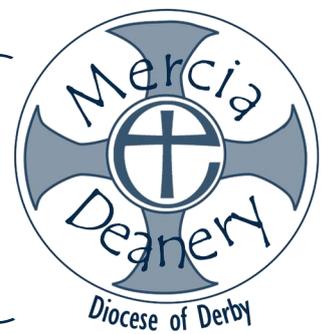


# Deanery News

February 2022  
Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



Dear friends,

I hope and pray that you are well and safe. I can't quite believe that we are now in February of 2022. Soon we will be at the two year 'anniversary' of all the effects of Covid. On the 23rd of March 2020, the prime minister announced that the entire country would need to go into lockdown. From that point on everything changed. Many of people were forced to stay at home and weren't allowed to do very much; some of us found ourselves with more work and more calls upon our energy levels than we could possibly give. Many people suffered during the several lockdown periods in which many loved ones died and during which so many opportunities were lost. Nothing can quite be the same again.

It is, therefore, extraordinarily good timing (God is so good) that we also can this month (and later this year) celebrate an extraordinary event in the life of our country and the world – the accession and crowning of not simply the longest serving monarch, but the finest head of state and diplomat in the world. Queen Elizabeth II has served and reigned as a constant in our often-troubled lives and challenging world for nearly 70 years. I personally feel privileged to have lived through her reign and to have her as both our head of state and head of the Church of England.

There are lovely prayers available on the C of E website for use, but today I want to share with you some of her remarkable words spoken well before most of us were born. Thank you, your majesty, for your ongoing service to your country, to your God, and for your daily prayers for us all. You have always been, and continue to be, a light of hope and graciousness for us all - especially in dark times.

***'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do, I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.'* Princess Elizabeth, 21<sup>st</sup> April 1947**

Mike Firbank (Acting Area Dean)



BADWAL CHARITY EVENTS PRESENTS:  
Charity event in aid of DCFCW  
Tickets & Info: Limited to 120 Tickets  
Email: [badwal.charity.events@gmail.com](mailto:badwal.charity.events@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07818524008



# Elvis Gospel Night

With  
**Bob Badwal**  
&  
Friends



**Satia Badwal**



**Aston Choir**



**Tony Luke**

Doors Open 6.30 PM  
Show Start 7.15 PM - 11.00 PM  
Licensed Bar & Snacks

**SAT 12th Feb 2022**

All Saints Parish Church

Shardlow Road, Derby DE72 2AZ

**BOOK TICKETS IN ADVANCE: £10.00 PER PERSON**

# LIVE LENT

## Embracing JUSTICE

This year, we are remembering the cry of the Prophet Isaiah: 'Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice?'

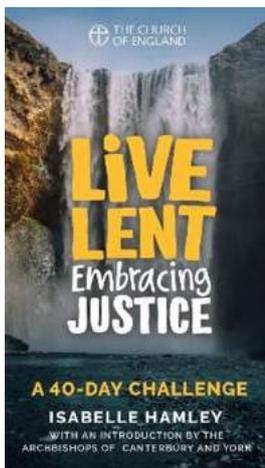
This Lent we are called to reflect on the injustices of the world and ask what God is calling us to do about them. Over forty days, we step into God's work in the here and now – and in doing so we move from brokenness towards wholeness.

Each year at the start of Lent, Christians are challenged to turn away from sin and towards new life. Together we acknowledge that our own lives, our communities and our world stand in need of God's redeeming and transforming power.

