Deanery News

Winter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am now back from my Sabbatical – such a gift of time which I am so grateful for. I spent a lot of time resting, reading, and reflecting on all that happened and all I have been involved in over the last few years. I am also so grateful to those who shouldered more whilst I was away – especially to our Deanery Leadership Team. Whilst I have been away some things have stayed the same, whilst other things have changed. At my own church of Church Gresley they put in a brand-new kitchen, new doors – and changed the locks! I'm sure it was nothing personal J!

During these challenging times there are ongoing pressures and opportunities for us all. One considerable pressure at all levels of the Church is finance and recently our Diocesan senior staff, as part of restructuring and managing with less income in Derby Diocese, made the decision to stop funding all the Deanery Administration posts and made all our Deanery Administrators redundant. This was a tough decision and obviously have affected a number of parttime staff.

So, I wanted to thank, and I can't really find the right words, our own Deanery Administrator - Debbie Patrick - who has been a constant and consistent support for so many of our parishes and office holders across Mercia. She has always known where to get the right support and who to approach and has been a wise and wonderful member of the Deanery Leadership Team. In place of these deanery administration roles will be, for the first time, full -time Archdeaconry Administrators who will be offering some of their time to support each deanery. That new person for our Archdeaconry has been appointed and there will be an announcement shortly.

Debbie will not be available anymore to support any parishes across our Deanery, or our Clergy Chapter, or Deanery Synod. If you now need cover for any services – Sundays or occasional offices – you will need to contact the new Archdeaconry administrator. This significant change means that we will need to operate differently as a Deanery Leadership Team and match what we can offer to the limited time and head space that we have between us. We intend to work that through with you and with your help and collective wisdom. However, as we work through these challenges, please contact me at any point with any question. I will at least be able to point you in the right direction.

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On my sabbatical I have travelled and explored a bit, I have rested, and I have read. I read a lot – especially thesis and reports. I am, after all, a nerd. For example, I read several papers about 'Complexity theory'. Put simply, this theory speaks to how we have so little control over anything in life, but we do have the choice to take charge and make decisions in life. This, hopefully, releases us from the pressure of feeling responsible for all the aspects of life and change that can sometimes feel overwhelming. It also, hopefully, empowers us to make good and positive decisions where we can and where we should.

Wonderfully, though, Christians don't need to read lots of papers and reports to know this. All we need to do is to remember and to reflect upon such extraordinary and simple prayers such as the Serenity Prayer. Amen friends and God bless

Mike (07814 033183)

God grant me the serenity to accept the things
I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

What is God's plan for you?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Vocations Exploration Day

Saturday 30th November 2024

10am – 3pm

St Alkmund's Church
Derby DE22 1GU

Come as you are, for God's embrace is wide

Diocese of Derby
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community

THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

WEDNESDAY
4TH
DECEMBER
7PM
Christmas
CAROLS
ST JAMES' SWARKESTONE
MELBOURNE TOWN BAND
MINCE PIES AND MULLED DRINKS

Chaplaincy Derbyshire

Erewash Health Partnership

NHS Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust

Health Care Chaplaincy

IS **GOD** CALLING

~ *YOU* ~

TO BECOME A

HEALTH CARE CHAPLAIN?

CHAPLAINCY DERBYSHIRE'S VISION

The equipping, training and supporting of Christian chaplains for the well-being of people connected to Derbyshire.

Chaplaincy Derbyshire, an independent ecumenical registered Christian Charity, is excited to be expanding their Chaplaincy Service in Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS) and GP Surgeries in Erewash.

Chaplaincy Derbyshire Health Care Chaplains, along with the NHS, recognise that care for the whole person is of great value.

Health Care Professionals provide medical and mental health support and Health Care Chaplains complement the holistic approach by offering pastoral, spiritual and religious wellbeing through skilled, non-judgemental, compassionate person-centred care supporting people facing difficult situations.

We offer support, comfort and a confidential listening ear in circumstances including:

Bereavement issues
Anxiety, Stress and Low Mood
Adjusting to change
Making difficult decisions
A desire to connect with family
New diagnoses
Living with a long-term condition
Fears about forthcoming treatments
Terminal illness
End of life care

We are a Christian pastoral service but are here for people of all faiths and none. We are looking for Christians, lay or ordained, with pastoral experience to become part of our team to meet the growing need for Health Care Chaplains within DCHS County wide and GP Chaplaincy within the Erewash area. Training and support will be provided. All Chaplaincy Derbyshire Chaplains are covered by insurance.

For more information, contact our Lead DCHS Chaplain
helenfderbyschaplains@outlook.com

Are you raising money for projects to help you cut your carbon footprint?

You could access a matched grant of up to £10k

Give To Go Green is a match-funding project from the Church of England helping you double your locally raised donations for carbon-cutting projects.

