

# Our Diocese Together

May 2022

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**

**Meet our archdeacons-designate  
Bronze eco award for Hulland**



# Three archdeacon appointments announced

Bishop Libby recently announced the three archdeacons who will help oversee and shape ministry in the Diocese of Derby.

On making the appointments, Bishop Libby said: "I am very excited by the energy, experience, expertise and commitment the new archdeacons will bring to their roles.

"They are all passionate about 'everyday faith' and bring understanding of the complexities and opportunities of parish ministry, and of the opportunities and challenges in aspects of mission and ministry that are not parish specific.

"They also have the capacity to think and work on a wider canvas with flair and imagination and are committed to fostering a culture of diversity.

"I am looking forward to working with them as we commit ourselves to joining in with what God is doing in transforming lives through growing church and building community.

"Please keep Matthew, Karen and Carol in your prayers as they navigate their new roles and responsibilities."

The new archdeacons are expected to formally take up their new roles in early June.



The **Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire** will be the **Revd Matthew Trick**.

Matthew is currently the Vicar of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge and St Leonards and St Ives, and Assistant Area Dean of Christchurch Deanery in the Diocese of Winchester. Matthew will champion mission and ministry in city and urban contexts throughout the diocese.



The **Archdeacon of East Derbyshire** will be the **Revd Canon Karen Hamblin**.

Karen is currently the Priest-in-Charge of Brampton St Mark, in Chesterfield, and Area Dean for North East Derbyshire. Karen will champion mission and ministry in emerging and transitional communities across the whole diocese.



The **Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales** will be the **Ven. Carol Coslett**.

Carol has served as the Archdeacon of Chesterfield for the past four years. Carol will champion rural and market town mission and ministry in the diocese.

## New archdeaconry areas from June



With effect from 6 June 2022, the current two archdeaconry areas will cease with the introduction of the three new archdeaconry areas.

These areas have been shaped to reflect the significant missional contexts of our diocese, serving our rural, urban, and emerging post-industrial communities.

The shaping of the new archdeaconries better reflects the different demographic and cultural contexts of our diocese, but each is diverse and complex with a mixture of communities and experience.

The statutory responsibilities of the archdeacons will be delivered within their geographical boundaries, and, in addition, they will champion the demographic predominant in their respective archdeaconries across the whole diocese:

Learn more about our three archdeacons-designate on the diocesan website.

# Thy Kingdom Come 2022

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that is now in its seventh year. The movement invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension (26 May) to Pentecost (5 June) for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends, family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for five friends or family to come to faith in Jesus.
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness.

It's really easy to get involved. You are invited to pray in whatever way you want, and with whoever you choose, for others to come to know Jesus Christ. You are asked to pray for five people to come to know Christ.

Churches can pledge to hold a prayer event and free resources are available for young and old which can be ordered via the resources section of [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global).

The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, said: *"Jesus prayed at the Last Supper that we, those who follow him, might 'be one that the world might believe'. We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to his call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer."*

If your church is holding any special services or events for Thy Kingdom Come then please let us know by emailing the details to [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org) so that we can add them to the diocesan website.

The new resources for 2022 include a Novena, a beautifully illustrated prayer journal, and for the youngsters there is a brand new "Cheeky Panda" story book.

**[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)**

**[www.derby.anglican.org](http://www.derby.anglican.org)** (go to news and events, then select Thy Kingdom Come).



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## Ride on! Ride on, in majesty!



As churches across Derbyshire sang this magnificent hymn on Palm Sunday whilst waiving their palm leaves to celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, St Giles church in Hartington gave the congregation and local community a surprise thanks to Charlie the donkey.

The Palm Sunday service started outside in the Hartington village sunshine with music and drama (and donkey!) before processing to the church to conclude the service. More than 40 people of all ages joined the service including members of the local community who were blessed by God and gained more understanding of the events of Easter.

