

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

December 2021 /#033



Derby City Deanery
*Rooted in Prayer,
Serving Derby,
Sharing the Gospel*

From the Deanery Administrator, Jo Simister:

Dear friends,

This is the last newsletter I shall write in my role of Deanery Administrator, because I shall be retiring on 31st January. So I hope you'll forgive the delay in bringing it together, caused partly by the difficulty of finding a successor which meant I needed to take my annual leave during December rather than in January. But good news! a replacement has been found, and I am sure that person will introduce themselves in the next issue!



Communication will continue to be of key importance in the Deanery Admin suite of roles, because the Deanery Administrator is the linch pin between diocese and parishes. However, I am sure my successor will bring a fresh approach and many different skills, so please expect some changes.

I took on the role in July 2016, working with Area Dean Simon Taylor, as we negotiated the formation of the new Derby City Deanery from the former North and South Derby Deaneries plus several parishes from neighbouring deaneries. The full chain of the changes of status of various parishes across the diocese meant that it took months for the process to be completed, but we celebrated our formation at a Festival of Life in September, at Bolton St Mary. The restrictions of the pandemic have brought a change to the format this year – see the item on page 5, and thanks to Alison Henshaw and Louisa Wass Griffiths for rising to the challenge so beautifully.

I wasn't idle during my leave of course – I was able to give full attention to the launch of the Saints of Derbyshire book and the accompanying exhibition – see pages 10 and 11. Proceeds from the book will support Derby Cathedral, who are the publishers, and proceeds from the exhibition items are funding a 'breathing space' project, see page 12. (If you did not manage to get your copy, I've included the relevant links.)

And likewise I shall not be idle in retirement, I'll be concentrating more on my involvement with Derby Arboretum alongside more research, writing and illustration.

Thank you all for being wonderfully supportive colleagues, helping to make this work one of the most satisfying of my career. I wish you all every joy and happiness this Christmas and New Year, and even if it has to be somewhat scaled down I do hope you are not downhearted!

With my love and prayers,

This 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.

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DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES:

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GENERAL SYNOD:

The Presiding Officer has announced the following candidates were elected to the six places available (three for the House of Clergy and three for the House of Laity as per GS 2214) for the term 2021 to 2026:

Proctors to the House of Clergy:

Revd Neil Barber
Revd Alicia Dring
Revd Julian Hollywell

Members of the House of Laity:

Kat Alldread
Sue Cavill
Sian Kellogg

House of Bishops:

As a diocesan bishop, Rt Revd Libby Lane is a de facto member of General Synod. As well as the archbishops and diocesan bishops, there are five suffragan bishops - none of those elected are from this diocese.

MISSION ACTION TOOLKIT

From the Diocesan Missioner Revd Jason Kennedy jason.kennedy@derby.anglican.org :

I'm pleased to say that I have now managed to put the Toolkit onto the Diocesan website. I have placed it first thing on the header page of the Mission Action Plans (MAP) pages. You can reach the page by going to <https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/mission-action-plans-map.html> .

STATS FOR MISSION

From Deanery Administrator Jo Simister jo.simister@derby.anglican.org :

In Derby diocese, parishes use the Church of England online Parish Returns system to submit both their Statistics for Mission and Finance data.

This a fully online system. It is possible to download a form for someone in your parish (or several people) to gather the data, but it should be entered by the person with a username and password.

Each parish has an administrator for the system who can set up, amend and delete users for that parish. In advance of my retirement, I am contacting every parish to confirm who is responsible for Statistics for Mission returns, and who for Finance Returns (which may be the same person). I am assigning updated usernames and issuing new passwords where needed.

Please go to <https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/statistics-for-mission.html> to find all the information and guidance you need. The Parish Returns system can be accessed via any web browser – simply go to <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>. You'll need your username and password to gain access. A full and up to date user guide for the parish returns system can be downloaded from within the system.

Statistics for Mission returns for 2021 data are now open. The deadline for returns would normally be 31st January 2022, but this has been extended to March 16th 2022 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

It would be very helpful if you could start to complete your Stats for Mission returns as soon as possible, as I would like to deal with any difficulties before I finish as Deanery Administrator. I'll be dealing with any password requests before the end of December. Thanks!

NEW DIOCESAN SECRETARY: KATE GODFREY

We welcome the appointment of Kate Godfrey, who brings a wealth of experience to the post.

