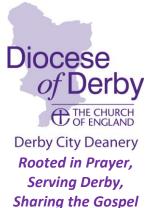
Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER



January 2021 /#028

From the Lay Chair, Mrs Madelaine Goddard:

Dear friends,

Welcome to the first Deanery newsletter of 2021 & also a very warm welcome to all our new Deanery Synod reps!

We held the first Deanery Synod of the new triennium (on Zoom of course!) a few days ago at which we were very privileged to have the Bishop

commission the new Synod. Bishop Libby came really to outline the future vision for the diocesewhereby we will show that "the Kingdom of God Is Good news for All, leading to Transformed Lives that Grow Church & Build Community"

I anticipate that much of our time in both Deanery & Diocesan meetings as well as PCC s for the next few months will be taken with discussing this and how we will put it into practice.

As a Church (Laity as well as Clergy!) it is part of our calling to proclaim afresh to each generation the truth of the Gospel & though the message stays the same, the manner in which we communicate it can & must change.

One of the consequences of the current pandemic has been that the challenges facing our deanery, diocese & the wider Church have been accelerated & while I know many of us yearn to return to "normality" (whatever normality is!) we have to accept that this will not be possible . Challenges can sometimes seem to be daunting & perhaps frightening but they can also be exciting and present wonderful opportunities .As we read in the Gospel for Epiphany the Wise Men after visiting the Infant Jesus returned to their own country but by another road.

We have in the next months & years the challenge to find that other road .

I like this prayer of Michel Quoist: *Help me to go forward without wanting to know what I'm going to find at every bend in the road.Not with my head in the clouds but with my feet on the ground and my hand in Yours. I'll leave home then, Lord, confidently, joyfully and I'll set out fearlessly on the unknown road ; the journey of life is before me but You are travelling with me.*

With good wishes & prayers,

Madelaine

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This bi-monthly newsletter comes from Derby City Deanery – the group of Anglican parishes which fall within the city boundary – and is for sharing around churches and communities.

NEXT DEADLINE: 5pm on Fri 5 Mar: material to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org please.

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ABOUT COMMON FUND:

(from https://derby.anglican.org/en/church-admin/common-fund/common-fund-explained/whatis-the-common-fund.html and https://derby.anglican.org/en/church-admin/commonfund/common-fund-resources/common-fund-2021.html)

What is the Common Fund and how does it work?

Common Fund is a practical way to share our financial resources across the diocese:

- Proportionality with parishes paying into a pool of resources
- Shared funding so that those who are able can support others who may struggle
- Ensures that stipendiary clergy can be in places where they are most needed
- Generosity of an affluent parish allows us to put stipendiary clergy in a less affluent parish that would otherwise be unable to afford ministry costs.

The Challenge

Meeting the Common Fund is a challenge for us all.

With national funding declining and costs increasing, the cost to maintain the levels of clergy and support to deliver our collective mission falls upon our local income.

- Working together, we can sustain the ministry that God has called us to provide.
- What we receive from our parishes goes directly to support mission and ministry.
- Each PCC is asked to make an annual pledge of the requested amount they will contribute to the Common Fund.

This allows the diocese to budget effectively.

Where the money goes

For each parish or benefice, the cost of mission and ministry is approximately £70,500.

This is made up of: Stipend (39%), National Insurance and Pension (18%), Ministerial housing (11%), Training and other ministry support (7%), and Wider church responsibilities (25%):

- contributions to national church
- parish support, admin and governance
- partners incl. Board of Education
- other statutory requirements

In 2019, we requested £5,391,749 from our parishes and received £4,718,739 (88%). Our overall costs of parish ministry were over £6,000,000.

How has the Covid-19 pandemic affected the Diocese finances?

Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the 2020 budget reducing our anticipated income by around £1.5m through reduced Common Fund receipts, fee income and investment income.

However, we have made savings of £0.8m to reduce these losses. Nevertheless, the forecast position for the end of 2020 is a deficit of £1.2m. We will therefore have to dig deeper into our reserves to manage this loss.

How has the Covid-19 pandemic affected Common Fund this year?

We realise that the impact of this pandemic has profoundly affected our life both as a Diocese and at Parish level, along with the lives of people in our parish communities. This has meant that many parishes have found difficulty in maintaining payments against their 2020 request and pledge. Yet, despite all this, there has been a good response during recent months from our parishes holding faith with the Common Fund, which is the principal source for paying clergy stipends and housing as well as services to parishes. It is with great pride that we hear of inventive measures parishes have taken to help maintain their own income through recovery appeals etc, and the generous responses they have received both from their congregation and local communities.