Charlie isn't shy and has added Palm Sunday to his impressive resume that already includes a cameo appearance at the Youlgrave Nativity. We attempted to get a quote from Charlie however his agent stated that he was "between roles" currently. We hope to see more of Charlie in the future - watch this space!



# Bronze eco award for Christ Church, Hulland

Christ Church, Hulland has received a Bronze Eco Church award after 12 months of work. The award entailed working through the online survey of environmentally friendly actions in five areas: worship, church building, land, community and global engagement and lifestyle.

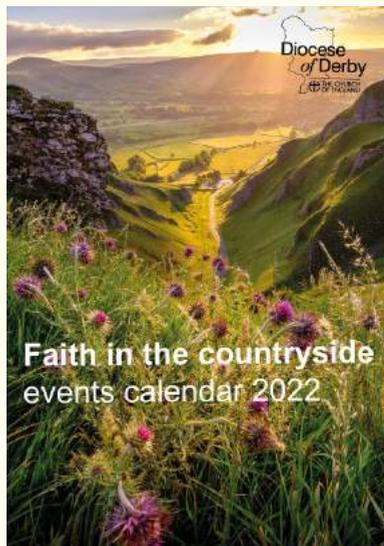
Among the initiatives implemented were:

- **A collection point in the church porch for empty medication blister packs.** The packs are taken for recycling instead of ending up in land fill. The money raised is donated to Marie Curie. This has proven so popular that people from the village are engaged and visiting the church which strengthens the diocese vision to build community.
- **Displaying notices by the benches in the churchyard** to encourage people to use the churchyard for peaceful contemplation.
- **Registering as a Fairtrade church**, using fairly traded products where possible and promoting Fairtrade.
- **An “eco-tip”** is included in the Christ Church weekly newsletter.

A community event was held over Fairtrade Fortnight with Fairtrade stalls and publications, as well as showcasing village community groups. Eco-friendly activities were provided for children along with an eco-quiz for adults. Money was raised for Tearfund to tackle issues resulting from climate change and the DEC Ukraine appeal.

Penny Northall, Eco-church lead and PCC member of Christ Church, Hulland, said "I would like to thank our Rector, Revd Phil Michell and the PCC for being so supportive in this eco-church endeavour. We are excited to now be working towards a silver award".

Stella Collishaw, Community Action Officer at the Diocese of Derby, said: "I am so pleased that Christ Church Hulland has engaged in the Eco Church scheme, and we are making progress as a diocese even in anxious times. This parish has brought people of all ages from the local community on board. It is helpful to know that they have tackled it from their own starting point, building on what they already do: mission giving, recycling and activities for children. It is so fabulous to see them taking on this challenge. If anyone needs encouragement to join in, take heart from this example, and contact me - [stella.collishaw@derby.anglican.org](mailto:stella.collishaw@derby.anglican.org)".



## New leaflet showcases Church Events

After two long years church events are back on! Flower festivals, well dressings, concerts and more are all featured in this leaflet.

Look out for the events calendar in your local church or visit [www.derby.anglican.org](http://www.derby.anglican.org) to download a PDF version.

## Get ready for "No Mow May"

Fancy making a difference for the planet by doing less this May?

Plantlife is encouraging churches and households to take part in No Mow May.

Lock up your lawnmower on 1 May, and let the wildflowers in your lawn bloom, providing a feast of nectar for our hungry pollinators.

No Mo May is part of Plantlife's Every Flower Counts initiative and it's really simple to participate:

- Leave your mower in the shed for No Mow May and let the flowers grow.
- From 23 - 31 May, count the flowers in a random square metre of your lawn.
- Enter your counts on Every Flower Counts website and instantly receive your very own personal nectar score, showing how much nectar is being produced by the flowers on your lawn and how many bees it can support.

For more details, visit [www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts)

This is a great initiative to get involved in for any A Rocha Eco Church recipients or if your church is in the application stages.

# Derby faith leaders unite for Ukraine



Faith leaders representing the majority of communities in Derby and Derbyshire gathered in Derby Cathedral recently to pray together and show support for the people of Ukraine and Ukrainian communities everywhere. The leaders included representatives of Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu, Jewish, and Quaker communities.

