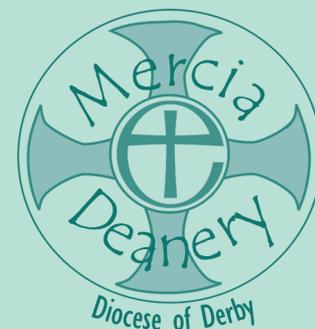


Deanery News

April 2019

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



Dear all

It is good to hear how people are keeping Lent and preparing for our Easter and Pentecost celebrations in a variety of ways. Do please have a look through the newsletter at the things that have happened and that are going on. We always welcome news and updates, so please keep sending them to Debbie at debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org who you can also email to subscribe to this newsletter if you don't already (or unsubscribe if you want to).

Our new Bishop of Derby, Rt Rev Libby Lane, is also preparing to fully take up her post. She will be installed at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 25th at 2.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Bishop Libby is then planning to visit each of the Deaneries, to meet a wide range of people and to pray with them. She will be visiting Mercia Deanery on Wednesday 5th June, as part of which she will be speaking at our Deanery Thy Kingdom Come service, which will be hosted by St Mark's Winhill starting at 7:45pm. Again, everyone is very welcome.

At our recent Deanery Synod meeting, we thought about the Church of England's programme of change, Setting God's People Free. This is designed to "enable the whole people of God to live out the Good News of Jesus confidently in all of life, Sunday to Saturday." There is more information and some practical tips at <https://www.churchofengland.org/SGPF>

In the light of this, we examined our Deanery priorities, which we agreed should be:

1. Times and Opportunities to Pray
2. Discipleship
3. Sharing ideas and resources
4. Working with young people

We will carry on focusing on these priorities, but do please let us know if there is anything you would like to see, or if there is anything you can help with. This newsletter and our website www.merciadeanery.wordpress.com are both important parts of how we share ideas, so do please pass this newsletter on to other people in your church and have a look at our website.

Alongside the things that we are doing as a Deanery, there are a wide variety of sessions being put on by Mission and Ministry and Safeguarding to help support us, so do please have a look at the great range of opportunities that are available.

In the meantime, I pray that this Lent and Easter we will all see God more clearly, Love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

Graham Rutter

Café Church

Come along 2 enjoy
lively music, lots of cake and chat
@ St Peter's Church, Church Street, Hartshorne, DE11 7ER

Café Opens: 5.30pm

Live Music: 6.00pm

What's on

7th April

Liz Carter author of
Catching Contentment:
How to be Holy Satisfied



www.hartshornechurch.org.uk
Tel: 07875 705344 for details



Fundraising for TLG



Swadlincote & District
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**

In 2019 Swadlincote and District Youth for Christ are planning on launching a new project supporting children in local primary schools. Ken Ashton has offered to take part in a sponsored event to raise funds towards launching the project. We are really excited to see how children and young people will be supported and transformed through this work. The Early Intervention project will cost around £3,000 in the first year, which includes training volunteers, managing the project, and providing resources needed.



In May 2019, Ken will be doing the Inflatable 5k Challenge in Kenilworth to help raise funds for the Early Intervention Programme that SDYFC is planning to introduce in the Swadlincote area. This is quite an achievement for Ken as he suffers with peripheral neuropathy causing him to have a walking disability and is in constant pain. We wish him all the best with this challenge and ask that you sponsor him to support this project

**INSANE 5K
INFLATABLE**
CRAZY FUN. CHALLENGING RUN.

If you could support this project, then please sponsor Ken. If you would like to know more, feel free to get in touch with the SDYFC Centre Director: helen.davis@yfc.co.uk



Or Text SWAD67 £3 to—70070

JustText Giving
by vodafone

St Marks, Winshill

Celebrating Valentines Day



St. Mark's Wednesday Group, who meet any day but Wednesday Celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a tasty soup lunch.

News from St Bartholomew, Elvaston

On 13th January I went to Elvaston Church to remove the Christmas and Epiphany decorations. It was just after 1pm and I started by putting out some cardboard boxes in the nave. I then went to the west end for some newspaper and suddenly heard quite a loud noise coming from the Chancel screen end of the nave and saw a large cloud of dust and heard something dropping into the boxes. Almost immediately there was a much louder bang to my right in the area of the south door. I walked down the aisle towards the screen but the only thing I could see besides a lot of dust was a silver coloured ball bearing under a pew.

