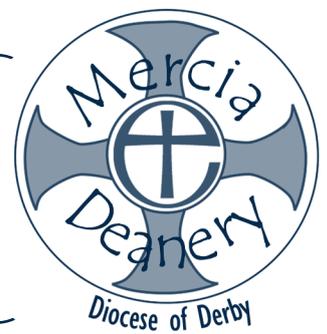


Deanery News

October 2021

Your Bi-monthly Newsletter



Dear Friends,

Sharing stories

Here we are in September, which is highly meaningful to anyone with school aged children – but less so to those who do not. September might be meaningful to you because it is when you choose to go on holiday because the schools are going back! Or it may simply just be another month in the year. That is the extraordinary thing about us and life – isn't it? We all see things differently, and different times of the year and different situations have such different impacts upon us. Take Covid and all the lockdowns for example. You'd think that being a shared experience that we've all been through that the stories would be similar. Except they so often aren't. There are folks who are now struggling to pay for bills and food because of the impact of the lockdowns, whereas there are folks who have saved large sums of money because of the lockdowns. There are folks whose careers/industries are decimated because of the lockdowns, whereas there are other folks who now have new and exciting opportunities because of the impact of Covid. There are folks who have experienced some very dark times (loss, bereavement, isolation, and loneliness), there are others who... I could go on.

You might be wondering why I haven't yet written anything about church...except I have. I haven't written about Sunday services, but I have written about church. These experiences I mentioned above (and may more besides that I haven't) are the ones we as brothers and sisters in Christ have experienced. They are also ones that all of God's children – our neighbours – have experienced too.

In the Bible we have multiple stories - many of which we know well and love from Joseph to Esther, from David to Mary.... People love hearing stories and telling stories. Stories are a key part of being human because they give shape to our existence, and they demonstrate to each other that life's ups and life's downs are a shared experience. So here is my plea to one and all.

Find space in Church life and then also with your neighbours to share your experiences (however different) about the last 18 months. The church needs to heal, and healing within the Body of Christ can come through the simple act of sharing and listening – the gift of listening can provide at least the beginnings of healing. Moreover, if the Church is truly to be at the heart of its communities, then it can provide what other organisations probably will not – space and opportunities to share, to mourn, to process, and to be heard.

Let's share and create space for others to share too.

Blessings, Mike

Mike Firbank (Rev Dr)
Acting Area Dean



Your Deanery Leadership team

Mike Firbank – Interim Area Dean

Steve Short - Interim Assistant Area Dean with specific responsibility for Clergy wellbeing

Maggie Fenby-Taylor - Lay Chair of Deanery Synod

Ruth Attwood - Assistant Warden of Readers

If you would like to get in touch with anyone then please email: Debbie Patrick on - debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org

Your Deanery Synod Leadership team

Revd Mike Firbank - *Acting Area Dean (statutory role)* - St George & St Mary, Church Gresley

Revd Steve Short - *Assistant Acting Area Dean (Chaplain to Chapter)* - Melbourne, Ticknall, Smisby and Stanton-by-Bridge

Maggie Fenby-Taylor - Lay Chair - St George, Ticknall

Liz Ballinger - Deanery Treasurer - St Mark, Winhill

Jon Whiten - Leadership Team Member and Diocesan Synod Rep - St George & St Mary, Gresley

Debbie Patrick - Deanery Administrator and Deanery Synod Secretary

Meals 4 U

Hello All

Meals4You the project we have been running for the last 16 months to provide hot meals to people during the pandemic has made it through to the online voting section of the Asda foundation green token awards. please see the info below from Carli and a link to the voting.

Please can you pass this round, put it in your newsletters or weekly emails encouraging people to vote.

Many Thanks
Patrick Douglas

Hi everyone,

We have some great news – Meals 4 U have been successful in the Asda Foundation Green Token Campaign. Meals 4 U have been providing weekly hot meals to the most vulnerable in our community and supporting many families who we support across Childrens Services, South Derbyshire District Council and the Food Bank . If they win the vote the money will be used to buy food to support the group in offering a social eating project as we are now coming out of Covid.

The **vote is now open** and we would really appreciate your help in voting for Meals 4 U. You are able to vote by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Burton on Trent from the drop down box. You will be able to vote once every 7 days, so please return and revote in the following weeks.

Please feel free to share this on your social media platforms, with volunteers and anyone else you can think of to increase the number of votes for this wonderful group and volunteers who offered such an amazing service throughout Lockdown! ☺ and supported many families and individuals in such a challenging time.