Read more about Kate at

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/meet-kate-godfrey-our-new-diocesan-secretary.html>



Kate took over from Martyn Marples on 1st December – Martyn has been acting diocesan secretary for the past fourteen months alongside the head of finance post.

HONORARY CANONS: REVD JULIAN HOLLYWELL

Revd Julian Hollywell, Vicar of St Werburgh Spondon, Priest-in-charge of St Mark Derby and St Philip Chaddesden, and Minister Responsible at St Andrew with St Osmund Derby, is one of three Honorary Canons joining the Cathedral's College of Canons in January. The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby, said: "Their experience and commitment to the church's ministry in the Diocese of Derby will be of great service to the life of our cathedral as we reimagine its future over the next few years." It is expected that they will be collated and installed on Sunday, 16 January, in a special service led by the Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby, and the Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby.

Honorary canons serve the bishop, the cathedral and the whole of the diocese acting as a 'two way' ambassador for the cathedral. They are part of the cathedral's College of Canons which is a body that is able to reflect theologically on the place of the cathedral in the life, mission and ministry of the diocese and its contribution.

FEES FOR VISITING CLERGY

Clergy holding the Permission to Officiate (PTO) may claim fees payable for Ministry/Service cover and Specific Services, and also travel expenses, etc, which should be paid promptly. Please refer to the Diocesan link <https://derby.anglican.org/en/church-admin/fees.html> for fuller information.

MINISTRY/COVER:

Sharing in ministry (i.e. "taking a turn") in "home parish":

No fee or expenses are applicable. Specifically deputising for the Incumbent's holiday or sickness absence could trigger a fee which is payable by the PCC.

Sunday & midweek services (eg vacancies, holidays)

For 2021 this will be £54. This equates to half of the current rate payable to the DBF for a funeral in church per service. No more than the equivalent of a whole funeral fee, in respect of such services, is applicable in any one day.

SPECIFIC SERVICES:

Funerals

Overall responsibility (i.e. preparation, general care etc) - 2/3rds of the 2021 statutory fee applies – see apportionment table. Simply taking the services – to receive £54, with the balance of the fee payable to the DBF.

Marriage Service

2/3rds of the 2021 statutory fee of £211 now applies. The fee will be £141 with effect from 1st January 2021.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATES:

From Safeguarding Administrator Judie Fogarty: judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org

In the diocese we are continuing to implement the National Safeguarding Learning and Development Framework, which must be fully in place from January 2022. This means there are a few changes to how long safeguarding training lasts, and how people can access the Basic and Foundation levels of training.

● BASIC AND FOUNDATION TRAINING - DELIVERY IN PARISHES

Basic training is required for many roles within the churches across the diocese and many are also expected to complete Foundation training.

We are strongly encouraging all people who need to complete these modules to use the national training portal: [Safeguarding Training Portal \(cofeportal.org\)](http://safeguardingtrainingportal.org). However, we know this can be difficult for some people, so we have now made it possible for small groups of people who are required to complete Basic and Foundation to do so in their own parish. This will involve a small group (maximum 8) gathering around a computer screen or projection and working through the e-learning module/s together. The organiser (PSO or incumbent) must deliver the course in this way, as there is no flexibility for it to be changed or adapted.

For full information on the process, please contact Nick Harding or check the information on the PSO page of our website: [Resources for parish safeguarding officers - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](http://resourcesforparishsafeguardingofficers-dioceseofderby.org).

● SAFER RECRUITMENT AND PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

Just to highlight again that there are some changes to the Safer Recruitment process, and a renewed emphasis on supporting volunteers and staff beyond appointment under the new guidance. We are offering a revised Safer Recruitment and People Management training session on Zoom, which fully incorporates the changes to the policy. **This is required training for incumbent clergy, PSOs and others involved in the recruitment of volunteers and staff in churches.** Please check the training matrix to see who should attend from your parish, and book through the normal process: [Safeguarding Training - Diocese of Derby \(anglican.org\)](http://safeguardingtraining-dioceseofderby.org) [<https://derby.anglican.org/en/who-needs-safeguarding-training.html>]

