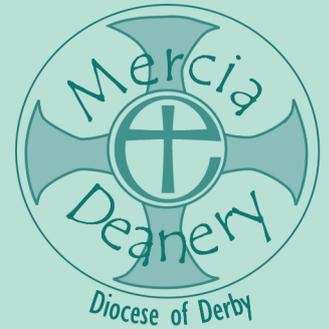


Deanery News

October 2019

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



Dear Everyone,

This is my first news letter so bear with me. I am very proud to be the Lay Chair of the Deanery and will do my best to serve you all. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Graham every success and happiness in Liverpool; he has been a source of great enthusiasm and wholehearted dedication. There are plans afoot for Graham's replacement plus we also need a Deputy Area Dean.

However our deanery life continues; our Deanery priorities will be the crux of our Deanery Day on October 19th at Emanuel Church Hall. It seems to me that this is an excellent opportunity to study, discuss and then implement the objectives of our priorities. Details of the sessions are to be found in this newsletter. Plus, of course, a good chance to network, or as we used to say, an opportunity for a good natter. Don't forget to bring your lunch; hot drinks will be available.

As you can see from the contents of this letter, much has been going on in our deanery over the past two months. No doubt the Advent and Christmas seasons will bring even more stories of fellowship and partnership.

Our website is a really good resource. Check up the courses that are available. If you think something should be added, do let us know.

Also, if you would like to include your news in our next Deanery Newsletter, please contact Debbie. You can also subscribe (or unsubscribe) to the newsletter by emailing: debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org

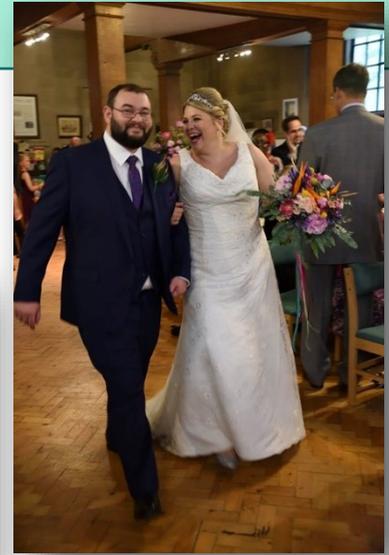
Maggie Fenby-Taylor

Congratulations to Caroline & Ed!

Father Edward Backhouse & Caroline Backhouse. On their wedding which took place on 27th July at St John the Baptist Buxton.

We wish them all the best for the future.

From St Mary the Virgin
Weston on Trent.



Confirmations at St Wystans, Bretby



Back on the 28th July St Wystans celebrated the confirmation of Samraghi Devi Madden, Kannedi Ude, Tshogonetso Hoyles and Nick Bently who was received into the communion of the Church of England having previously been confirmed in the Methodist Church.

Patronal festival at St Bartholomew, Elvaston

Over 20 of us enjoyed another wonderful patronal festival at St Bartholomew, Elvaston on 23rd August. Canon Richard Andrews was our guest preacher and there was a great buffet.

The church was open for the whole weekend, many thanks to all who helped.



United Benefice service, St Andrew's Twyford



We had a wonderful United benefice service to mark St Michael and all angels.

Over 50 of us crammed into St Andrew Twyford before the floods came ! Bishop Peter Fox gave a inspiring sermon on angels and we distributed lots of harvest produce too.

Also it was good to be joined by the vice chair of the district council, councillor Neil Atkin.

Harvest Festival at St Georges, Ticknall

St Mary's had their Harvest Festival at Ticknall on the 22nd of September.

'The Church was very full, which was great as we only have about 18 in the congregation usually. 40 people stayed after the service for a bring and share lunch. Lovely food and a great social occasion.'

Mary Hirst



Friday Voices at St Wystan's, Repton

FRIDAY VOICES

are coming to
St Wystan's Church, Repton

Friday, 11 October 2019 at 7.30pm
Tickets are £20,
which includes wine and canapés in the interval

Tickets are available from Fiona Cannon 07973 859313.

