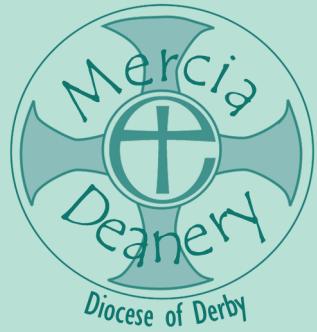


# Deanery News

## February 2019

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear All,

It has been encouraging to read about some of the many things that our Deanery churches have been up to over Christmas and into the New Year. Do please have a look, and see if there is anything that inspires you for next Christmas!

A great way to start this year was with the licensing by the Archdeacon of Derby of Rev Charles Jefferson to be Interim Minister of the parishes of the Seales benefice and the Trent United group of parishes. Charles is working with the nine parishes for the next couple of years to help them discern how best they can sustain the mission and ministry of the Church in the area, so that they can flourish. It has been great to welcome Charles and do please remember him in your prayers.

It was also very encouraging to be able to help represent the Deanery at the presentation of Bishop Libby to the diocese. The Area Deans, along with the Archdeacons, the Director of Mission and Ministry, and Bishop Jan have been working hard to give Bishop Libby a clear picture of the diocese so that she is able to quickly make a start on setting the future direction of the diocese. Do please pray for her and her family as they prepare for the move to Derbyshire.

There are a great many training opportunities that are available in the next few months, so do please have a look as there may very well be something that will help support you in your role, or that you might be interested in. I'd particularly like to draw your attention to the Parish Resource Office Roadshow which is going round all the deaneries, but is coming to us first of all on Saturday 23rd March, hosted by Gresley Church at Pingle Academy. This will be a great opportunity to meet the diocesan officers and find out how they can best support you. There will be more details nearer the time, but do please put this in your diary.

As we look forward to Lent, I'd also like to invite you to our Deanery Prayer afternoon on 9th March. Providing times and opportunities for prayer is one of our Deanery Priorities, and I'd very much like to invite you to this opportunity to pray at the beginning of Lent. There will be prayer stations available to help you to pray and we will finish with a reflective service. The details are in the newsletter.

As always, we welcome your news and photographs. Do please keep sending them to Debbie ([debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org)), whom you can also contact if you want to subscribe to this newsletter.

All the best

Graham Rutter

# Patronal Festival at Aston on Trent

Over 70 people gathered at All Saints Aston on Trent to celebrate the feast of All Saints on the 4th November.

Bishop Jan led the service, and as well as preaching, confirmed Ralph Stevenson and licensed our new Reader Graham Streek.

Members of the other congregations in the benefice came along and it was a very uplifting service for all concerned.

pictured left to right are:

Revd Ed Backhouse, Canon Geraldine Pond, Revd Tony Luke, Ralph Stevenson, Bishop Jan, Graham Streek, Charlotte Williamson, Bruce Ward, Suzanne Williams and Revd Paul Hygate



## News from Linton & Castle Gresley



We had a very successful Christmas at Linton with a number of special services including the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols which took place on December 23rd. It was lovely to see the church so full - standing room only - and to have some of the lessons read by former members of the Junior Choir.

On Christmas Eve we had our Christingle Service which was also well attended and included one year old twins who were beautifully behaved throughout.



We are now looking forward to getting to know our new Priest-in-Charge, Charles Jefferson. He has a daunting task ahead so our prayers are with him. His Licensing Service was a very happy occasion with delicious refreshments after the service.

Looking ahead we have something very special planned for the evening of Palm Sunday more of which will be explained in the next edition - so keep reading!

## New Year at St Peters, Stapenhill

St Peter's Stapenhill held a Church Open morning on 12 January when members of the community were invited to look round the church, have a guided tour of the tower (not for the faint hearted!) enjoy scrummy cakes and take part in craft activities.

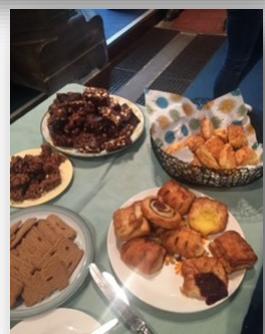
It was great to meet new friends and a good start to the year.



A new series of Faith and Friendship meetings has begun for the women of St Peters and their friends. The first was a talk , refreshment and craft Christmas Cracker evening on 6 December, which attracted over 60 people, followed by a Tea and Books evening on 17 January.

The meetings provide an opportunity for women to build friendships, strengthen and encourage one another and get to know Jesus better.

The next meeting ,on Saturday 2 March at 9am in the Glebe School Stanton Road , will be Breakfast and a thought for the day.



# Christmas at St Marks, Winshill



Here is a collection of pictures taken over our Advent, Christmas and Epiphany celebrations.

Advent brought the youngest children to church to learn about the Christmas Story.

