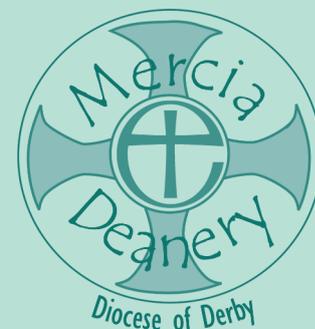


# Deanery News

August 2019

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



Dear all

It was a pleasure to be able to show Bishop Libby round some of our Deanery as part of her tour round the diocese in the week after she was installed as Bishop of Derby. We were able to show her something of the diversity of our deanery, and I'm very grateful to the many people who worked hard to make the day a success. Thank you. There is more information on what Bishop Libby did in the newsletter.

I'm also very grateful to Maggie Fenby Taylor who has been elected as Lay Chair of the Deanery. Maggie brings a great deal of experience to the role which will be very helpful for us.

Unfortunately, as you may well have heard, this will probably be my last newsletter as Area Dean. I have been appointed as Tutor in Old Testament at St Mellitus theological college North West. This is based in Liverpool and we hope to move sometime in the autumn. I'd therefore like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all. It has been a privilege working with you.

The work of the Deanery will of course continue. We are holding a Deanery Day on Saturday 19th October, with a range of workshops and stalls to help equip people and parishes for their work. We have workshops focusing on our Deanery priorities of prayer, discipleship, and children and young people, as well as ones supporting people looking after our buildings. Do please put the date in your diary.

You will still be able to contact Debbie, the Deanery Administrator ([debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org)) for the usual range of queries and we will let you know about any additional sources of support that the diocese puts in place until the next Area Dean is appointed.

Do please keep letting us know about your special events and services. They are an important part of our Deanery priority of sharing ideas and resources. It is also encouraging to see the range of things that are going on across the Deanery.

Many thanks again

Graham Rutter

# Bishop Libby comes to Mercia Deanery

## Holy Communion at All Saints, Aston on Trent

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Libby to start her day in the Deanery by presiding and preaching at our Wednesday morning Eucharist at All Saints'. We then adjourned to the Heritage Centre, where the Bishop was able to stay for the beginning of our Open Cafe, which gave chance for parishioners to meet her in an informal way.

Thank you, Bishop Libby!



## HumanKind exhibition, Chalke Abbey

As part of the Deanery Day, Bishop Libby was shown round Chalke Abbey, and particularly the HumanKind exhibition, along with the Rector of Chalke, Rev Steve Short, and the Area Dean.

She was shown round HumanKind by a couple of the volunteers who had researched the stories of the people who were featured in the exhibition, and was able to spend time hearing about their stories and the work of the National Trust at Chalke.

HumanKind focuses on the stories of "loneliness and isolation, kindness and compassion, past and present". It features people from Chalke whose stories are less well known, and also encourages people to think about present-day loneliness and isolation.

Bishop Libby talked about how that linked with the work of the churches.



# Collective Worship at Coton in the Elms CofE Primary School

Bishop Libby spoke to the children of 'Firsts', being the one of the first women to be ordained and also the first ever female Bishop. She reminded the children to be brave in what they dream of for their future. The Bishop also showed the children her cross, ring and crosier. She described Christ's gift of life to her, the commitment of her life to Christ and also her need to watch and pray for everyone, including all the children.

Some of the questions that the children asked were:

*How do you get to be a Bishop? When did you start believing in Jesus? Why do you wear the colour purple? How many female Bishops are there now?*

To which the Bishop gave very inspiring answers.



# Visit to the Fire & Rescue Centre, Swadlincote

As the Chaplain to the fire crews, it was a privilege to host Bishop Libby at the new Fire and Ambulance station.

Bishop Libby was given a tour around the station by Watch Manager Pete Janes and myself. Pete and his crew then performed a role play of how they attend a house fire and having rescued casualties and hand over to ambulance crews to care for the injured, using their new purpose built house for training purposes. Following that Bishop Libby had tea and homemade shortbread before offering a lovely blessing to the station and all its crews outside on their lovely balcony which overlooks the community it serves.