Friday Voices is Staffordshire based choir, under the directorship of Chris Mallinson, and has a varied repertoire from Bruckner to Bach and Gershwin to Porter. They are high quality and most entertaining. Money raised is going to Marie Curie and to the Church.



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=fjL4NsAfM&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 29th, then October 27th and November 24th. Future dates to be confirmed.

For more information or to tell us you're coming contact stwystansyouthalpha@hotmail.com

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

150th anniversary at Winshill

A Civic Service for the 150th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Mark's Church, Winshill
On 13th September 1869 was held at St Mark's Church on 13th September 2019

Honoured guests were welcome by members of the congregation.

Patrons, Lady Gretton and Hon. Mrs Meynell

High Sheriff, Ashley Brough

Plus many other honoured guests, county and local.



The start of the procession into church



The clergy and lay readers process



A large congregation attended the service.



Rev. Philip Boshier and curate Frank Startin opened the proceedings



The address was given by The Venerable Dr. Christopher Cunliffe, Archdeacon of Derby. On the pulpit was a decoration of hops because the church was built at the request of its patron John Gretton, Esq., a local brewer.

Lay Reader Mervyn John updated the history of the church, a good deal with notelets, key ring and pen. Good trade was evident.



150th anniversary at Winhill



The architect, Mark Parsons and his wife chat with Archdeacon Christopher. The Archdeacon amused us in his address with many historic events that had happened.



Robert Baker and Roger Easton welcome Rev Michael Mookerji, former vicar of St Mark's



Shirley Harrison welcomes Cllr Colin Wileman, Mayor of East Staffordshire Borough Council.



Keith Mann, church warden, wearing his scout uniform chats to High Sheriff, Ashley Brough.



We were so pleased that Mike Redshaw, Methodist Minister and part of Winhill Churches Together was able to attend in his usual startling outfit

The service was inspirational, the prayers for the whole community and a jolly good sing. The High Sheriff kindly showed two young members of the congregation his sword. The evening finished in the typical way at St Mark's with tea, coffee, wine, sausage rolls, pork pies and plenty of cake. A local micro brewery brewed a special ale for the occasion, enjoyed by many in memory of the first patron, so sadly died before the church was completed and consecrated.





Mercia Deanery Day

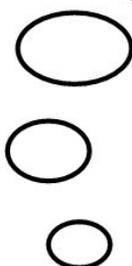
19th October 2019

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

Including a bookstall from Derby Cathedral

**THE
SANCTUARY
AT DERBY CATHEDRAL**

(Please bring a packed Lunch. Drinks will be available)

2.00pm-3.00pm Workshop 3





Workshop 1: 10.15am-11.15am

Introduction to Mission - Jason Kennedy (Church House) - **Room 1**

Mission is a much misunderstood term that can provoke negative reactions in some. This workshop seeks to help us understand what mission is really about, allay fears and see how we can engage in God's mission in the world.

Hearing God's Call - Kat Alldread (Church House) - **Room 2**

Are you a 'vocational' person? What does it mean to have a vocation? God calls all of us - come along to explore how you are being called.

The Property Team (Church House) - **Room 3 - Graham Webster, Head of Finance**

A presentation on what the Property Team do and how we can help you.

Workshop 2: 11.30am-12.30pm

Growing a Whole Life Disciple Making Church – Rev Lyn Weston (Licc.) - **Room 1**

How do our Sunday Gatherings connect with and equip us for our Monday to Saturday lives? This seminar will explore the need to make everyday life central in the life of our churches

Community Engagement session a - Gareth Greenwood (Church House) - **Room 2**

The church and host community is not a them and us, it's just an US. Together we will begin to explore the seemingly complex landscape of Christ's presence through His church, with a focus on buildings.