One of the many Christmas trees with the theme "Gifts". Here shows The Most Wonderful Christmas gift is Jesus



Great fun was had at the Christingle Service. The children had the candles lit and the lights turned out. Fabulous.



Some of our children admiring the beautiful Christmas Altar Cloth.



At The crib service all the characters were hidden round the church. Frank and Philip told the story and the children had to find the figures to much hilarity. When all the figures were collected the Star carrier lead the procession down the aisle to place all into the stable.



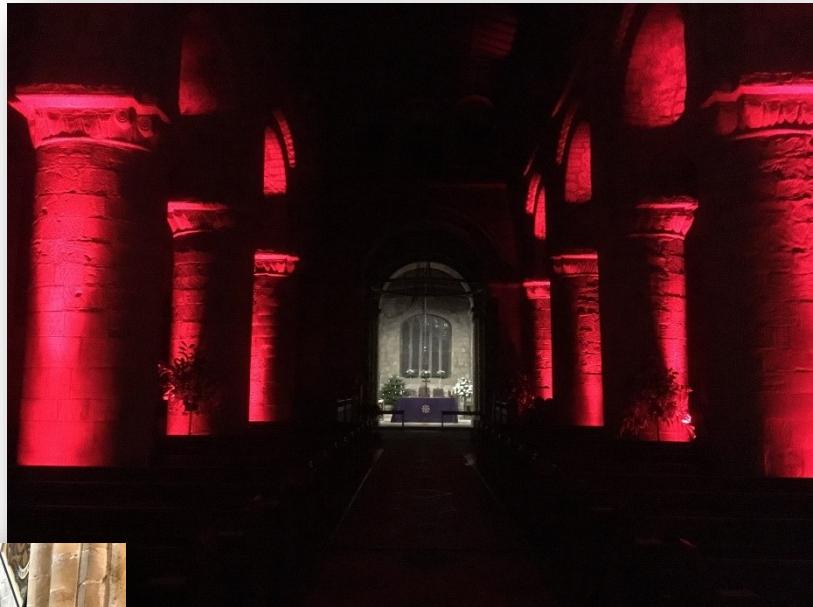
At last, the baptism of Jesus. Here are two of the doves made by the little ones. Then it all began to happen.



Behold the water moving. Every time the word SPLASH was said the congregation were sprayed with the water pistol. Of course the vicar was not allowed to get away with it.

# Christmas and New Year at St Michael and St Mary, Melbourne

Melbourne Parish Church looked stunning for the Christmas Carol Services with red up-lighting on every pillar. Illuminating the ancient stonework added a whole new layer of atmosphere to the traditional Christmas celebrations.



A very successful Wedding Fair was held in the New Year for couples planning to get married in church in 2019. They were given lots of help with planning and a chance to hear about the option for having the choir and bell-ringing at the service.

Junior Church New Year Party. Paul Brown of Magical Mayhem demonstrated how to do Super-hero balloon modelling. With a strong message that Jesus is the ultimate Super-hero of all time, a good time was had by all.



# Angels at St Peters, Hartshorne

Over 400 angels were knitted and hung around the parish. The gift tag on them encouraged people to take them home, with a Bible verse and a link to the church website. Almost all of them went within a couple of days and we received messages of appreciation and photographs on Facebook of the angels in their new homes on people's Christmas trees.



In the church we displayed over 100 angels made by children from the local church school, the church toddler group, and by members of the congregation. Our Angel Festival was well attended, with people coming in to look at the angels, make angel crafts, eat angel cakes and biscuits, and take photos dressed up as angels! On Christmas Eve, this led straight into our Crib Service which many people stayed on for.

## Flower festivals in our Deanery

If you have a flower festival planned this year, please could you email the Communications department at Church House on [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org).



# Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon

A time for quiet reflection and private prayer  
to help your Lenten journey

Saturday 9th March  
2pm~4pm

Venue

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

## Interactive Prayer Stations

An opportunity to spend time quietly reflecting on your journey with God.  
Using interactive and reflective stations.

## Children's activities corner

An opportunity for children to explore prayer through craft.

Cakes and drinks served all afternoon.

3.30pm

A short reflective service to close.

The afternoon will be drawn to a close with a short reflective act of worship.



# Bishop Libby Lane named as next Bishop of Derby

The next Bishop of Derby will be the Right Reverend Libby Lane, Downing Street has announced.

Bishop Libby is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Stockport, Diocese of Chester  
a post she has occupied since 2015.



Libby describes Derbyshire as 'the place that holds my heart. She grew up in Glossop in the north-west of the county and was selected for ordination while working in the parish of St Thomas Brampton, Chesterfield.

