

# Deanery News

April/May 2023  
Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



Friends,

I love Easter time, always have. However, trying to define or tie down exactly 'why' is more difficult.

Let me try...

I grew up going to a traditional Roman Catholic Church as a boy - serving at altar and always putting far too many coals and far too much incense in the thurible at Easter time. So, there are smells that I remember at High and Holy times.

As a teenager I would attend the local Methodist Church in the evening - they had lots of youth and a worship band! At Easter time we would go away for a weekend and join other 'Methodist' youth. The noise of so many youth all together brings back such fond memories of Easter.

As a Family we have often gone to Spring Harvest, before, during and after Easter Day. That festival gathering - worship and teaching - brings back so many amazing memories and 'turning' points in my walk with the Lord.

Later on in life, as a Priest, there is something very special about leading or just being part of a Dawn Service on



Easter morning. That, perhaps, is my favourite service of all that one could be part of over Passion fortnight. Walking in the dark, singing as the sun comes up, rejoicing that our Saviour lived and died and rose again for us all.

But, Less of me... what makes Easter special for you? What memories, smells, noises, challenges, services, gatherings, or traditions?

And remember if they're special to you, they're also special to the Lord.

He loves and cherishes us all dearly.

A blessed Easter to us all, one and all,

Mike Firbank  
Area Dean



# Parish News

## St Marks, Winhill

### World Day of Prayer

A wonderful service was enjoyed by members of churches from across Burton and the surrounding areas on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for the World Day of Prayer.

The service this year was written by the ladies of Taiwan. It was moving to hear their stories and to learn about their lives, and humbling to know we were part of a worldwide wave of prayer with people from every corner praying for one another and for the world.

Thanks to those who organised our service in Winhill and to those who lent us their orchids (the national flower of Taiwan) to so beautifully decorate our church.



### Family Fun on Good Friday

We look forward to a fun filled family morning on Good Friday at St Mark's from 11am-1pm. There will be lots of crafts to try, an Easter garden to build, a short time of songs, story and worship and hot cross buns, of course!

We encourage parents and/or grandparents to stay with the children throughout the morning.

If you would like something more sombre for Good Friday, come back at 2pm for an hour of reflection at the foot of the cross.

### Monthly coffee and cake.

Our open church afternoon is flourishing with a good number of people coming back each month to be waited on with fresh coffee, delicious homemade cake and treats and friendly conversation. Everyone is welcome. **Next date: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2-4pm**



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## Swadlincote Minster

### Swadlincote Minster Lent Prayer Day

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March we held our first Prayer Day for the Minster. Several groups and individuals worked hard to produce prayer stations and the Community room at Gresley Church was opened from 10am until 4pm for people to drop in and stay for as little or as long as they wanted. The band led us in sung worship at the beginning of the day and we joined together for a short Compline type of service at the close. Refreshments were available throughout the day and a light lunch was also provided.

Numbers were lower than expected (primarily because there were some who intended to be there but who were hit by COVID 😊) but those who did attend greatly appreciated the peace and the sense that the Holy Spirit was moving us in our prayers. For me, it was a luxury to be able to spend virtually a whole day in such a way and I am hopeful that this will be the first of many similar days to come!



**On April 6th Maundy Thursday at 7pm there will be a simple meal with communion at Hartshorne Church hall.**

## Emmanuel, Swadlincote

We look forward to some great opportunities to celebrate this Easter time..

### Easter services

April 2nd at 10am we will have our Palm Sunday Morning Worship

April 7th **Good Friday** at 11am there will be a quiet reflection at Emmanuel after the 'Churches Together walk' which is a 'flash mob' style walk with everyone holding their palm cross.

April 9th 5.45am Minster sunrise service

Easter Sunday at 10am we will be celebrating Holy Communion



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## St Peter's, Hartshorne

We were so happy to welcome the children and staff from years 5&6 from Hartshorne CE Primary School to explore Easter Outside.