Hear more about the resources to use in your church and join us for a powerful and thought-provoking discussion about justice with:

- Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
- Isabelle Hamley, author of the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2022 Lent Book, Embracing Justice
- Chine McDonald, Director at Theos Think Tank
- Darren Howie, Minister and Director of Social Enterprise Sacred Bean Coffee
- Alianore Smith, Church and Theology Executive of IJM UK

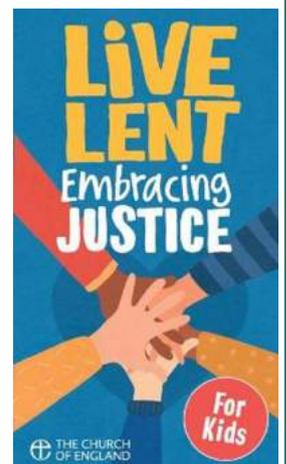
Click this [LINK](#) to watch the Launch Event



For each day of Lent, this booklet for adults offers a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and a prayer, as well as a practical challenge. Each week follows a different thread through the many stories of justice in the Bible to explore how God works with humanity to bring justice, wholeness and salvation to all.

The booklet is supported by a wide range of free digital resources for individuals, groups and churches available via [www.churchofengland.org/livelent](http://www.churchofengland.org/livelent)

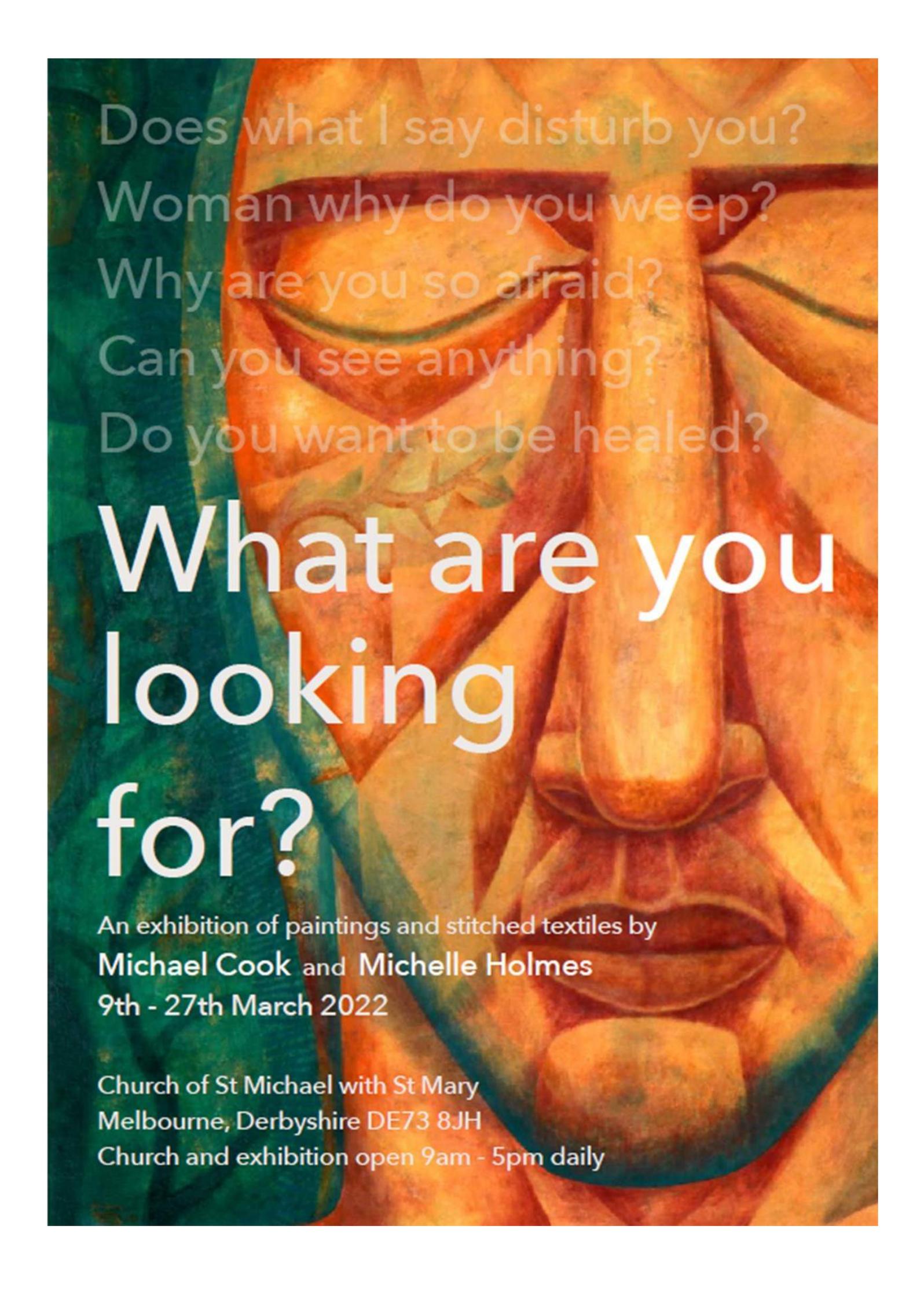
***Click on the book covers to go directly to the Church House Publishing order page.***