It was a lovely afternoon and the crews were very appreciative of their gift from her and of her taking the time to visit them.

**Caroline Carr.**

Chaplain to Swadlincote DFRS

## Meeting the Chaplaincy Team and Assembly Team



Over tea and cake, Bishop Libby was able to meet with representatives from Swadlincote Town Centre Chaplaincy, Swadlincote Youth for Christ and Churches Together Assembly Team.

She spent time talking to the different representatives, encouraged them in their roles, and led them in a time of prayer.

It was a good opportunity for Bishop Libby to meet with people who are involved in outreach across our Deanery and was appreciated by those who attended.

## Thy Kingdom Come service at St Marks, Winshill

At the end of a long day Bishop Libby concluded her day with Mercia Deanery in the outlands of Staffordshire, at St Marks Church Winshill, where she was joined by members from across the Deanery for a Service of Sung Evening Prayer. The Bishop, escorted by the Wardens Mrs Helen Smart and Mr Keith Mann, processed in behind with the Robed Choir of St Marks, The Vicar and Curate. The Bishop preached, reflecting on the themes of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Season and Gods yearning love for us and our response to that love, born through his Son, Jesus Christ, in Gods Kingdom here on earth. A straightforward service of Hymns readings and prayers was concluded with refreshments.



Thanks to all those who assisted in making it a good end to the day. Special thanks to those who helped clean the church before, (St Marks is in the middle of a building project) and to those who provided refreshments after, so that all those who came could meet and have a personal word with the Bishop, and not depart home with too much dust on their clothes.

# St Mark's church, Winshill

Bears, Hares and Donkeys - How can we be a good neighbour? We had fun exploring the story of the Good Samaritan at our Family Service and Teddy Bear's Picnic.



Part of the East Window stained-glass, showing the story of the Good Samaritan.



Rev. Philip teaching Mary to play a version of Quoits.



Seren and Bethany carefully colouring their pictures of teddies in the sunshine.

Picnic in progress, Seren learning to Hula Hoop. Curate Frank playing bat and ball with little Evan, a future cricketer in the making. Proud Mummy Rachel hoping it will be Rugby though.

We shared the food and hospitality having a lovely time despite the midges. Mary and Elijah and their Mum supplied us with delicious mint chocolates.



# St Mary's, Weston On Trent



Over 40 people gathered at St Mary's, Weston on Trent for a United benefice service. Bishop Joachim Kreusal from the Moravian Church was the guest preacher

A great time was had by all and it was good to people from our other churches

## Youth Alpha at St Wystans, Repton



We welcome young people from Year 7 and up from across the Deanery to join us to enjoy a meal and explore the Christian faith with DVDs and chat.

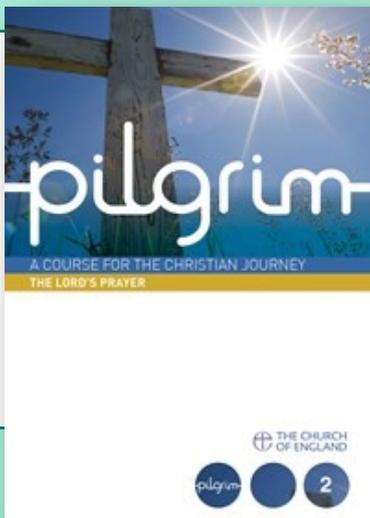
For a taster see... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyjL4NsAfM&feature=youtu.be>

We plan to meet at the church monthly throughout the year on Sunday evenings from 5.30 – 7.00 pm starting on September 29<sup>th</sup>, then October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup>. Future dates to be confirmed.

For more information or to tell us you're coming contact [stwystansyouthalpha@hotmail.com](mailto:stwystansyouthalpha@hotmail.com)

Please be praying for this venture and let your young people know and encourage them to come.

## The Lord's Prayer course starting soon



Following the completion of the Pilgrim course in June/July the group would like to continue.

So we will be running part 2 - which is a six session course on the Lord's prayer starting in September.