Bishop Libby said:

*"I am excited and privileged to have been called to serve as Bishop of Derby. I grew up here; my vocation was fostered here. Derbyshire nurtured me and brought me to faith and I want to love Derbyshire back.*

*"I want to lead a church in Derbyshire where people find hope because they know they are loved by God in Christ, and I pray that hope sets us free to live our lives in ways that bring change for good. "Please pray for me, as I will be praying for you. Jesus' invitation is to come closer, and His challenge is to go further - let's journey together."*

The Dean of Derby, the Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance, said: "*I am thrilled that Libby is coming to be our bishop. Her roots are here in Derbyshire, and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming her home and working with her in the months and years ahead. This announcement presents us with an opportunity to think afresh, about who we are and who we hope to be, about the opportunities and challenges that face us as we move forward.*"

Bishop Libby marked the announcement by visiting a number of communities in the Diocese. She started the day, with her husband, George, her two grownup children, Connie and Benedict, in her childhood hometown of Glossop, where her parents still live before meeting children and staff at Bolsover C of E Junior School, revisiting the church of St Thomas in Brampton, Chesterfield, meeting members of the farming and agricultural communities in Alderwasley, before heading to Derby Cathedral for a reception where she met local faith and community leaders. Libby ended her day joining Evening Prayers at the Cathedral.

The service to install Bishop Libby in Derby Cathedral will take place after Easter.

# Safeguarding training to support your work

<b>Month:</b> <b>May 19</b> <b>Date (s)</b>	<b>Deanery</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>C1/C2/C3/ specialised course</b>	<b>Session 1</b> <b>TIME:9.30- 12.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sess.2</b> <b>TIME:1.30- 4.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sess.3</b> <b>TIME:6.15-- 9.15 p.m.</b>	<b>MAX. attendee s p. ses- sion</b>
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21/05/2019	Mercia			C1 - Coton	C2 - Coton	C2 - Swadlincote	
23/05/2019	Mercia					C2 - Sta-	
<b>Month:</b> <b>JUNE19</b> <b>Date (s)</b>	<b>Deanery</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>C1/C2/C3/ specialised course</b>	<b>Session 1</b> <b>TIME:9.30- 12.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sess.2</b> <b>TIME:1.30- 4.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sess.3</b> <b>TIME:6.15-- 9.15 p.m.</b>	<b>MAX. attendee s p. ses- sion</b>
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07/11/2019	Mercia			C2 - Coton	C1 Newhall	C1 Harts- horne	
12/11/2019	Mercia				C1 - Swadlincote	C2 Hartshorne	
14/11/2019	Mercia						
19/11/2019	Mercia	tbc	(S) DV&A	tbc	tbc	tbc	20

The white boxes indicate where a venue still to be found

Please email Debbie on: debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org if you would like to arrange a Safeguarding session to be at your church.

# Training dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th February

Thy Kingdom Prayer Launch Emmanuel, Church Street, Swadlincote, DE11 8LF 7pm-10pm

18th February

Stewardship Emmanuel, Church Street, Swadlincote, DE11 8LF 7pm-9pm

Saturday 9th March

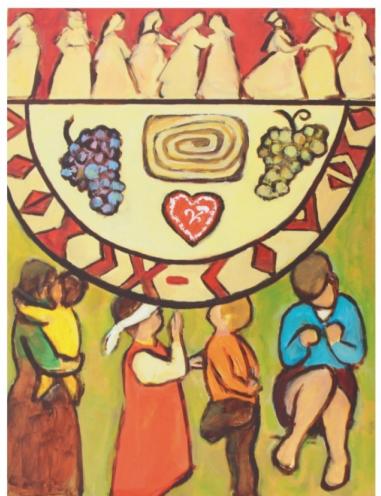
Deanery Prayer afternoon St Michael with St Mary, Melbourne, De73 8JH 2pm-4pm

Saturday 23rd March

**Diocesan Roadshow** Pingle Academy, Coronation Street, Swadlincote, DE11 0QA 10am-1pm

Thursday 9th May

Introduction to Church Warden Role Emmanuel, Church Street, Swadlincote, DE11 8LF 7pm-9pm



## World Day of Prayer

**Arrangements are underway for this year's ecumenical World Day of Prayer meeting which will be on**

**Friday 1st March at 7pm  
at the Salvation Army Hall in Church Gresley.**

**The material for this service has been prepared by a group of women from Slovenia and they have called it**

**“Come – everything is ready!”**

Even though the material is always produced by women from around the world, the service itself is for everyone regardless of gender so all are very welcome.

Everything is almost ready but we have one more meeting to finish off our plans and we would still love to see you there if you are interested in being part of this world-wide movement.

What we would really like is for there to be at least one representative (male or female!) from each of the churches in Swadlincote and surrounding district – so if you think it is something that you are interested in being part of please come along to ..

If you can't make that date, please don't forget to come along on the 1st March - it would be great to see the room full!

Jane Clamp

## 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 ● Winshill and Bretby