Bishop Malcolm and Liz Seymour, Deputy Director of Education, came along to join in the discoveries.



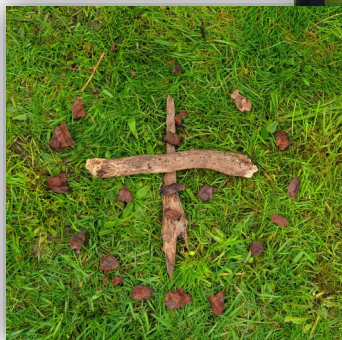
Discovering how to make right choices and asking God for help in the future.



Exploring our disappointments and talking to God about them.



Discovering the cross, forgiveness and new starts.



Discovering the hope of new life we find in the empty tomb.



# Events

GAMING IN CHURCH GRESLEY  
2ND SUNDAYS OF MONTH  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
DE11 9NR

## GAME NIGHTS

BOARD GAMES • ROLEPLAY • VIDEO GAMES  
7PM - 9.30 • ONCE A MONTH

ALL ARE WELCOME  
UNDER 18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
BRING YOUR OWN BOARDGAMES

For more info contact Sam: [revsmackie@gmail.com](mailto:revsmackie@gmail.com)

To find out more by email Rev Sam: [revsamackie@gmail.com](mailto:revsamackie@gmail.com)



## Starting to think about what your church will be doing to celebrate the Kings Coronation?

If your plans include putting up notices, either in printed form or online, then here are some useful guidance and links to get you started...

[Church of England - Coronation - design guidance.pdf](#)

**This boarder is downloaded from**

[Coronation - A Church Near You](#)

If you would like me to advertise your events on the Deanery Website or if you need help to download the official images or fonts onto your computer then let me know...

[debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org)





# Ministry News

## Discipleship Training

A new, slightly extended, module for **local preachers** will be running from April. The module consists of 13 sessions, 7 of which are studied individually and the other 6 by study days on Zoom with other students. It starts with an exploration of the New Testament alongside study days on preaching with experts in the field. The module starts on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Information on the new module can be found [here](#).



The next module of the Certificate in Mission & Ministry course, 'Opening Up the Bible', will also be running - you can just join for the one module or jump onto our very flexible, completely online course. Details can be found [here](#).

The closing date for applications for all modules is 8<sup>th</sup> April. Contact [dawnglen@derby.anglican.org](mailto:dawnglen@derby.anglican.org) for further details and application forms.



this training in the second year of your curacies).

## Season of Creation Training Opportunities

We are very pleased to announce some training opportunities exploring the environment, creation and climate change. These are being offered by organisations outside of the diocese, but we have received many requests about training in this area and we wanted to share them as widely as possible.

- **WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?**
- **WHY EVANGELISM AND CREATION CARE ARE ESSENTIAL TO EACH OTHER**
- **CLIMATE, GENDER AND RACIAL JUSTICE**
- **CREATION SPEAKS OF GOD'S GLORY**

For more information and other opportunities for development go to:

[Continuing Ministerial Development - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](#)

## Ordained Ministries

### Continual Ministerial Development

#### Resilience Course: 'Developing Resilience, Maintaining Well-Being'

Ordained life is demanding, and the ability to 'bounce back' is an important part of maintain well-being. Drawing from a framework cpas has developed working with hundreds of clergy in this area, these three days provide practical tools to develop resilience that engage with the realities of ordained ministry. (Note to Curates: You will receive

# Easy Access Learning



## Being a churchwarden

Whether you're an experienced warden or new to the role, this module will tell you all the basics you need to know.

For: Churchwardens

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 35 mins



## Church buildings management throughout the year

Know what you need to do throughout the year to look after your church building.

For: Churchwardens

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins

## Learning in Faith Bitesize



## Becoming an Eco Church

What is an eco church and why you should become one.

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins



## Churches as community buildings

Building strong, lasting relationships with the whole community is central to effective mission.

