

Clergy Mailing - November 2014

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Sharing the glad tidings as we count down to Christmas

The countdown to Christmas has well and truly begun, with only a few weeks to go to that wonderful, hectic, 'we'll never get everything done' time of year. Amid the excitement, the season offers Christians a great opportunity to invite people to church to introduce them to the real joy and meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Starts Sunday at the beginning of December.

It is also offering a range of other customisable posters for churches to advertise events, with themes that include Christingle, carols by candlelight, toy services and children's nativity plays.

The Christmas Starts with Christ logo is available to be used free of charge on festive



material, and organisers are encouraging churches to use it

in original and imaginative ways. The campaigners also run a national advertising campaign during December and are inviting donations from individuals and congregations to fund this.

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Free resources are being offered to churches to help with this, among them material from the Christmas Starts with Christ campaign, which is offering a poster to those planning a

Make a date for 2015

The Diocesan Communications Department is producing a calendar for 2015, full of information about the work of the Church in Southwell and Nottingham.

It will be illustrated with pictures taken around the Diocese – from car shows to visits by former Premiership footballers – and will contain a full list of useful dates.

Bishop Richard Inwood has written a piece for the calendar in which he describes the "privilege of coming out of

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Samworth Church Academy is 'School of the Year'

Samworth Church Academy has been awarded 'School of the Year' at the Chamber of Commerce Awards 2014. The Mansfield school faced South Nottinghamshire Academy, South Wolds Academy and Sutton Community Academy ATT Trust in their category.

Vice Principal Ian James and teacher Rebecca Jephson represented the Academy at the awards ceremony. Mr James said: "We would not have won this award were it not for our fantastic staff, governors and sponsors at the academy.

"With their continued support the future for Mansfield's fantastic young people is most definitely bright. We are very thankful to all the businesses who have given their time to help our students prepare for their future lives as well as possible."

Rebecca Jephson said the Academy had strong ties with the business community and used their expertise to inform students about business and work life. She said: "We are over the moon to have won this award and to have been recognised by the Chamber of Commerce for our efforts in engaging businesses in education and in preparing our students for their lives beyond school.

"We would like to thank all of the business leaders that help to guide our students and gratefully acknowledge that this award recognises their efforts too."



Photo: Vice Principal Ian James, Susan Salter (sponsor) and Rebecca Jephson.

Calendar countdown to better baby clinic

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is hoping to equip a baby clinic in Kenya by donating £10,000 from sales of its 2014 Real Advent Calendar.

However, it is not just the charitable donation that makes The Real Advent Calendar unique. Behind its first giant window is a 32-page Christmas story-activity booklet, designed to be used every day in Advent. The booklet gives more detail about the Christmas story and has seven Advent challenges. The calendar also comes with 25 Fairtrade Belgian chocolates and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the foiled windows.



The Real Advent Calendar costs £3.99. Churches, schools and groups can buy direct from The Meaningful Chocolate Company and take advantage of a free delivery offer. Retailers stocking include larger Tesco stores, Traidcraft, Eden, Shared Earth, CLC and a number of cathedrals.

Details can be found at www.realadvent.co.uk

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Dianne's story in Archbishop's new book of Hope

Hope is the subject of the Archbishop of York's new book, and a chapter has been contributed by Southwell & Nottingham Diocese's Equality and Diversity Officer, Dianne Skerritt.



'John Sentamu's Hope Stories' contains 20 personal stories of hope and has just been published by Darton Longman and Todd as a companion to his bestselling 'Faith Stories' published last year.

Through these stories, we hear how hope that comes from knowing God has been made real even through the most difficult of circumstances, including terminal illness or life-changing injuries, bereavement, suicide attempts, debt, rejection by their family, and addictions to drink and to drugs. They explain how their Christian faith – often only discovered or rediscovered in the very midst of their despair – has given them new hope and the strength to turn their lives around.

Dianne, who is also co-ordinator of The Rainbow Project - which supports people seeking refuge and asylum in the UK - has written a chapter in the book is about seeing people's different needs and conditions, but not treating them as 'the other.' She talks of her experiences growing up and how for many years she has worked as a social worker. Dianne shares the experience of a Congo lady seeking asylum in the UK – and how she responded to this.

She says: "It's an honour to be included in the Archbishop's book, and I feel humbled and privileged that I can support people in life transition situations, moving from destitution to community cohesion. Often the only thing that people have left is their faith and hope. There is also a richness that is brought about by having diverse people offering their skills and abilities initially as volunteers."

As part of the publicity videos have been made and Dianne's can be seen at <http://bit.ly/hsdianne>

See more at: <http://www.archbishopofyork.org/pages/hope-stories-2014.html#sthash.Chlis6sv.dpuf>

Will Aid solicitors booking up fast

November is Will Aid month, and to get your Will drawn up by a local solicitor in return for a voluntary donation to charity you need to make an appointment now.