This Lent booklet for children provides a fun daily action to help children and their families explore how we can live well together, as well as a weekly reading and prayer.

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Does what I say disturb you?  
Woman why do you weep?  
Why are you so afraid?  
Can you see anything?  
Do you want to be healed?

# What are you looking for?

An exhibition of paintings and stitched textiles by  
**Michael Cook and Michelle Holmes**  
9th - 27th March 2022

Church of St Michael with St Mary  
Melbourne, Derbyshire DE73 8JH  
Church and exhibition open 9am - 5pm daily



# LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

Living in Love and Faith is a Church of England initiative to encourage engagement across the whole church with Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage - and should be a priority for all leaders in the Diocese of Derby.

This teaching and learning is primarily through a five-session course for small groups.

The Diocese of Derby is committed to participating in LLF and will be holding in-person and online courses across the diocese to help people to explore the material.

We will be looking to hold courses in the Deanery very soon. We will notify the Parishes when the details have been finalised.

For more information on the course click this [link](#).



## What is Amazing GRACE?

Amazing GRACE is a new, pilot learning community for clergy and recognised lay leaders in the Diocese of Derby.

This is a learning community committed to understanding:

- The problem of racism
- The experiences of those who experience racism
  - The privilege of those who do not
- The ways racism undermines the mission and ministry of the Church

It is a learning community committed to taking intentional action - in whatever way is appropriate to each member's circumstances - to promote race equality in our personal and ministerial contexts.

## Who can join?

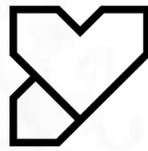
We are inviting clergy and recognised lay leaders to participate.

There will be an option for smaller learning cohorts to help facilitate meaningful and safe learning environments for all where numbers permit.

We hope that these first cohorts will be able to multiply our shared learning in the future

## Join

To sign up for Amazing GRACE, email [marietta.forman@derby.anglican.org](mailto:marietta.forman@derby.anglican.org)



# Swadlincote & District YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Youth for Christ is about seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus. We believe that we are not only called to disciple young people but to support them through difficulties. Here are a number of ways that we do that:

## Wellbeing and Self-Esteem Courses

We run these courses in schools across the Swadlincote area. They are eight week courses which are best suited to year 7 – 9. The wellbeing course aims to equip and educate young people to be self aware, helping them to understand their emotions and mental health. The self-esteem course focuses on releasing young people to embrace their true identity, exploring how their thoughts and feelings affect them. A lot of our sessions revolve around arts and crafts, as this helps young people to express themselves.

## Deeper

In the Autumn Term of 2021, SDYFC teamed up with Ashby Youth for Christ to run a Youth Alpha course. This course helps young people to develop their faith and find out who Jesus is through eating together, discussion and reflection. As part of the course there was the opportunity to spend the day together, when we went for a walk, played games, and had deeper discussions. Through the course it was amazing to see the young people grow in confidence and faith. As it was a success, from 2022, we are running a follow up discipleship group weekly. "Alpha is about creating memories, sharing experience, having fun, and a safe place to talk."