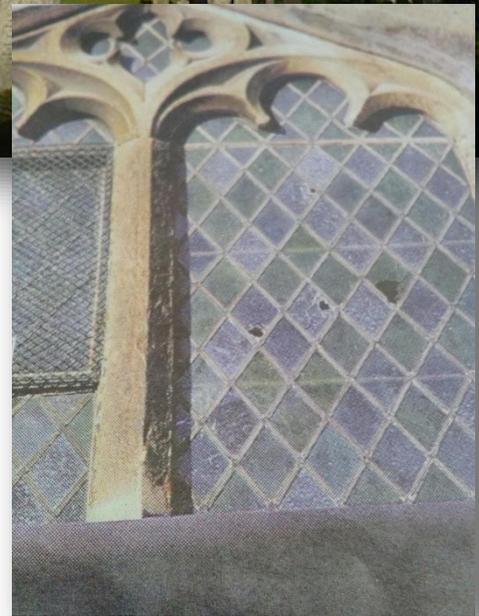
My husband who at the time was in a separate outbuilding in the churchyard checking the fuel supply for the heating came into the church through the west door. I told him what had happened and was just going to show him the ball bearing when a churchwarden and his wife arrived to help with the decoration removal.

Together we checked the nave and I picked up the bearing. We walked to the south door and found on our way a lot of very small pieces of plain and pale green glass on the floor and the seat cushions of the back four pews on both sides of the nave. The churchwarden said that he had brushed off similar bits of glass before the morning service. We moved on to the door and as we passed the hymnbook table I saw two more ball bearings on the floor. Looking around we concluded that the bearings had been fired at the church and come through the high clerestory windows of the south wall. This probably explained the three previous ball bearings we had found in the nave before Christmas.

The police were notified and told us that property and cars had also been attacked in Aston and Weston on Trent, villages next door to us. The windows have been repaired and metal grills fixed to them at a cost of over £2000.

We have had no news from the police!

Evadne Robbins
PCC secretary Elvaston



News from Christ Church, Linton



We had a very successful Shrove Tuesday lunch at Christ Church. Forty people enjoyed a meal of baked potato with cheese and coleslaw followed by as many pancakes as they could manage! We were pleased to welcome Rev. Charles Jefferson as one of our number.

Forthcoming events

There is to be a performance of a new Easter Cantata written by our organist Robert Newton at 6pm on Palm Sunday.

The work includes music for solo voices and choir. Rehearsals are well under way.

The cost of tickets is £6. Tickets can be booked by contacting *Robert* on 01283 760032 or will be available at the door.

We are delighted that the Archdeacon of Derby, The Venerable Dr. Christopher Cunliffe will be present.

On Good Friday there is to be a performance of 'The Cross of Christ' at 7pm. A meditation in words and music which also includes congregational hymns.

On Easter Day we are holding a Family Communion Service at 11am .

Repton Open Gardens

Repton Open Gardens 2019

Please come and join us to celebrate this year's Repton Open Garden events.

Open Gardens Concert, Friday 7th June at 7 pm in St Wystan's Church

Sparkling wine on arrival followed by a concert by Foremarke Hall School pupils,

canapes afterwards and drinks for sale.

Tickets: Adults £5, 18yrs and under free

Open Gardens Programmes and Prize Draw tickets on sale during the evening.

Open Gardens Weekend, Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June, 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Some 12 + varied and delightful gardens, Repton Allotments

and Repton Memorial Arboretum will be open. Two gardens will open on Sunday only.

Other attractions include:

Scarecrows around the village, Children's garden trail, Crafts in church,

Prize Draw, Tombola, Plants, Home-produce and Book stalls.

Teas available in St. Wystan's church from 1.30pm to 5.30pm, on both afternoons and at the United Reformed Church from 2.30 pm to 5 pm on Saturday only.

Programmes from the church lych-gate: Adults £5, **18yrs and under free**

Proceeds in aid of St. Wystan's Parish Church funds.