Don't forget, during Will Aid month participating solicitors won't charge you for writing a basic Will. Instead, they will invite you to make a donation to Will Aid's nine charities. The suggested voluntary donations are £95 for a single Will, or £150 for a pair of 'mirror' Wills.

To find participating solicitors near you, go to <http://www.willaid.org.uk/will-makers>.

It is recommended that you make an appointment as soon as possible, because solicitors' Will Aid appointments diaries are already filling up fast. Please don't miss out.

For further information please contact:- Steve Cumberland
01636 817245
stevec@southwell.anglican.org



Temporary housing for asylum seekers with volunteer hosts

HOST Nottingham provides temporary housing for destitute asylum seekers with volunteer hosts for up to three months. HOST was set up because Nottingham had seen such a increase in numbers of destitute asylum seekers (people whose asylum claims have been turned down and have had financial and housing support taken away). It was set up by Nottingham Arimathea Trust, Nottingham and Notts Refugee Forum, Refugee Action, Rainbow Project, British Red Cross and Himmah.



Faith accessed HOST. She was from Eritrea, three months pregnant and in poor health. She was offered a room by Sarah, who had hosted before and found it enriching. Within weeks the difference in her was clear. The security meant she had privacy, could relax and could attend appointments with her midwife and solicitor. After three months of being hosted Faith was able to move out into shared accommodation provided by the government. Both Faith and her baby boy are now doing well but without Sarah's support, her life and that of her baby would have been in extreme danger.

HOST have a short film called 'Destitution: Our Story' made by asylum seekers with experience of destitution. HOST and NAT can present this film and discuss it at any place that wishes to put it on.

If you are interested in volunteering with HOST or putting on the film, please contact us at hostnottingham@gmail.com, via the website at hostnottingham.org.uk or on 07904852512.

Notts County Council – Grant Aid Programme 2015-18

Details of the latest Grant Aid strategy have just been released.

Community and voluntary groups looking for financial support will be able to apply to Nottinghamshire County Council for Grant Aid funding from Monday 13 October 2014.

Three year grants are available offering a minimum of £500 per annum in financial support.

Awards will be subject to annual review as part of the Council's budget considerations. Priorities include helping others to help themselves, providing volunteering opportunities, tackling disadvantage etc.

Applications close on **Monday 1 December 2014**.

For further details visit <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/partnerships/voluntary-sector/grantaid2015-18/>

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retirement to act as Diocesan Bishop”.

Other months look at our Church schools, Southwell Minster, the work of chaplains, the Ministry of Sport and finance/giving.

The calendar will be mailed out during November.

Churches planning Christmas Craft Fairs

If you would like a stall of stained glass and jewellery at your Christmas Fair please contact Heather Sirrel, email: heathersirrel@googlemail.com



Prayerdiary

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In December we pray for. . .

- Mon 01 Dec** **Southwell, Holy Trinity; Southwell Holy Trinity Infant School; (Andrew Porter)**
Kibungo - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ntazinda
- Tue 02 Dec** **Southwell, St Mary the Virgin; Southwell Lowes Wong Junior School; The Minster
Secondary School (Jacqui Jones, Nigel Coates, Alison Milbank, Matthew Askey)**
Kigali - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Louis Muvunyi
Kigeme - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Mvunabandi
- Wed 03 Dec** **Staunton, St Mary (Liz Murray)**
Kigezi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Katwesigye
North Kigezi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Tugume -Tusingwire
- Thu 04 Dec** **Lowdham Grange Prison (Mark Savage)**
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield
- Fri 05 Dec** **Carlton-on-Trent, St Mary; Marnham, St Wilfrid; Normanton-upon-Trent, St
Matthew; St Matthew's Church School; Sutton-upon-Trent, All Saints (Vacant:
Area Dean: David Milner; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Clergy: Maggie Woodward;
Churchwardens: Irene Crossley, Caroline Harvey, Lesley Payne, Richard Batty,
Elizabeth Jones, Robin Drury, Jane Drury)**
Kimberley & Kuruman - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Oswald Swartz
- Sat 06 Dec** **Bleasby, St Mary; Bleasby School; Halloughton, St James; Hoveringham, St
Michael; Thurgarton, St Peter (Vacant: Area Dean: David Milner, Lay Chair:
Michael Wilson, Churchwardens: Diana Temperley, Rachael Andrew, Michael
Wood, Nicholas Litherland, Linda Morgan, Ian Edwards)**
Kindu - (Congo) The Rt Revd Zacharie Katanda
- Sun 07 Dec** **The Bishop of Sherwood (Tony Porter)**
Kinkiizi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Porvoo, Bishop Björn Vikström

In December we pray for. . .