This new course is stand alone, **you do not have to have completed part 1.**

If you would like to join us to look at the Lord's Prayer please get in contact with Rev. Stella Greenwood at [greenwoodstella@yahoo.com](mailto:greenwoodstella@yahoo.com)



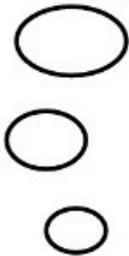
# Mercia Deanery Day

19th October 2019

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

10am-3pm

How can we, ordained and lay together,  
enable one another to live out the Good News of Jesus  
in all our life,  
Monday to Saturday, as well as Sunday?  
*Setting God's People Free*



10.15am-11.15am Workshop 1

11.30am-12.30pm Workshop 2

12.30pm-1.45pm Stalls and Lunch Break  
(Please bring a packed Lunch hot drinks will be available)

2.00pm-3.00pm Workshop 3



Put the date in your diary.....  
More information to follow

# A Message from Fr. Michael, St Stephens

Greetings all from the Diocese of Leicester

As many of you know St Stephen's in Woodville is within the Diocese of Leicester but the church, once within the Diocese of Derby, still feels part of Derbyshire rather than Leicestershire. The parish has recently appointed me as their new vicar and I thought it important to at least introduce myself - I have been invited to the Mercia Deanery chapter meeting, which unfortunately I have not yet managed but will eventually! I think as a church we have a lot of things in common with the churches in Swadlincote and it would be good to retain some form of link between us. Alongside my work in the parish I also serve as Chaplain to the Derbyshire Army Cadet Force, who HQ is at Sinfin in Derby.

Just to keep you posted the church at Woodville is trying to become more active within the community and currently runs the following events/activities etc as listed below. If you need any further information please do get in touch.

Hopefully, we will meet soon.

- Food Bank runs every Thursday morning 1030-1130
- Messy Church usually every last Saturday in the month 1030-1200
- Knit & Natter every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
- Mid-week services: Thursday 7pm and Friday 7pm both Eucharists
- We have an active Walsingham cell to which everyone is invited
- Sunday service is 0915 every Sunday



## Don't miss out on essential funding for your church

There are a range of grants available to help churches pay for maintenance services booked through the website [MaintenanceBooker](#). Investing in regular maintenance work to your building now can significantly reduce your longer term costs.

Foundation Grants of up to £10k are available for projects costing up to £20k (exc VAT). The maximum grant size is 50% of costs.

There are two ways for churches to engage with the grants:

### **Standard Foundation Grant application to the NCT Grants Committee.**

The deadline for applications is 26 September 2019 for decisions in November 2019. Churches can use contractors previously selected through a competitive process where they can demonstrate that at least two quotes were received.

### **Foundation Grant application to support tendering through MaintenanceBooker.**

Applications received this way will not be bound by the 26 September 2019 deadline. Applications for contracts will be accepted on a rolling basis until 2 December 2019, when the funding campaign will end. Decisions will be made within 1 month, allowing for quicker turn around on maintenance and small repair projects.

Churches can apply for more than one Foundation Grant if they can demonstrate that the works being requested are distinct, and the works are being done by different contractors.

The NCT will be announcing some changes this autumn to the NCT grant programmes for 2020. It is uncertain that the Foundation Grants programme will retain a £10,000 grant ceiling, so they strongly encourage churches to submit bids early this year.

Visit the [National Churches Trust website](#) for more details.



# Learning in Faith

## Safeguarding Training

7th November

C2-Coton in the Elms 9.30am-12.30pm

C1 –Newhall 1.30pm-4.30pm

C1 –Hartshorne 6.15pm-9.15pm

12th November

C1-Swadlincote 1.30pm-4.30pm

C2-Hartshorne 6.15pm-9.15pm

## Church Warden Training

9th October

Leading Worship - Melbourne 7pm-9am

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](http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/learning-in-faith.html)

## Dates for your Diary

### Sunday 29th September (then monthly)

Youth Alpha

St Wystans Church, Repton, DE65 6FH

5.30p,-7.00pm

### Saturday 19th October

Deanery Day

Emmanuel Church, Church Lane, Swadlincote, DE 11 8LF

10am-3pm

### Saturday 2nd November

Vocations Exploration Day

St John's Church, Church Street, Newhall, DE11 0HY

10am-3pm

## 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 ● Winshill and Bretby