● SAFEGUARDING TRAINING RENEWALS

The revised Church of England Safeguarding Training Learning and Development Framework, which the diocese is required to follow, states that all safeguarding training on the 'core' pathway (Basic, Foundation and Leadership) must be renewed at the highest previous level every 3 years. This means (for example) that those required to do Leadership must renew it every 3 years but are not required to repeat Basic and Foundation, and those required to complete Foundation must repeat that every 3 years, but not repeat Basic. **There are a large number of people in the diocese whose certificates say that they last for five years, but this is no longer the case.**

For more information please check our website safeguarding pages, or email:

nick.harding@derby.anglican.org - safeguarding training requirements and content

judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org – safeguarding training bookings, DBS, and certificates

● DBS UPDATE

Following our recent email concerning DBS renewals, just a reminder that under the new Safer Recruitment Guidance, **DBS checks are only valid for 3 years**, after which it must be renewed.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY:

THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING AND DISTRIBUTING EMERGENCY FOOD:

The current process to request and distribute food in Derby is:

1. Recipients make their request for support to the Community Response Hub via 01332 640000 (option 5) or df4ta@communityactionderby.org.uk
2. If the need is short-term then a referral will be made direct to a Local Food Distribution Hub (LFDH) or via the DF4T Alliance project administrator
3. If the need is longer-term or more complex, then a referral will then be passed to a Local Area Coordinator (LAC), who will aim to call the recipient that day to discuss needs and logistics. The LAC may also email the most convenient LFDH with details of the people in need
4. The food is then distributed by one of the LFDHs (where possible there is an expectation for the recipient to collect)

NATASHA'S LAW AND THE DUTY OF ALL PCCS WHEN SERVING FOOD:

On 1 October 2021, Natasha's Law came into effect for all foods produced and prepacked for direct sale (PPDS) with food labelling changing in the UK.

The Regulations apply to a "food business" which is defined as any undertaking, whether for profit or not and whether public or private, carrying out any of the activities related to any stage of production, processing and distribution of food. As a result of these definitions, **PCCs fall within the scope of food business and food business operators.**

Read more at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/natasha-s-law.html>

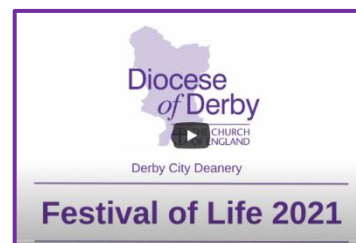
FESTIVAL OF LIFE 2021:

From Deanery Leadership Team members Alison Henshaw and Louisa Wass Griffiths:

The 2021 year's Festival of Life is slightly different from the usual autumn event. As we are reflecting on how people might be grieving for many reasons in many ways, we put together a reflection around 'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom' to remember Jesus is in the grief with us. The hour-long video includes four short personal talks about where Jesus has been in the speakers' lives.

Alison narrated and her husband provided some music, plus artwork and so on – the resulting video is now with the diocesan Communications team. It's called 'Remember me' and you can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSaVnQKenOw>.

Please share it with others in your parishes and neighbourhood.

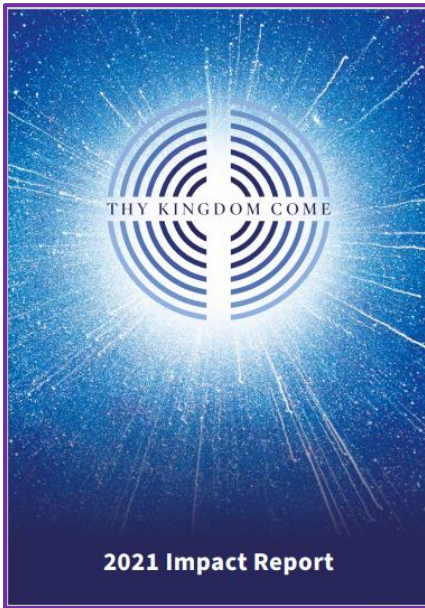


HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2022:

Holocaust Memorial Day will be commemorated in Derby on January 27th and at events during the following week. The theme for 2022 is 'One Day'.

For further information, please visit the website www.holocaustmemorialdayderby.org.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER



THY KINGDOM COME: IMPACT REPORT

Available at

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2021-12/TKC%20Impact%20Report%202021_WEB_0.pdf

Thy Kingdom Come 2022:
26th May - 5th June

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



STATEMENT ON RACE

From Revd Neil Barber and the PCC pf St Giles Normanton
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When George Floyd was killed, we did some thinking at St Giles' about race and, even though we were in lockdown, we initiated various conversations with the multiple nationalities in our congregations. Steve Boswell preached a sermon on it which was well received.

