagine the long queue of thirsty choristers following their magnificent performance! Activities included a coconut shy in the play area located in the picturesque setting overlooking Melbourne Pool. There was even an opportunity to predict the winning team of the World Cup. In our version, the winner was chosen via a large spinning wheel, the winner of each round taking home chocolates or a bottle of wine.



Angels' Delight Toddler Group at Melbourne

The new Wednesday Toddler Group at Melbourne Parish Church has been an outstanding success.

The last session saw 17 children and their carers enjoying playing together. In a story-with-a-difference, Steve relayed the dramatic tale of the Lost Sheep using model sheep, sheepfold, shepherd and jagged rocks.



The children scattered all over the church until they had retrieved 15 sheep but nobody could find the last and smallest one. Once again, the search was on and at last, there was great rejoicing because Daniel had found it. A suitable song was sung and then well-earned snacks were served. After this, the children created very woolly sheep to take home (we wouldn't let Linda take hers home so you can see them on the notice-board) and the morning ended with more playtime. It was good to welcome a new family and to hear of the birth of our latest recruit!

Melbourne Churches Together Picnic

Churches Together Picnic Sat 30th June

Christians of all denominations are warmly welcome to come to the idyllic Melbourne Rectory garden from 12 noon to 2pm on Saturday 30th June. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet friends from different churches in the local area. Bring your own picnic to eat.

A most enjoyable event to enjoy with good company and family friendly games to enjoy.



Lullington Open Gardens & Classic Car Show Weekend



Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018.
1pm-6pm.

Plant . Craft . Food . Book stalls.

Great War Re-enactment. Beer Festival at Colville Arms.

Come and join us..

Well dressing time at Aston on Trent

The village of Aston on Trent will be busy again for the annual Well Dressing Festival on the **7th and 8th July**. This has become a well loved tradition and All Saints' Church plays a big part in the activities. The sandwiches, home made cakes and teas served at the lychgate have become well known and members of our Social Committee are kept very busy keeping up with the queues.

Inside the church visitors will find displays created by organisations in the village on a given theme. This year it is " One Hundred Years since the Armistice " and will include our own version of a "weeping waterfall" of poppies. It will be well worth a visit.

The weekend concludes with an open air service with hymns accompanied by Newhall Brass Band, providing a fitting conclusion of thanks and praise for the wonderful community of which we are all very much a part.

A concert at Christ Church, Linton

Christ Church in Linton are having a concert on Saturday July 7th starting at 7pm, featuring items by the senior & junior choir, the Singing for Pleasure group and solo items.

Please come along and enjoy a musical evening



Rosliston Open Gardens

Open Gardens weekend in aid of the church ,the school and a national charity

Dates Saturday July 7th and Sunday July 8th

Open from 1-5pm each day

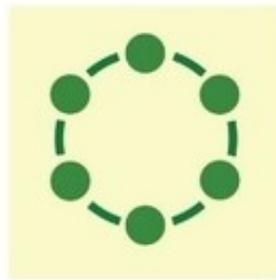
Admission to approximately 12 Gardens with wrist- bands issued at Rosliston School for £3

Refreshments available at the school

The church will be open and will include a photographic display of old and new Rosliston .

A sitar player in costume will be performing in church during the afternoons.





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PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Diocese of Derby has joined a national planned giving scheme which aims to reduce the workload for parishes whilst increasing giving potential.

Parish Giving Scheme Key Benefits

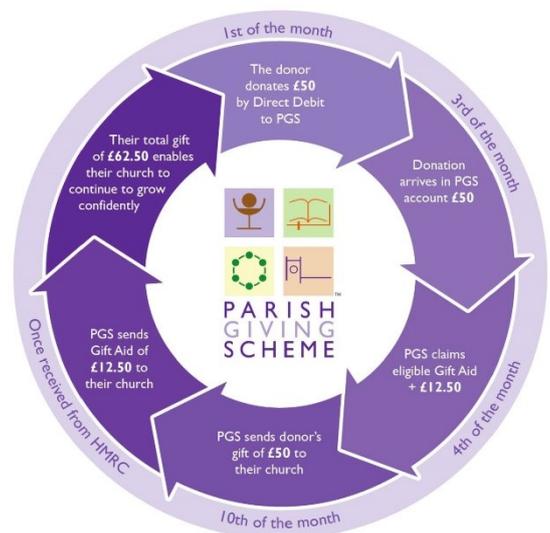
The Parish Giving Scheme is a modern and efficient way of managing planned giving to your church. Tried and tested, this scheme will:

- Improve cash flow through the efficient reclaiming of Gift Aid
- Overcome static giving with the option of donations automatically uplifted by inflation each year
- Offer an opportunity for parishes to re-engage people in thinking about their own level of financial generosity
- Reduce the time your Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretaries need to spend on administration

How does the Parish Giving Scheme work?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) enables a planned giver to donate to any parish registered with the scheme. Donations can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. They are collected by Direct Debit on the first day of the month. The donations are then passed on to the specific parish by the tenth of the month. The Gift Aid is then remitted to the parish once the PGS office has received the money from HMRC. The timing of the Gift Aid payment will accordingly vary each month.