What about 2021 and beyond?

In October 2020, Diocesan Synod approved the 2021 budget including the use of around £1.4m of reserves to bridge the gap in the loss of income and to continue the Diocesan Mission as we consult and launch the new Diocesan Vision. The DBF Budget through to 2025 indicates use of reserves up to £4m over the five-year period, which means digging even further into our reserves at the detriment of asset value and annual returns, but needs must in such circumstances. The Diocese will be seeking to make further savings in 2021 and beyond, in Parish Support, property management and with help from the Board of Education reducing their funding request in line with their commitments made to the Diocesan Synod.

How does this relate to Common Fund requests for 2021?

Common fund remains a significant element of Diocesan resources – equating to approx. 50-55% of overall income. With increasing costs year on year, and reducing transition funding from the Church Commissioners, Common Fund becomes increasingly important to our diocesan life.

We are aware that it might be difficult to commit how much you will be able to continue to give for 2021. For the realisation of the Diocesan Budget for 2021, we need to ask you to think about how much you can continue to realistically pledge to give as your parish hopefully starts a journey of recovery from the challenges of this year.

We acknowledge that parishes face their own financial challenges so want to help you in any way we can, and for parishes to support one another in their benefices and deaneries, to meet the Common Fund together. Some parishes already take this approach locally. We are here to support parishes, so please be in touch if we can help.

Please be realistic, challenging and generous as you consider prayerfully your contribution so that mission and ministry is supported in every parish.

If you require additional information, please contact the Finance Team at finance@derby.anglican.org, and look at the various links at the head of this section.

What might the future look like?

The future of our Diocese will be determined by the launch and implementation of the Diocesan Vision, the financial resilience of the Board of Finance and the financial resilience of our Parishes.

As we journey on together, we must be brave, radical, and outward looking. Our prayer is that we yearn to grow the Kingdom of God, for all ages, increase our diversity, across every geographical, socio-economic and cultural context. We can only do that with your help as we reshape our work, embodying our values of generous faith, courageous hope and lifegiving love.

STATS FOR MISSION: DEADLINE 31ST JANUARY

Thank you to those parishes who have started to enter this data on the system. Please get it to Submission stage as soon as you can, so I can verify it.

Please contact me if you need new logins or have any difficulty. Help is available at the following links, including the Word version of the 2020 form – maybe it's more practical to email that around your parish to gather up the various bits of information you need. Please enter the information online if possible – though in *extreme need* I can do this if you send me the completed form in Word.

https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/statistics-for-mission.html https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/UserGuides/2020StatisticsForMission.doc

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS:

The Church of England Digital Team have produced some good articles on how to use the analytics available on each of the major platforms you might be using:

<u>Youtube</u>

https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/digital-labs/labs-learning-blog/how-use-youtube-analytics

<u>Facebook</u>

https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/digital-labs/labs-learning-blog/understanding-facebook-insights

<u>Zoom</u>

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/204654719-Getting-Started-with-Dashboard-#h 6a8f039a-5ad2-47b8-b125-39c9c4de3995

FUNERAL COVER:

Just in case your local Funeral Directors experiencing difficulty finding someone to conduct a funeral, the following may be able to advise:

<u>North East:</u> Revd Julian Holywell fatherjulian@btinternet.com (Spondon, Oakwood, Chaddesden) <u>South East:</u> Revd John Whitney Rev_john@alvaston.church (Sinfin Moor, Sinfin, Allenton, Chellaston, Alvaston)

<u>South West:</u> Revd Alicia Dring Alicia@stpeterlittleover.org.uk (*Mickleover, Littleover, Blagreaves, Normanton, Findern, Willington*)

<u>North West:</u> Revd Peter Barham revpeterbarham@btinternet.com (*Breadsall, Allestree, Quarndon, Darley Abbey*)

SECOND ROUND OF CULTURAL RECOVERY FUNDING (for listed buildings):

The Government has announced a second round of Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage which is open for applications of between £10,000 and £3m between 7 and 26 January. All churches and cathedrals that have listed buildings and are open to the public are eligible to apply for this funding but there are various criteria set by government in the official guidance.

The Cathedral and Church Buildings team has produced guidance to help PCCs and cathedral Chapters apply for this funding to support them with the costs they expect to face in the second quarter of 2021 as they prepare to welcome back more people as worshippers and visitors. See the C of E website for details:

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/Guidance_for_CRF2.pdf



'OUR DIOCESE TOGETHER' for JANUARY 2021

- Shirebrook students making a difference
- A fond farewell to Archdeacon Christopher
 - All Saints Mackworth in pictures
- The Dean of Derby writes...
- News from around the diocese

You can find both magazine format and a pdf at:

https://derby.anglican.org/en/publications/our-diocese-together.html

THE PRACTICAL PATH TO NET ZERO CARBON FOR CHURCHES

Take a look at this link for some recommendations in a short, two-page guidance note which aims to summarise how churches can reduce their energy use and associated carbon emissions. They are based on the findings of the church energy audit programme and input from of a range of professionals in the field.