Then Euro2020 was a further stark reminder of the continuing problem of racism in wider society. It sparked off more thinking about race and how the church can model something so very different to the wider world. We've had more conversations with folk in the church family who are non-white English and listened hard and we've done some hard soul searching - this is all ongoing.

However recently the PCC unanimously agreed the attached statement on 21/09/21.

On Sunday (3rd October) members of the Council (two men and two women from around the world) read it out to our morning and evening congregations (physical and on Zoom). It was warmly applauded. We combined it with a video about blackness:

<https://gochattervideos.com/downloads/black/>

For us as a church the statement is just one step but it feels like it could also be a helpful step for others in the Deanery. The PCC have asked that I send the statement to the Deanery and wondered if Deanery Synod could consider it? If you would believe Deanery Synod should discuss and/or approve something similar, please let the Acting Area Dean Simon Cartwright know (revscartwright@gmail.com).

As we have recently celebrated Black History Month, if this were thought of as a constructive contribution to wider church life, we offer it to you to consider as appropriate.



A message to the church family concerning race.

All people are made in the image of God, are equal in His sight and reflect His glory. Racial and ethnic diversity is a blessing from God. The church family on earth is a foretaste of the heavenly congregation where, through the Cross, a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language who were formerly divided will be perfectly united in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We lament and deplore all forms of racial abuse and discrimination within the church, the wider community and the country.

As Christians we are guided by the golden rule of love but the following is also true (1 Corinthians 12 v24-27):

“...God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

Therefore we wish to assure all our sisters and brothers in Christ of our love, acceptance, welcome and celebration of racial and ethnic diversity.

We also state publicly to our church and local community that we:

- give thanks for the richness that comes from racial and ethnic diversity among God’s people,
- rejoice that racial and ethnic unity points to the reconciling power of the Cross of Jesus and brings glory to God,
- celebrate equality and the oneness that comes from being in Christ,
- believe in every member ministry where every part of the body does its work,
- offer the hand of solidarity to people of all races and ethnicities in the name of Jesus,
- refuse racism in all its forms since it obscures the glory of God, it divides those who Christ came to unite and it undermines the love that humans are to have for one another without favouritism,
- reject attitudes, words and deeds that are based in any way on racial hate or racial discrimination,
- undertake to pursue racial harmony, justice and peace in the church and local community,
- and
- pledge our part in taking the good news of Jesus to all nations.

The PCC of St Giles’ Church, Normanton by Derby, Derby City Deanery.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH COURSES

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. 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. Further information:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/living-in-love-and-faith.html>

All courses listed on the diocesan website will have trained facilitators and access to a chaplain. Courses that are organised locally (ie by a parish church) will usually be run by a parish priest or lay person, therefore the diocesan team are unable to guarantee whether or not they have undergone the facilitator training.

If you have any further questions or suggestions for the steering group please contact: Revd Alicia Dring - alicia@stpeterlittlelover.org.uk

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

CHRISTMAS CONNECTION

Christmas Connection is an initiative run in partnership with Derby City Mission, Love Your Neighbour and Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance. From Alex Dann alex.dann@stwderby.org.

Given the difficult circumstances that many families are facing, churches and charities like Upbeat Communities, Derby City Mission, Safe Families for Children and The Hope Centre will have been receiving lots of requests from families needing our help to provide presents for their children this Christmas.

If you would still like to support this initiative and buy a gift from their Amazon wish list, please contact Alex. You can access the list via this link <https://amzn.eu/683VaUr>.