They also lit candles and signed a Book of Solidarity. A group of musicians from the Ukrainian community led a performance of some traditional Ukrainian music.

Among the leaders was the Very Revd Fr David Senyk, Parish Priest of Saint Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Derby, who spoke about the challenges faced by the Ukrainian community and the very real sense of fear and horror faced by all Ukrainians.

## Well dressings

'Tis the merry month of May – and the well dressings season starts to bloom!

Whilst not entirely unique to Derbyshire, it is certainly the county's most famous custom and this year promises to make a big return now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

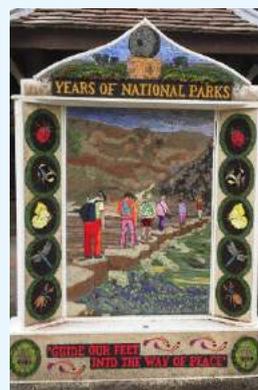
The exact origins of this tradition remain a mystery, though it is pretty certain these colourful, intricate displays were a way of giving thanks for the fresh water that graces the towns and villages where the wells are found.

And apart from the concept of 'giving thanks', there is thought to be no particular historical connection with religion. In fact, it is thought that well dressings may have been an invention of either the Celts or the Romans. They are almost certainly pagan in origin – under Christianity, water worship was not allowed and the practice was almost ended by Cromwell during the reign of Henry VIII. Nowadays, most well dressings are blessed by the parish priest as the curtain-raiser to them going on display to the public. Importantly, these days, well dressings serve other purposes. They help build community as often whole villages come together to plan, design, construct and celebrate the annual event.

They also bring in tourism in a big way – a vital source of income for rural communities.

Tissington, Wirksworth, Tideswell, Matlock, Etwell and Whitwell are among the many Derbyshire towns and villages where this ancient tradition can be enjoyed.

To find out more about visit [www.visitpeakdistrict.com/whats-on/well-dressings](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com/whats-on/well-dressings)





## The Bishop of Repton writes...

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This month all over the UK preparations will be under way in village halls, churches, schools, pubs, town halls, community centres, as we get ready to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Here in Derbyshire the festivities begin with a service of thanksgiving in Derby Cathedral on 21 May. On the first weekend in June there will be a wonderful variety of events, from beacons being lit to tree plantings, street parties, concerts and magnificent parades. I hope that whatever is going on in the world by then, here in Derbyshire at least we can take time to rejoice and be thankful for the Queen's extraordinary example of faith, hope, and love, in her seventy years' service to her people here in the UK and around the Commonwealth.

The longest reigning monarch in British history, the Queen never went to university, but has been the adviser and confidante to fourteen British Prime Ministers. At her 90th birthday, when she was still working over 40 hours a week, it was written of her:

'She employs 1200 people, but feeds her own dogs.

'She can rebuild the 6-cylinder, 3462 engine of an Austin K2 Ambulance, trek hatless for hours on her Fell pony across the windswept Highland moors, but she looks entirely comfortable in the 488 diamond Kokoshnik tiara.

'She is the most famous woman in the world, but seems as relaxed in a school, a residential care home, or a technology company as in the company of other Heads of State.' (The Servant Queen, 2016)

In her Christmas broadcasts, watched by 7.4 million viewers last year, the Queen has spoken clearly but simply of her faith in God, and her determination to follow in the way of Jesus of Nazareth. She honours people of all faiths and none, doing so out of faithfulness to Christ, whose 'unchanging message', she said in 2015, 'was not one of revenge or violence, but simply that we should love one another.'

As we honour Her Majesty the Queen these coming weeks, and give thanks for her service to her United Kingdom and Commonwealth, let us be moved by her example and by her words:

*'God sent his only Son, 'to serve, not be served'. He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ.'* 2012

I pray that as we celebrate the brightness of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee this summer, we shall be renewed as a nation in this spirit of service, and so be made ready to face the dark challenges of our time with that same generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love.

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