For churchwardens

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins



## Being a Churchwarden – Looking after Your Buildings Module 1

### The DAC and Faculties

Useful information about how the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) can help you and facts about faculties.

For: Churchwardens

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 35 mins

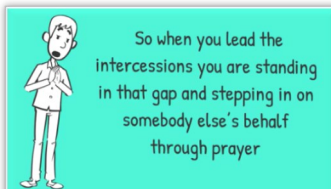


## Going green - a tale of two churches

How two churches in the Diocese of Derby lowered their carbon footprints.

Type: video

Dur: 5 mins 39 secs



So when you lead the intercessions you are standing in that gap and stepping in on somebody else's behalf through prayer

## Leading Intercessions

How to lead God's people in prayer.

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins

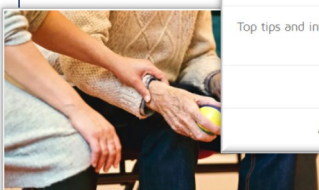


## Planning a Prayer Walk

Top tips and information for planning a prayer walk near you.

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins



## Spirituality in Later Life

Dementia and creating a dementia-friendly church.

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins



## How could I run a children's church session?

### Could you be a Church Children's Leader?

The skills and training needed to be a children's leader in church.

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins



## Running a Children's Church Group at Church

How to get started running a group for children in your church.

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins



## What is a Pioneer?

We all know we have pioneer clergy in the diocese - but what IS a pioneer?

Interactive lesson

Approx time: 30 mins

And so much more!

Go to:

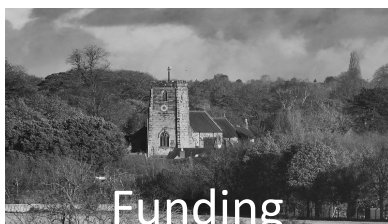
[Learning in Faith Bitesize - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](http://Learning in Faith Bitesize - Diocese of Derby (anglican.org))





Here is a very helpful page for Church Wardens covering most things that a Church Warden would need to know, whether you have been in the role for a few months or several years.

[Resources for Churchwardens - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](https://www.derby.anglican.org/resources-for-churchwardens)



If you have any questions about raising funding for projects or repairs on your churches here are two great people to contact:

Gareth Greenwood our Community Projects Development Officer

at [gareth.greenwood@derby.anglican.org](mailto:gareth.greenwood@derby.anglican.org) or our Living Generously Adviser, Steve Johnson at [steve.johnson@derby.anglican.org](mailto:steve.johnson@derby.anglican.org)

## Deadline for the June Deanery Newsletter

Please send in your articles to [debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org](mailto:debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org)

**Deadline - 26th May**

## Dates for your Diary

### Deanery Synod dates-2022

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

### Deanery Chapter-2022

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am-12.30pm – St Mary's, Church Street, Coton in the Elms, DE12 8HG

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Away Day – 9.30am-3pm – Shardlow Road, Aston on Trent, Derby, DE72 2DH

June 15<sup>th</sup> – 7pm-9pm – Greater Chapter – St Peter's Church Hall, Manchester Lane, Hartshorne, DE11 7BE

### Visitation Service

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - 7pm

St Marks, Church Street, Winhill, Burton on Trent, DE15 0HS

## Mercia Deanery Benefices

- Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney • Melbourne, Ticknal, Smisby and Stanton-by-Bridge
- Seale: Lullington, Linton, Castle Gresley and Overseal • Stapenhill (including Caldwell)
- Trent and Derwent: Aston-on-Trent, Elvaston, Weston-on-Trent and Shardlow, Barrow-upon-Trent with Twyford and Swarkestone
- Trent United: Walton-on-Trent, Croxall, Rosliston, Coton-in-the-Elms and Catton
- Winhill, Bretby and Immanuel: Stapenhill • Swadlincote and Hartshorne • Newhall • Church Gresley