Thank you

Carli Colley
Youth and Community Engagement Worker - Early Help Team



Meet Bex Allpress

Hi Everyone

My name is Bex and I have recently started working within Mercia Deanery serving as a curate across the four Parish Churches that form Swadlincote Minster. These Parish Churches are;

- Emmanuel Church, in the Parish of Swadlincote
- Saint Peter's Church, in the Parish of Hartshorne
- Saint John's Church, in the Parish of Newhall and...
- Saint George and Saint Mary's Church in the Parish of Church Gresley.



During my curacy placement, I will have plenty of opportunities to work with lots of people, not just from across all four Parish Churches within the Minster but across the Deanery too. I am looking forward to being part of a dynamic ministry team and I'm excited to be serving and learning within existing and new forms of ministry within this area, sharing my vocational journey alongside others who are realising their own.

Thankfully I am not an entire stranger to the Minster having been on placement here over the last two years during my training for ordained ministry with Saint Mellitus College. During my training I have had the chance to be involved with aspects of ministry across the Swadlincote area which has helped to form a platform on which to grow during my time here as a curate.

Prior to working in ministry, I worked for 15 years in the National Health Service across a variety of surgical specialities within the operating departments. Despite sounding gruesome, it was a really engaging career where I gained plenty of experience across life matters. Despite having some fond memories, I felt God was calling me to explore working further within full time ministry.

Despite a lengthy discernment process, I realised that God has His timings in hand because the year I was ready to begin formal ordination training was the same year that the new St. Mellitus College opened in Nottingham. I was super excited to begin my training there and have the privilege of being the first ordinand from Derby to train with them.

My journey is probably one best described as being quite ordinary but filled with extra-ordinary moments. What inspires me about having faith is how it can be used to positively shape and influence our everyday living and the ripple effect that has around us.

A little more about me: As a family we have been settling into life in Swadlincote. Along with the move, I decided to have a go at growing my own vegetables this year. It's something that I've never done before so everything is a learning journey. Even though my potatoes were smaller than expected they still tasted delicious! Sadly my other crops succumbed to caterpillars but on the plus side, they'll be plenty of pretty butterflies to look at this year



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](#)



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](#)

2021 Training Matrix - overleaf



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NEAR YOU

Getting the most from your ACNY site

Online webinar designed for clergy, website managers and parishioners across the Diocese of Derby

Tues, 5 October - 2pm

Join Liz Morgan (CofE Digital Team) and Dave King (Comms Team - Diocese of Derby) and learn more about how to use your ACNY site, maximise its potential and why you really need to maintain it.

Register for free at
www.bit.ly/ACNYDioDerby

Click [here](#) for a direct link to the booking page

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Safeguarding Training Matrix - July 2021 Onwards

Role	Senior Clergy and Diocesan Senior Staff	Incumbent Priest or Equivalent	Active PTO, all licenced clergy and Lay Ministers	PTO less active*	Licensed Lay Ministers / Readers	Ordinands / Deacons in training	Parish S'guarding officers / Deanery S'guarding Links	Other Church Officers who meet the public in their role	Church Wardens	Church Officers in any role	Children Youth or Family Workers	Child / Adult Group Leaders	All volunteer helpers for children or adults and PCC Members	Tower Captains	Organists Choir and Music Group Leaders	Mode of Delivery
Basic Awareness	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	e-learning
Foundation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	e-learning
Leadership	✓ 2	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	Zoom
Senior Leadership	✓ 2															Zoom
Domestic Abuse	B	✓	✓	B	✓	✓	✓		B		B	B		B	B	Zoom
Safer Recruitment	✓ 1	✓	✓ 1	B	B 1		✓		B 1			B 1	B 3	B 1	B 1	Zoom
PSO Induction / Refresher							✓									Zoom
PTO				✓												Zoom

Training is refreshed every three years at the highest level previously taken, plus refresh of specialist modules

✓	Required (Essential) Training
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B	Recommended (Best Practice)
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Notes **1** - If involved in recruitment of Paid or Volunteer, Ordained or Lay

2 - Leadership training must be up-to-date prior to senior staff refreshing the Senior Leaders training

3 - PCC Members only if involved in recruitment of Paid or Volunteer, Ordained or Lay. Does not apply to other volunteer helpers.