It offers a 'practical path' to net zero carbon, setting out where most churches should start, and more advanced projects for churches who use more energy.

https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/adviceand-guidance-church-buildings/practical-path-net-zero-carbonchurches



St Michael's and All Angels Church, Withington, Gloucs, perhaps Britain's first zero carbon church?



WHERE'S THIS GRAFITTI?

Jono, Maggie and Dave, where are you now? Sent to the Tudor Tower?

Give yourself a bird's eye view of the city from the top of the Tudor Tower, or go for the Doll's House option: see

https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=P3ZMwKSRn1t



DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

NEW DEANERY LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Please pray for the Deanery Leadership Team who were elected at our Inaugural Synod last week:

Lay Chair of Deanery Synod elected by the House of Laity: Mrs Madelaine Goddard

Secretary to the Deanery Synod: Mr Peter Vincent

Treasurer to the Deanery Leadership Team: Mr Hugh Craig

Representative of the House of Laity on the DLT: Dr Alison Henshaw

Representative of the House of Clergy on the DLT: Revd Sarah Watson

They will serve with these standing members:

Acting Area Dean: Revd Dr Simon Cartwright

Deanery Administrator: Ms Jo Simister

And one co-opted member:

Deanery Sub-Warden for Readers: Mrs Louisa Wass Griffiths.

Some of these will be familiar to you, but here's a new face:



Introducing Revd Sarah Watson:

Having served my curacy in the Walbrook Epiphany Team and Derwent Oak BMO, I was recently licensed to be the Enabling Minister for the church plant at St Phillip's in Chaddesden and across the churches in our fellowship (St Mark, Spondon, St Andrew and St Osmund, Derwent Oak and the Journey Community BMOs). Before ordination I was a Religious Studies teacher, predominately in a Church of England secondary school. I am passionate about the place of our

schools in the life and mission of the church and have served as governor and chaplain in different city schools. I am a sports chaplain for the Derbyshire Lawn Tennis Association and previously Derby Arena.

I believe that strong collegiate relationships are important for our ministry, mutual support and ongoing mission as we seek to live out our calling to proclaim the gospel afresh in this place and at this time. I am committed to pioneering and growth across the city and the richness of traditions. As clergy rep I will seek to represent the clergy in the Deanery across all traditions and contexts in the next chapter of our life together as we seek to implement and live out the new diocesan vision.

DATES TO NOTE:

Deanery Synod: all 7.30pm

House of Laity with Matt Barnes: Thurs 11 Feb Vision Discussion: Tues 2 Mar Weds 28 April Thurs 1 July TBC Tues 5 Oct. Deanery Leadership Team:

Mon 15 Feb 8pm Tues 20 April 7.30 <u>Diocesan Synod:</u> Sat 20 Mar Sat 3 Jul Sat 9 Oct

PRAYING FOR DERBY CITY DEANERY

Day Parish(es)

- 1 St Edmund, Allenton and Shelton Lock; St Andrew with St Osmund
- 2 St Edmund, Allestree; St Matthew, Darley Abbey
- 3 St Nicholas, Allestree; St Paul, Quarndon
- 4 St Michael and All Angels, Alvaston
- 5 St Andrew, Blagreaves
- 6 St Mary, Boulton
- 7 All Saints, Breadsall
- 8 St Mary, Chaddesdon
- 9 St Philip, Chaddesdon; St Mark, Derby
- 10 Derwent Oak; The JourneyCommunity; St Werburgh, Derby(BMOs)
- 11 St Peter, Chellaston
- 12 Derby Cathedral and the Bridge Chapel
- 13 St Alkmund and St Werburgh, Derby
- 14 St Anne, Derby

- 15 St Barnabas, Derby
- 16 St Bartholomew and St Luke, Derby
- 17 St John, Derby
- 18 St Paul, Chester Green
- 19 St Peter-in-the-City
- 20 All Saints, Findern; St Michael, Willington
- 21 St Peter, Littleover and the Haven Christian Centre
- 22 St Francis, Mackworth
- 23 All Saints and St John, Mickleover
- 24 St Giles, Normanton-by-Derby
- 25 The Church on Oakwood
- 26 St Stephen, Sinfin
- 27 Sinfin Moor Church
- 28 St Werburgh, Spondon
- 29 Walbrook Epiphany Team Ministry
- 30 Chaplains and Chaplaincies in the Deanery
- 31 The Deanery Leadership Team and The Acting Archdeacon of Derby