The Finance Team (Church House) - **Room 3 –Mary Kemp, Finance Officer**

The Parish Giving Scheme and Contactless Donations

12.30pm-1.45pm Lunch in the Hall

During the lunch break there will be a book stall (supplied by the Cathedral) plus very helpful stalls from Church House and organisations such as Roots on the web and LICC

Workshop 3: 2.00pm-3.00pm

Room in church for children? - Sarah Brown (Church House) - **Room 1**

Whether your church has many, few or no children currently, this workshop will explore ways to welcome them and to help their faith to grow

Linking our church with community session b - Gareth Greenwood (Church House) - **Room 2**

A continuation of session A in Workshop 2

Prayer - Revd. Tim Sumpter (Diocesan Spirituality Group) - **Main Church**

Details of this workshop are to follow

To book in....

Go to: www.merciadeanery.wordpress.com/deanery-calendar and click on the poster image.

OR

Email....

debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org and reserve your place.

Melbourne Festival

On 14th and 15th September once again, the churches made a major contribution to the Melbourne Festival. The weather was beautiful, the crowds came and everyone enjoyed a spectacular selection of arts, crafts, music, exhibitions and fine food.

The Parish Church hosted several displays including the usual opportunity to try your hand at bell-ringing on a working model, the new for this year, capes worn by clergy and a fascinating display of wedding dresses. The black jacket was worn by a biker and there were four generations of dresses from the same family.



Swadlincote Minster

Swadlincote Minster group of churches have been busy over the last couple of months.

In August, over 60 of us had an amazing time at the New Wine United festival, held at the East of England showground in Peterborough. We were blessed with some good weather (ignoring the odd storm), excellent speakers, seminars and worship and I think I speak for us all that our faith was refreshed in so many different ways and we experienced the holy spirit moving with new impetus in our lives. We look forward to next year's event with Swadlincote Minster booking for week 2, August 2 – 9.



On September 8, we were proud to welcome Bishop Libby to our joint Minster service at The Pingle School. We were encouraged and uplifted by +Libby's words on new beginnings and the strength we find in God at all times of our lives.

We were pleased to welcome as she joins us In our Minster churches. We also said goodbye to the Rutter family as our area Dean starts his new role at St Melitus NW in Liverpool, also to Elliot and Megan George as Elliot starts his ordination training at Trinity College in Bristol. A very emotional service for many but wonderful to see God working in people's lives.



Finally, on September 22, another proud occasion for the Minster was the presentation of Bishop's Badges and Awards by Bishop Libby at Derby Cathedral underneath the moon!.From Swadlincote, we celebrated the awards presented to Joyce Thomas, Diane Hardy, with her special project award for her work with Minster Messy Church, Peter Firbank, who also read a lesson and Megan George. We also spotted names from St. Mark's, Winshall, St. Saviour's, Foremark, and St. Wystan's, Repton. A truly wonderful way to thank and celebrate the countless number of lay people who contribute so much to the lives of our churches and the communities they serve.



Learning in Faith

Church Warden Training

9th October

Leading Worship - Melbourne 7pm-9am

This session includes suggestions of useful resources and service formats and clarifies what you can and cannot do if you are not ordained or licensed.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-worship-at-short-notice-tickets-52859909412>

Thursday 24th October

19:00 – 21:00

Derbyshire Churches Environment Network

Speaker Brother Hugh, from Hilfield Friary, Gold Awarded in the Eco Church scheme.

Hilfield Friary is a Franciscan Community in Dorchester with a particular emphasis on living and promoting the Franciscan values of care for creation, working for peace and justice, and seeking respectful dialogue with people of other faiths.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/derbyshire-churches-environment-network-tickets-68474594355>

Wednesday 6th November

19.15-21.30

Eco Church

An introduction to the Eco Church scheme. Why is it used in the Diocese of Derby?

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-church-tickets-68165335353>

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

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