## Lunch Clubs

We run lunch clubs in two local secondary schools weekly during term time. These are wonderful opportunities to build fruitful relationships with the young people, helping them navigate the joys and struggles of everyday life. In the Autumn Term of 2021 we explored friendships and forgiveness, which encouraged and challenged the young people to build and sustain healthy friendships. "My favourite part of the group is meeting new people" "You're the only people who listen to me"

## How can you get involved?

### PRAYER

We've seen young people's lives changed by prayer. Why not sign up to our weekly email by contacting [helen.davis@yfc.co.uk](mailto:helen.davis@yfc.co.uk)

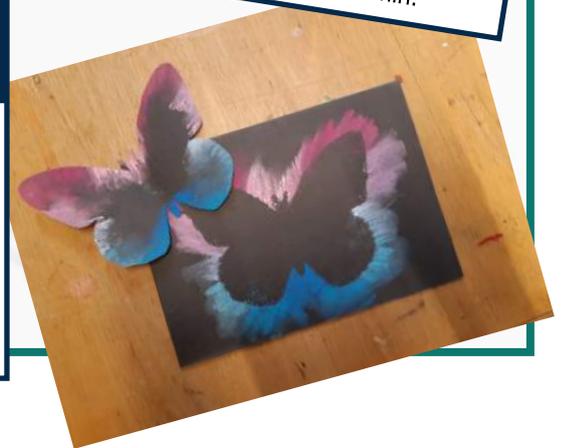


### TIME

Your time makes a difference, whether it's for half an hour or a day. You could help us reach more young people, through volunteering to be a youth worker or helping with admin.

### GIVE

Your money goes a long way. We are grateful for people's generosity. You can give as a one off or become a regular donor. If you would like to donate please contact [helen.davis@yfc.co.uk](mailto:helen.davis@yfc.co.uk)





Learning in Faith | Bitesize

## Online training for Churchwardens

### 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.

Time: 35 mins

[Click here to start training](#)

### The DAC and faculties

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

Time: 35mins

[Click here to start training](#)

### Faculty applications

This module will tell you need to know about how to make, and what to include, in a faculty application.

Time: 30mins

[Click here to start training](#)



Click this [LINK](#) to go the Resources for Rural Churches pages on the Derby Diocese Webpage.

Packed with articles and information for Rural Parishes



Transformed Lives  
Growing Church  
Building Community

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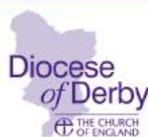
### Churchwardens

THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

This is a Facebook group for churchwardens in the Diocese of Derby and has been set up by the diocesan communications team.

Click on the image to go directly to the Facebook page and apply to be a part of the group.

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Safeguarding  
Training

## Who needs Safeguarding Training?

In short, everyone who works for and volunteers for the Diocese of Derby needs some level of training.

This includes all clergy, readers, PtOs, church officers, PCC members, Derby Church House Staff, Deanery Administrators, parish officials, Bell ringers, church volunteers and, of course, Parish Safeguarding Officers and Deanery Safeguarding Officers.

For more information and to book onto a course either online or in person click [here](#).

[Click here to start training](#)

# Deadline for the April Deanery Newsletter

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

## Deadline - 25th March

Remember that anything you send looks much better with photo's so please send anything you have.

# Dates for your Diary

## Deanery Synod dates-2022

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

## Deanery Chapter-2021&2022

February 17th - 10.30am-12.30pm - Hartshorne, St Peters  
March 17th - 10.30am-12.30pm  
*April no meeting*  
May 19th - 10.30am-12.30pm  
June 16th - 10.30am-12.30pm  
July 14th - 10.30am-12.30pm  
*August no meeting*  
September 15th - 10.30am-12.30pm  
October 13th - 10.30am-12.30pm  
November 17th - 10.30am-12.30pm

# Learning webinars run by The Church of England

There are a wide variety of Webinars available and, having been on some, I can highly recommend having a look at the Church of England website and seeing if there is anything that could be useful to your church.

Go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/digital-labs/digital-labs-webinars#na>

And see what is available.

# 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
- Winhill, Bretby and Immanuel: Stapenhill ● Swadlincote and Hartshorne ● Newhall ● Church Gresley