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH COVID GUIDANCE:

The Church of England is constantly monitoring the latest government guidance and reviewing and updating its advice documents in light of government guidance, see https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches

The latest to be updated is advice for Lent, Holy Week and Easter – see https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/COVID-19%20Lent%20Holy%20Week%20Easter%20v1.0 1.pdf

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DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY



SACRED BEAN:

From Revd. Darren Howie, Pioneer Minister at Susanna Wesley House, 10 Liversage Sq, Castleward:

There's so much to tell you about what's happening for us as a social enterprise. Despite the reality of a global pandemic, we're determined to grow, thrive, and impact more people's lives.

Scared Bean is a coffee specialist social enterprise pioneered and run by people overcoming lifecontrolling issues such as addiction, criminality and homelessness. We teach people how to roast, brew and sell artisan coffee.

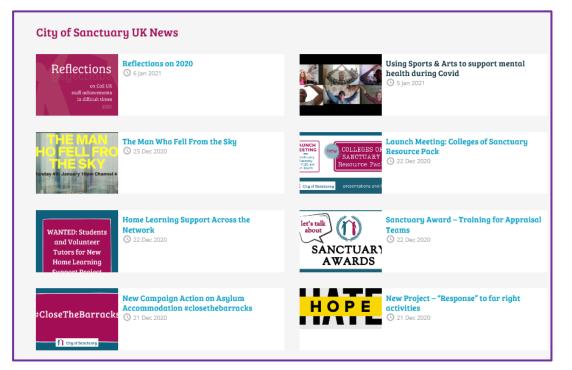
We're in the process of setting up a cafe in Derby City Centre, in partnership with Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance and Community Action, supported by Derby City Council. This project will provide training opportunities and work experience for people with barriers to work, using a holistic and collaborative approach of support. It will also serve as a meeting place for staff and clients who work from the new multi-agency support hub, which will be upstairs in the same building.

We've been able to employ one the first lads we trained, who will help us setup the new project and be our Production Manager. And we're glad to announce that we're advertising 3 job posts, for people on Universal Credit between the ages of 16-24, through the Government's Kick Start Scheme.

You can find out more at our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/sacredbeancoffee.

CITY OF SANCTUARY NEWS AND LINKS:

Please go to https://cityofsanctuary.org/ for the latest information, campaigns, and resources



DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

FAITH AT HOME:

Faith at Home is a national campaign that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people.

For people who are home-schooling <u>the Faith at Home initiative</u> [https://anglican.us5.listmanage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=49d68ab7a4&e=b7254e339e] has online collective assemblies and a free resource bank. The material is suitable for all ages to help educate and inspire children.

It seeks to provide:

- <u>Experiences</u> that inspire parents and families to grow in faith together in the 'new daily normal' of the home
- <u>Resources</u> that equip children and young people to explore faith together and feel supported pastorally as part of school and church communities
- <u>Networks</u> that connect school leaders, church leaders, chaplains to share great practise and build community together focused on the faith development of children and young people



At the beginning of January, shortly before the announcement about the national lockdown, Nigel Genders, Chief Education Officer, wrote about the need to root ourselves in our Christian perspective on education, especially in the most difficult of situations:

"The Church of England provides a quarter of England's primary schools and more than 200 secondary schools, so I know first-hand, from school leaders the length and breadth of the country, how tirelessly schools work for the good of the nation's children and how committed they are to continuing that work in 2021.

"My prayer for this new year, and a new term, is formed around that core strand in our vision, for wisdom; that our schools and all who support them will know wisdom from above as they wrestle with deeply complex problems where no easy solutions are available, and that the system leaders, officials and politicians in the educational landscape will listen to one another and find ways through seemingly intractable problems, always putting the interests of our children and young people at the centre."

Read the full article here: https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/starting-term-amid-covid-19-uncertainty-schools-need.

#LIVE LENT

CARE for GOD'S CREATION A 40-Day Challenge THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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#LIVELENT: GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY:

Building on the success of last year's #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation, the 2021 Lent resources from the Church of England will again mirror the theme of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book, creating a significant shared focus for the whole Church at the key time of year for people's discipleship and learning in the faith.

The Archbishop's Lent Book – <u>Living His Story: Sharing the</u> <u>extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways</u> – explores the ideas of story, witness and evangelism. The book will be accompanied by free online materials for groups by Chris Russell, video interviews and more.