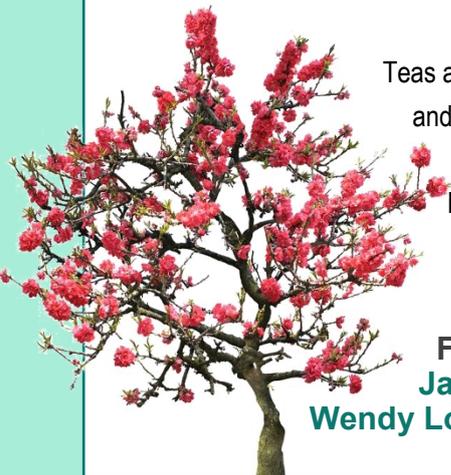


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For more information please get in touch with:

Jan Roberts, 01283 702159 jrob5143@aol.com or

Wendy Longden, 01283 703259 wendylongden@btinternet.com



New Wine

The Minster Churches in Swadlincote are going to New Wine this summer.

Would you like to come with us?

New Wine week 2: 4th—10th August
Location: Peterborough

For more information and for booking go to : new-wine.org/united19



Email Revd. Mike Firbank if you would like to find out more on: mjfirbank@hotmail.com

Diocesan News

Diocesan Spirituality Group

There is a real hunger and thirst within the Church for the things of God. People are seeking to journey ever closer to God; deepening their sense of connection, communication and participation in God; exploring their own sense of Christian spirituality; experimenting with different forms of prayer; learning to recognise and discern God's presence, activity and voice.

The Diocesan Spirituality Group seeks to enable this aspect of the Church's life to grow and flourish by providing courses, events, quiet days and retreats and matching interested parties to someone who can accompany them on this journey as listeners and spiritual directors.

To respond to the growing demand for this significant aspect of mission and ministry, the Diocesan Spirituality Group is seeking to expand and recruit new volunteer members to join the existing group. Meetings are held three times a year with the option to join in focussed working parties as well. Dates, times and venues are open to negotiation amongst the group members.

We are particularly looking for people with significant interests in any of the following areas:

- Secretary
- Using modern technology in prayer
- Spirituality in children and teenagers
- Evangelical spirituality
- Charismatic spirituality
- Intercessory prayer
- Healing ministry
- Spirituality of fresh expressions and pioneer ministry

If you feel God might be calling you to serve as part of this group, then please contact us for more details and an informal conversation.

Richard Reade Chair of the Diocesan Spirituality Group richarreade@btinternet.com 01629 584107 Nicky Fenton Acting Bishop's Advisor in Spirituality nicky.fenton@derby.anglican.org 01332 486100

St Wilfrid, Barrow on Trent

Around 50 people came together at St Wilfrid, Barrow on Trent to celebrate a united benefice service for the Trent and Derwent churches on Sunday. Bishop Tim Ellis celebrated and preached, it was a great service that inspired us and it was lovely to see others from our seven churches.



A prayer for the Nation



**God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Specialist Training for Wardens (old and new)

In this season of APCMs, here are specialist Churchwarden training:

Introduction to the Role & Responsibilities of Churchwardens

9th May 7-9pm at Emmanuel, Swadlincote

Focus on Church Buildings

9th July 7-9pm at St Mark, Winhill

Leading Worship at Short Notice

9th October 7-9pm at Honner Room, Melbourne-

It would be particularly helpful for new churchwardens to attend the first session on 9th May, even though this is taking place before the archdeacon's visitation service.

You are welcome to attend any of the churchwardens sessions; you do not have to attend sessions in your own deanery if other dates are more convenient for you.

Other sessions that may also be particularly helpful for churchwardens:

Registers & Churchyards

25th June 7-9pm at St Helen, Darley Dale

Health & Safety for Churches

18th June 10am-1pm at St Oswald, Ashbourne and 6-9pm at Church House-

Also for treasurers (both new treasurers and those with more experience):

Treasurer Training

5th June 7-9pm at St Peter, Hartshorne

Full descriptions for all of training are on the Learning in Faith pages on the Diocesan website
www.derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/learning-in-faith.html

or go to:

www.merciadeanery.wordpress.com/training

click on the flyer to register on a course.