There is also an appeal on the Derby City Mission website which you can use to make a donation so that they can buy for the age groups most needed at <https://www.derbycitymission.org.uk/christmas>

Company	Phone No	Website
Samaritans – for people experiencing emotional distress and suicidal thoughts	116 123	www.samaritans.org
Mind – support for mental ill health	0300 123 3393	www.mind.org.uk
Anxiety UK – help for people with anxiety disorders	03444 775 774	www.anxietyuk.org.uk
Childline – support for young people up to the age of 19	0800 1111	www.childline.org.uk
SANE – out of hours mental health helpline	0300 330 0630.	www.sane.org.uk
Carers UK – support for those caring for others	0800 808 7777	www.carersuk.org
Alcoholics Anonymous – if you're struggling with alcohol addiction	0800 9177 650	www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk
Refuge – domestic abuse helpline	0808 2000 247	www.refuge.org.uk
Gamblers Anonymous – if you're struggling with gambling addiction		www.gamblersanonymous.org.uk
Narcotics Anonymous – support for drug addiction	0300 999 1212	www.ukna.org
Cruse Bereavement Care – bereavement support	0844 477 9400	www.cruse.org.uk
Alzheimer's Society – dementia and Alzheimer's helpline	0300 222 1122	www.alzheimers.org.uk
Rape Crisis – if you've been raped, abused or sexually assaulted	0808 802 999	www.rapecrisis.org.uk
Macmillan – cancer support	0808 8080 000	www.macmillan.org.uk
National Debtline – debt advice and help	0808 8084 000	www.nationaldebtline.org
Shelter – housing support and advice	0808 800 4444	www.shelter.org.uk
Family Lives – parenting and family helpline	0808 800 2222	www.familylives.org.uk
The Silver Line – for older people feeling isolated or lonely	0800 470 8090	www.thesilverline.org.uk

CITY OF SANCTUARY: CLIMATE REFUGEES

City of Sanctuary UK supports the Environmental Justice Foundation campaign for global action on climate refugees. Search www.cityofsanctuary.org.uk for much more information on many topics.



Since 2008, weather-related hazards have displaced an average of 41 people every minute, and this humanitarian crisis is only going to deepen as the climate breaks down further.

What makes this even worse is the cruel injustice that those losing their family homes, culture and heritage overwhelmingly come from countries which did the least to cause this crisis. Around 99% of all deaths from weather-related disasters occur in developing countries – even though the world's 50 least developed countries contribute less than 1% of global carbon emissions.

Migration, often forced and a last resort, is a necessary form of adaptation, and therefore supporting climate refugees is a central question of both climate justice and the most basic human rights. However, despite the urgency of the situation, specific legal protections for climate refugees simply do not exist. There is not even a clear, agreed legal definition of what actually makes someone a climate refugee.

It is of vital importance that all countries implement the Paris Agreement and keep global heating to 1.5°C, to prevent as many people as possible from needing to flee from storms, rising sea levels, floods and drought. However, we also recognise that those who do need to move need solid legal protections.

The first step is for UN member states to develop a clear legal definition for those forced from their homes by the climate crisis. This will help

- to ensure a rights-based approach,
- give clarity to the legal status of climate refugees
- and give the relevant UN bodies the mandate to protect them.

UN member states must also develop an international agreement that will clarify the rights and ensure the protection of climate refugees. This does not mean reopening the Geneva Convention, but instead creating a new framework specifically for climate refugees to have the same rights as those forced from their homes for other reasons.

At present, climate refugees suffer a devastating double blow of being displaced by extreme weather they did almost nothing to cause, and then lacking legal protections when this happens.

We are calling on City of Sanctuary networks to Sign the petition at <https://act.ejfoundation.org/recogniseclimaterefugees> to call on governments to #RecogniseRefugees.

Read more at <https://cityofsanctuary.org/2021/09/17/its-time-for-global-action-for-climate-refugees-you-can-help/>

GUIDANCE FOR WELCOMING A PERSON WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE TO SPEAK:

This guidance was developed in consultation with the Sanctuary Ambassador network to ensure that invitations for people with lived experience to speak are positive and constructive experiences for all those involved. See <https://cityofsanctuary.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Guidance-for-Welcoming-a-Person-with-Lived-Experience-to-Speak.pdf>

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL



Former Area Dean Revd Dr Simon Taylor with Dean Peter Robinson and Jo Simister at the launch of Saints of Derbyshire

SAINTS OF DERBYSHIRE – LAUNCHED AT LAST!

In case you have missed it, the book is now published! and is currently available from office@derbycathedral.org – if you are very quick, there are a few signed copies left.

Read the full article at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/saints-of-derbyshire-book-now-available.html>

At the launch, Simon explained: "It tells the stories of the saints. I remember some years ago reading a dictionary of saints that said 'the stories of this saint are legendary' and feeling that wasn't very helpful, I wanted to know what the stories were, however legendary and far-fetched because they're fun and I wanted to know what made the story come alive.