Here is what the process looks like, based on an example gift of £50 a month:



Managing inflation

One of the biggest challenges faced by many of our churches is that of 'static giving'. Churches like every organisation and household, are affected by inflation, eroding the value of your gifts. The Parish Giving Scheme makes it easy for donors to agree, in principle, to increase their donation in line with inflation each year.

We are recommending that a Church commits to a stewardship initiative when they join the Parish Giving Scheme.

For more information and links to help you, go to the Mercia Deanery Website and you find 'Parish Giving Scheme' under 'Parish Resources' and then 'PCC'.



HOW TO LEAD AN ACT OF WORSHIP

LED BY— THE REVD. PIP SHORT

5TH JULY 2018
7.00PM—8.30PM

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, *CHURCH ROAD, NEWHALL, DE11 0HY*

Training for Wardens and those thinking about becoming a Warden

Learning how to lead an act of worship

'in an emergency or when no clergy or reader is available and it falls to a Churchwarden to lead a service'

To sign up go to: www.eventbrite.com/e/wardens-how-to-lead-an-act-of-worship-tickets-46318750630

Or email: debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org



Mercia Deanery

Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon

At St Michael & St Marys Church, Melbourne, DE73 8JH

Saturday afternoon on the 7th July

2pm-4pm

Interactive Prayer Stations in the church
in St Michael & St Marys Church,

2pm-3pm

Children's hour in church house

In St Michaels Church House

Fun craft, songs and activities for all children

4.15pm

A short reflective service to close

The afternoon will be drawn to a close with a short reflective act of worship
led by Revd Steve Short

Cake and drinks served in St Michaels House

from 2pm-3.30pm





SAFEGUARDING IN A CHURCH CONTEXT (C1)

WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY

1.00PM-2.30PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH STREET,
COTON-IN-THE-ELMS, DE12 8HA

This training is for everyone who works with children or adults or has responsibility for those who do.

If you haven't had Safeguarding training before or it has been over three years since you refreshed your training... this course is for you.

To sign up, go to: DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com



Mercia Deanery Training



Limited Spaces Left

SAFEGUARDING IN A CHURCH CONTEXT (C1)

WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY

6.30PM-9.00PM

ST MARK'S CHURCH, CHURCH HILL STREET,
WINSHILL, DE15 0HZ

This training is for everyone who works with children or adults or has responsibility for those who do.

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Mercia Deanery Training

Notice to Parish Safeguarding Links and Incumbents Training Dates Available

Other session times available if your church would like to host are:

3rd July: Morning, Afternoon and Evening

5th July: Morning, Afternoon and Evening

12th July: Morning and Afternoon

6th November: Morning, Afternoon and Evening

8th November: Morning and Afternoon

13th November: Morning, Afternoon and Evening

15th November: Morning, Afternoon and Evening

Session Timings are as follows:

Morning: 9.30am-12.30am

Afternoon: 1.30pm-4.30pm

Evening: 6.15pm-9.15pm

Please email me on debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org if you would like to arrange training.



SAFEGUARDING IN A CHURCH CONTEXT (C2)

THURSDAY 12TH JULY

6.30PM-9.30PM

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

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 go to: www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com



Mercia Deanery Training



CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS RETREAT

LED BY—REVD. CANON ALAN HARPER

**15TH SEPTEMBER
1.30PM-4.30PM**

ST GEORGE CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, TICKNALL, DE73 7JU

COME ALONG TO A PEACEFUL RETREAT AFTERNOON.

You will receive some instruction in the art of Christian mindfulness and then take time out of the business of your life and ministry to spend time in quiet reflection in the beautiful church and grounds of St George's Church in Ticknall.

Closing with light refreshments

To sign up go to:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-mindfulness-retreat-tickets-46316643327?aff=es2

Or email: debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org



Mercia Deanery Events

Dates for your Diary

20th June

Deanery Chapter

St Mark's Church, Winhill

12.00pm-2pm

5th July

Wardens, 'How to lead an act of worship'

TBC

7.00pm-8.30pm

7th July

Deanery Prayer Afternoon

St Michael's Church, Melbourne

2pm-4pm

10th July

Deanery Confirmation service with Bishop Jan

St Marks Church, Winhill

4.00pm

14th July

Bishop Alastair's Farewell service

Derby Cathedral

3.30pm

15th September

Christian Mindfulness Retreat

St George's Church, Ticknall

1.30pm-4.30pm

For more information on every aspect of Deanery life look on the
Mercia Deanery Website

<https://merciadeanery.wordpress.com>

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, Coton-in-the-Elms, Catton ● Winhill and Bretby