Safeguarding training in May



SAFEGUARDING IN A CHURCH CONTEXT (C1)

THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2019

6.15PM-9.15PM

ST MICHAEL CHURCH, CHURCH HOUSE, CHURCH SQUARE,
MELBOURNE, DE73 8JH

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:

(www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/c1-safeguarding-in-a-church-context-melbourne-tickets-57622162439)



Mercia Deanery Training



SAFEGUARDING IN A CHURCH CONTEXT (C1)

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019

9.30AM-12.30PM

ST MARYS CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, COTON IN THE ELMS,
SWADLINCOTE, DERBYSHIRE. DE 12 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:

(www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/c1-safeguarding-in-a-church-context-coton-in-the-elms-tickets-56575339363)



Mercia Deanery Training

How to book on

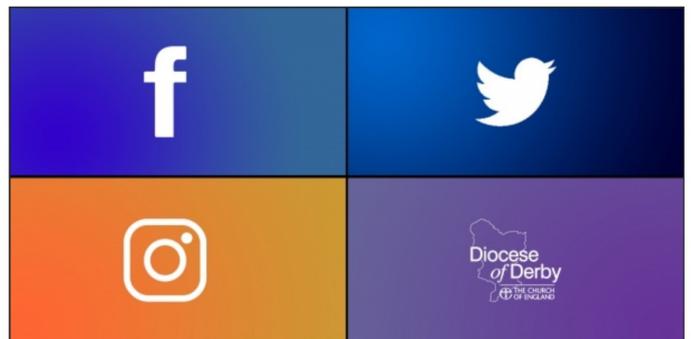
The easiest way to book onto any course is go to:

www.merciadeanery.wordpress.com/training

Scroll down until you have found the course that you want to book onto.

Click onto the course and then click on 'register'.

The Eventbrite page will take you through the rest.



SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2019

10AM-3PM

EMMANUEL CHURCH HALL, CHURCH STREET, SWADLINCOTE, DE 11 8LF

If you've thought about using Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to get your message, mission and events out to a wider audience but aren't really sure how to get started, then this is an ideal workshop for you.

This workshop is for beginners. In it, we'll look at setting up your accounts and pages, how to use them, how (and what) to post and we'll look at ideas and best practice.

What you will need:

- Wi-Fi-enabled laptop or tablet (don't forget the power lead!)
 - Smartphone (optional)
 - Notepad and pen

- Packed lunch (tea and coffee will be provided)

It would also be useful for you to bring the login details for your church's email address (if you're going to use it to run your social media accounts from).

To sign up go to:

<https://mercia-social-media-workshop.eventbrite.co.uk>



Diocese of Derby
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Safeguarding training in May



SAFEGUARDING FOR LEADERS (C2)

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2019

1.30PM-4.30PM

ST MARYS CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, COTON IN THE ELMS,
SWADLINCOTE, DERBYSHIRE. DE 12 8HA

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.eventbrite.co.uk/e/c2-safeguarding-for-leaders-coton-in-the-elms-tickets-56569588161)



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SAFEGUARDING FOR LEADERS (C2)

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2019

6.15PM-9.15PM

EMMANUEL CHURCH HALL, CHURCH STREET, SWADLINCOTE, DE 11 8LF

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:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/c2-safeguarding-for-leaders-swadlincote-tickets-57620307892>



Mercia Deanery Training



SAFEGUARDING FOR LEADERS (C2)

THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2019

6.15PM-9.15PM

ST PETERS CHURCH, STAPENHILL RD, STAPENHILL,
BURTON-ON-TRENT, DE15 9AF

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.eventbrite.co.uk/e/c2-safeguarding-for-leaders-stapenhill-tickets-56496573773)



Mercia Deanery Training

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th May

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

Wednesday 22nd May

Visitation Service St Mary, Ticknall, De73 7JU 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th May

Deanery Synod Venue To Be Confirmed 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th June

Thy Kingdom Come Deanery Service St Marks, Winhill, DE15 0HZ 7.45pm

Sunday 28th July

Deanery Confirmation Service Venue to be Confirmed 6pm

Swadlincote Messy Church Calendar 2019



April 13th	Messy Easter
May 11th	Messy Heroes
June 8th	Messy Children
July 13th	Messy Animals
August 10th	Messy Summer
September 14th	Messy Journeys
October 12th	Messy Thankyou
November 9th	Messy Advent
December 14th	Messy Christmas

**Second Saturday of every month, 4-6pm at Emmanuel Church, Swadlincote
For more information please contact Diane on 07753 609185**

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-onTrent 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