"So we've kept in the monsters and the far-fetched and the supernatural because that's the fun and the joy of these stories.

"It's also a book that we hope people will take out into Derbyshire and go and visit some places and find the saints associated with those places.

"And, yes, there are prayers and it is a book that, through the lives of the saints, will connect folk to God - the god that the saints in their very different ways were all trying to find."

Jo said: "I think the most lovely thing about this project was that it got me back in touch with my art teaching roots from 40 years ago.

"Just doing the refresher workshop to produce the Repton crypt print was such a joy that I really couldn't resist thinking that maybe I could do one lino print for each of the chapters - not realising that there would be 20 chapters!

"I loved doing the research for the different subjects, so for example when it came to doing the design for the hermits who lived in Deepdale and Cratcliffe, I decided to see what the local

museums had in the way of cooking pots from that era and I also had a Tudor herbal at home and I scanned some of the photos from that - simple, primitive pictures of daisies and clover that I used in the design.”

Among the church artefacts that are included are the Wirksworth Stone (the lid of a stone vault found buried in Wirksworth Church in 1820), which was used for the chapter about the missionaries from Lindisfarne bringing the Gospel to Derbyshire, and the Saxon font at Ilam, used for the story about Bertrand and the monsters eating his wife.

Several of the designs have been selected for online exhibitions during the past year, and the Florence Nightingale design is on permanent display in the London Road Community Hospital (now renamed the Florence Nightingale), together with an explanatory poster about her life and work.



The exhibition about the designs which has been on display in the cathedral is now available on loan to parishes – it consists of 20 A1 posters*

If you missed it, a full colour catalogue is available – and Jo has taken orders for individual prints*

Simon re-wrote the prayers so that they are suitable for general use (in the book they are linked to the saints in their chapters) – some copies are still available*

Jo has donated all the proceeds

from sale of prints, catalogues and Prayers for Pilgrims to the Craft in Company project in Derby Arboretum – see next page for more information about this ‘breathing space’.

* If you are interested in borrowing the exhibition posters, ordering a print or the catalogue or Prayers for Pilgrims book, please email Jo at joandsimonsaints@gmail.com. This is also the contact address for comments, suggestions and corrections to the book.

BREATHING SPACE:

CRAFT IN COMPANY:

Do you have UFOs (UnFinished Objects of a crafting kind)?

Is there something you'd like to work on but don't quite know how to start?

Do you just crave a bit of quiet company? Or space to contemplate nature's daily changes in a beautiful and peaceful yet local place?

Join us in Loudon Lodge, 10am-3pm on the first Friday of the month. Contact Jo at friendsderbyarbo@gmail.com for more information.



NOTICEBOARD



A date for your diary from The Friends of Derby Cathedral:

January 29th 2.30pm in the Cathedral

Alexander Binns, the Cathedral's Director of Music, will talk about the organ, interspersed with demonstrations of different features & colours of the organ & a brief recital.

For details of booking, please check *The Flag*, the Cathedral's online newsletter published every Friday & accessible via the cathedral website, at <https://derbycathedral.org/get-involved/derby-cathedral-flag/>.

SPOTLIGHT LOAN: THE LAMADUSA CROSS COMES TO DERBY MUSEUM



Moved by the plight of survivors whom he met in his church, Lampedusa island's carpenter, Francesco Tuccio, made an individual cross for each person from the wreckage of their boat, and larger crosses that he gifted as a plea for discussion about community and responsibility – one of which the British Museum acquired in 2015, simply made from two pieces of brightly painted wood fitted together.

Now the Lampedusa Cross is part of a touring British Museum Spotlight Loan *Crossings: community and refuge* which arrived at Derby Museum and Art Gallery on 10th December.

Tony Butler, Executive Director at Derby Museums, says, "We are honoured to host this British Museum Spotlight Loan here in Derby. Across Derby and the wider region, many organisations collaborate to welcome and provide ongoing support to people fleeing violence, war and persecution.

"Together they aim to make Derby a welcoming place of safety for all, a city of sanctuary, helping refugees and those seeking asylum feel at home while they navigate their new lives and valuing the friendship and many skills they bring."

Read more at <https://www.museumnext.com/article/the-lampedusa-cross-currently-touring-english-museums-is-a-symbol-of-refugees-plight/>