The theme for the Church of England's resources – including daily reflections in booklet form from Church House Publishing and in free app/email/audio form from as per previous campaigns – is **#LiveLent: God's Story**, **Our Story**.

The material is introduced by the Archbishops, who write:

"The invitation of this year's #LiveLent to all of us is to participate in God's story. To make it so much part of our own stories that our own lives become impossible to understand without it. And then to be tellers of this story, and the change it has brought to us ... "

The booklet – which contains 40 bible readings, reflections and prayers – is available to order individually (£1.99), in packs of 10 (£1.75 each) and packs of 50 (£1.50 each) from Church House Publishing, see https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/

Copies of the booklet are being sent to all bishops and a free sample will be sent to all clergy by mid-January. Further details of the free digital resources (available from the start of February) will follow soon.

Further details and sample pages from the booklet – written by Stephen Hance, Discipleship and Evangelism Lead for the Archbishops' Council – are now available at <u>https://anglican.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a1b4c83c49eb41ec82649d64e&id=d4aba1b989&e=b7254e339e</u>

BREATHING SPACE:

A COVID LOCKDOWN POEM

I won't arise and go now, and go to Innisfree I'll sanitise the doorknob and make a cup of tea. I won't go down to the sea again; I won't go out at all, I'll wander lonely as a cloud from the kitchen to the hall. There's a green-eyed yellow monster to the north of Kathmandu but I shan't be seeing him just yet and nor, I think will you. While the dawn comes up like thunder on the road to Mandalay I'll make my bit of supper and eat it off a tray.

I shall not speed my bonnie boat across the sea to Skye or take the rolling English road from Birmingham to Rye. About the woodland, just right now, I am not free to go to see the Keep Out posters or the cherry hung with snow. And no. I won't be travelling much, within the realms of gold, or get me to Milford Haven. All that's been put on hold. Give me your hands, I shan't request, albeit we are friends nor come within a mile of you, until this virus ends.



THE ROSE AFTER THE HURRICANE

This poem by Bob Holmes #comeintothequiet references a climbing rose now named Peggy Martin which has become associated with a spirit of renewal and regrowth in the aftermath of devastating events.

It's alright to be discombobulated. It's ok to live in the shambles where everything is blown apart. For those who live lives of firm certainty cannot know transformation.

It's not until we let go that we can refind ourselves at a deeper level. Until your life has been blown apart as you stand on the edge of oblivion, Until our control falls apart into the chaos of unknowing, Until our ego melts and burns in the cauldrons of life, Until we have no whisper of hope left within us as we stand naked and broken, our molecules on the cusp of being unmade, We cannot know in every cell of our being the grace and love of God that transforms us. Being in being Woven with eternal threads of burning, living, light where we become Something we cannot fathom. Such is the grace of God that unmakes us to make us whole.

BROKEN RITES:

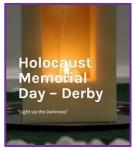
These poems come from the Autumn/Christmas 2020 Newsletter 'Rite Lines', the magazine of Broken Rites, which is an inter-denominational group offering Information and mutual support to separated and divorced spouses or partners of Clergy and Ministers. Find out more at www.brokenrites.org, and the facebook pages 'Broken Rites' and 'Wellbeing of Clergy Households'

NOTICEBOARD

DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO LIKES TO SING?

Derby Cathedral Choir is looking for the next generation of boy and girl Choristers. For more information contact the Director of Music Alexander Binns on alexander@derbycathedral.org





HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY:

This year's Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January) will be marked with a service at the Derby Cathedral at 6pm, with reflection and remembrance of those who have died in genocide throughout the world. (In addition to the Holocaust during World War 2, the Armenian Genocide, the Ukrainian Holodomor and the Genocide of Bosnians at Srebrenica are also marked.) The theme of the day is **Be the Light in the Darkness**. The service includes

readings from Christian, Jewish and Islamic scripture, music sung by Derby Cathedral Choir, and an address by the Dean of Derby, the Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson. The service will be live-streamed on Derby Cathedral's YouTube channel: <u>http://bit.ly/YT-Derby-Cathedral</u>

There will also be a "virtual Quad" film consisting of a variety of spoken word, music and dance pieces, many of which are from friends who have sought or are seeking sanctuary in Derby. This will also be available on YouTube from January 24th together with a number of short reflections and testimonials. For more information, visit: <u>https://holocaustmemorialdayderby.org/</u>

And BBC2 are repeating *Confronting Holocaust Denial with David Baddiel* on Monday 25 January at 11.30pm: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000fjqk