* - All Readers with PTO, and all less active clergy with PTO should attend this instead of Leadership. Which course to attend will be decided by the Bishop or others

The list of courses is not exhaustive. National training is offered for Senior Clergy by invitation, along with specific training for those invited to take up Link Person or Support Person roles. The Diocese may create courses as required for specific issues or needs.

The list of attendees is not exhaustive. All Church Officers should at least complete Basic Awareness. Those with roles that include any interaction with the public should complete Basic Awareness and Foundation. Examples of such roles would be vergers, bellringers, welcomers, caretakers, refreshment helpers, sidespersons, admin staff, music group or choir members, and sound / PA teams. Any member of the congregation is welcome to complete Basic Awareness and Foundation, even if they do not have a specific Church Officer role. If you are unsure of who needs to attend which training please ask.

Basic Awareness and Foundation are currently only available through self-directed on-line learning. This is accessed through the Church of England's Safeguarding pages. [Leadership training](http://www.leadershiptraining.org) is delivered through a mixture of self-directed learning, writing, and two 'Zoom' sessions. Please contact judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org for more details.

Support for Afghan Refugees



For the last two weeks our screens have been showing harrowing scenes from a country halfway around the world, where a nation is in turmoil and many people are fearful about the future and struggling to know what to do next. What we are seeing in Afghanistan is an unfolding humanitarian crisis, with people leaving through evacuation flights as well attempting to cross borders into neighbouring countries. Please hold the situation and people of Afghanistan in your prayers

Around seventy people in family groups have now arrived in Derby and are in temporary hotel accommodation which will be their home until they can be resettled in different parts of the UK. These are families who have arrived through the Government's ARAP scheme, having worked for the British Government in Kabul or as interpreters in Helmand.

Already refugee support organisations in Derby, churches and the national "Welcome Churches" are working together to ensure people are welcomed and helped.

How can you help?

Upbeat Communities (one of the refugee charities in Derby) have launched a Just Giving page. By receiving financial donations they are able to be flexible in providing immediate support and make plans for support in the coming weeks. For details go to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/UpbeatCommunitiesAfghanAppeal>

A list of urgently needed items will be published as soon as possible. DRS (Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity) are always happy to receive donations for their work with refugees including those from Afghanistan. For further information go to www.derbyshirerefugeesolidarity.org.

Meanwhile we are invited to contact our MP to ensure the Government commits to its promise to resettle more Afghan refugees along with those currently here in the UK who are not part of the resettlement scheme and some of whom may be being held in detention centres

NCT Maintenance Grants 2019-2023

Don't miss out on essential funding for your church

You might not know, but there is a range of grants available to help churches pay for maintenance services booked through the website MaintenanceBooker.

Investing in regular maintenance work to your building now can significantly reduce your longer term costs.

To access and book maintenance services, places of worship first need to register to use the site.

MaintenanceBooker is supported by the National Churches Trust (NCT) and managed by NCT Heritage Services Ltd in partnership with 2buy2.

Foundation Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects costing up to £20,000 (exc VAT). The maximum grant size is 50% of costs.

>> [Download the NCT Grant Programmes leaflet 2019-2023 \[PDF\]](#)

There are two ways for churches to engage with the grants:

1. Standard Foundation Grant application to the NCT Grants Committee. The deadline for applications is 26 September 2019 for decisions in November 2019. Churches can use contractors previously selected through a competitive process where they can demonstrate that at least two quotes were received.
2. Foundation Grant application to support tendering done through MaintenanceBooker. Applications received this way will not be bound by the 26 September 2019 deadline. Applications for contracts will be accepted on a rolling basis until 2 December 2019, when the funding campaign will end. Decisions will be made within 1 month, allowing for quicker turn around on maintenance and small repair projects.

Churches can apply for more than one Foundation Grant if they can demonstrate that the works being requested are distinct, and the works are being done by different contractors.

The NCT will be announcing some changes this autumn to the NCT grant programmes for 2020. It is uncertain that the Foundation Grants programme will retain a £10,000 grant ceiling, so they strongly encourage churches to submit bids early this year. Visit www.nationalchurchestrust.org for more details.



Deadline for December Deanery Newsletter

Please send in your articles to debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org

Deadline - 26th November

This newsletter will be all about Christmas, so send in your Christmas festivals and details of special services.

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

Dates for your Diary

Deanery Synod dates for 2021

21st October 7.30pm

The hope is that this will be our first 'in person' meeting, COVID numbers permitting.

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.

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