The scheme is available only in certain dioceses, including the Diocese of Derby!

Through a targeted digital fundraising campaign you will be able to engage your community in building a sustainable future for your church and the world around you.

Applications have re-opened with the following timetable:

- **Applications Open: 21 October 2024**
- **Applications Close: 16th March 2025**
- **Application Assessment: 31 March 2025 (provisionally)**
- **Churches Notified: 7 April (provisionally)**
- **Fundraising Period: 17 May-28 September (provisionally)**

Funding is available for churches that want to carry out small to medium sized projects that will reduce their carbon footprint and cost between £5,000 - £20,000.

Churches can access a matched grant of up to £10k towards their project if they can raise the same amount through digital giving (through Give A Little) during a targeted six-week campaign in the autumn.

Ideally, this should cover the total cost of the project so you can get straight on with implementing it after you receive your grant.
>> **Start by downloading the application pack**

What can be funded?

- Carbon-cutting projects in churches and church halls.
- Eligible measures from the **Practical Path to Net Zero**.
  Eg: quick win projects to improve heating efficiency, fixing broken windows, heated seat cushions, solar PV (if you've done other efficiency measures), insulation, electrical upgrades, LED lights, pew heaters, draught proofing etc. A list of eligible measures can also be found in the **Project Pack**
- Other measures not on the list can be considered, if it has been recommended for your church to reduce energy and carbon.

Please note if your project will require a faculty or planning permission it will be very challenging to complete this in the required time. Please speak to the **DAC office** as early as possible to find out what permissions you will need.

If you have any questions, please contact: **Samuel Ojok**, Diocesan Environmental Engagement Officer, **01332 423368** | **samuel.ojok@derby.anglican.org**

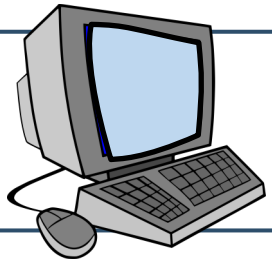
Need help?

The Diocesan website is full of really helpful guidance for us; from anyone to a PCC Secretary to a Parish Safeguarding Officer/Lead.
Here are a few places to go to get started… but take a look at the website for everything I haven't covered here.

Treasurers

Parish Finance – Click this link
New Treasurers Handbook - click this link
Parish Resources Newsletter - click this link

Parish Secretaries



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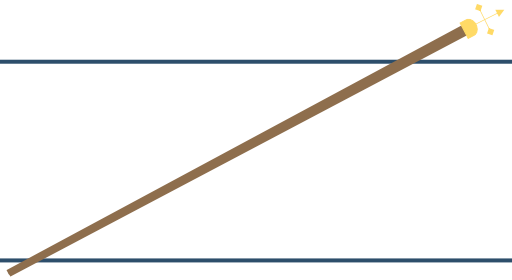
Churchwardens



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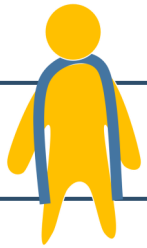
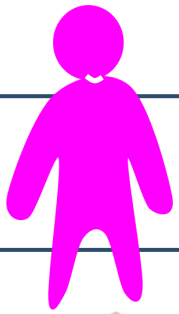


Readers/Licensed Lay Ministers

Resources for your Ministry - Click this link

Clergy



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Remember to send all your news

The Comms Team - communications@derby.anglican.org

Dates for your Diary

Deanery Synod

Dates for 2024

- **Wednesday 20th November**

Repton School Sports Hall, Willington Rd, Repton, Derby DE65 6FH

Dates for 2025

- **Tuesday 11th March**
- **3rd July**
- **18th November**

All meetings will be 7pm arrive for a prompt 7.30pm start. Venues to be arranged

Deanery Chapter – Dates for 2024

- **Tuesday 19th November** – 12noon–1.30pm - Honor Room, Melbourne
- **Wednesday 15th January** – 6pm Christmas Social – Venue TBA

Deanery Leadership Team

Archdeacon: The Ven. Matthew Trick - matthew.trick@derby.anglican.org
Area Dean: Revd Mike Firbank - mike.firbank@derby.anglican.org
Assistant Area Dean with responsibility for Chapter:
Revd Steve Short stephen.short71@btinternet.com

Deanery Synod Leadership Team

Lay Chair: Maggie Fenby-Taylor of St George, Ticknall
Treasurer: Liz Ballinger of St Mark, Winshill
Clergy member: Revd Derek Arnold of Seale & Trent Benefice

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 and Croxall, Rosliston, Coton-in-the-Elms, Catton

● Winshill, Bretby and Immanuel: Stapenhill ● Swadlincote and Hartshorne ● Newhall ● Church Gresley