- Mon 08 Dec** **Markham Clinton, All Saints; Tuxford, St Nicholas; Tuxford School; Weston, All Saints (Vacant: Area Dean: David Milner, Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Clergy: Carol Dunk, Churchwardens: Jane Oliver, Ambrose Marlow, Christopher White, Gillian Fendley)**
The Most Revd Kahwa Isingoma Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa
Suffragan Bishop of Kinshasa - (Congo) The Rt Revd Molanga Botola
- Tue 09 Dec** **Walesby, St Edmund (Chris Levy)**
Kirinyaga - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kibuchua
- Wed 10 Dec** **NEWSTEAD DEANERY (Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Brian Clarke)**
Kisangani - (Congo) The Rt Revd Lambert Botolome
- Thu 11 Dec** **Director of Parish Support for the Diocese, Fraser McNish and his colleagues**
Kita Kanto - (Japan) The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Hirota
- Fri 12 Dec** **Annesley, All Saints; Newstead Abbey, St Mary; Newstead Village, St Mary the Virgin (Vacant: Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Vacant; Clergy: Kevin Charles; Churchwardens: Marie Denman, Rosemary Shatliff, Jean King, Carol Ward, Colin Sabin)**
Kitale - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis
- Sat 13 Dec** **Brinsley, St James the Great; Underwood, St Michael and All Angels; Underwood Church School (David Stevenson, Anna Alls)**
Kiteto - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Isaiah Chambala
- Sun 14 Dec** **Director of Family Care; Steve Hargrave and his colleagues**
Kitgum - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Benjamin Ojwang
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen
- Mon 15 Dec** **Eastwood, St Mary (David Stevenson, Anna Alls)**
Kitui - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Josephat Mule
- Tue 16 Dec** **Greasley, St Mary (David Marvin)**
Kivu - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana
- Wed 17 Dec** **Hucknall Team Ministry: St Mary Magdelene; St Peter & St Paul; St John the Evangelist; the National Academy (Kathryn Herrod, Peter Jones, Jo Stephens, Sergiy Diduk)**
Kobe - (Japan) The Rt Revd Andrew Nakamura
- Thu 18 Dec** **Whatton Prison (Jo Honour)**
Koforidua (Ghana) - (West Africa) The Rt Revd Francis Quashie
- Fri 19 Dec** **Huthwaite, All Saints; All Saints Church School (Charlie Maiden)**
Kolhapur - (North India) The Rt Revd Bathuel Tiwade
- Sat 20 Dec** **Kirkby Woodhouse, St John the Evangelist (Mary Essex)**
Kondoa - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Given Gaula

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- Sun 21 Dec** **The work of Sacrista Prebend and its staff (Andy Gregory)**
Kontagora - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim
Church of Norway: Diocese of Borg, Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt
- Mon 22 Dec** **Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid (Vacant: Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Brian Clarke, Churchwardens: Ann Hilton, Peter Stafford)**
Kootenay - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) The Most Revd John Privett
- Tue 23 Dec** **Linby, St Michael; Papplewick, St James; Linby cum Papplewick Church School (Keith Turner)**
The Most Revd Govada Dyvasirvadam Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Krishna-Godavari
- Wed 24 Dec** **Ravenshead, St Peter; Ravenshead Church School (Chris Rattenberry, Lynn Raynor)**
Kubwa - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko
- Thu 25 Dec** **Selston, St Helen; Selston Church School; Westwood, St Mary (Fiona Shouler)**
The Most Revd Bolly Lapok Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Kuching
Assistant Bishop of Kuching - (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Aeries Jingan
- Fri 26 Dec** **Skegby, St Andrew; St Andrew's Church School; Stanton Hill, All Saints; Teversal, St Katherine (Richard Kellett, Adrian Dempster, Kate Byrom)**
The Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA; Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi
Suffragan Bishop of Kumasi - (West Africa) The Rt Revd Dr Cyril Ben-Smith
- Sat 27 Dec** **Sutton-in-Ashfield, St Mary Magdalene; St Mary's Church School (David James, Mary A'Herne.Smith)**
Kumi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Thomas Irigei
- Sun 28 Dec** **Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Jonathan Smithurst)**
Kushtia - (Bangladesh) The Rt Revd Sunil Mankhin
Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Ole Christian Kvarme
- Mon 29 Dec** **Sutton-in-Ashfield, New Cross Community Church (Julie Cotterill)**
Kwara - (Kwara, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olusegun Adeyemi
Kutigi - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jeremiah Kolo
- Tue 30 Dec** **EAST BINGHAM DEANERY (Area Dean: Jim Wellington, Lay Chair: Janet Clothier)**
Kwoi - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Paul Zamani
- Wed 31 Dec** **Bingham, St Mary & All Saints (David Harper)**
Kyoto - (Japan) The Rt Revd Stephen Kochi

World links news - Holy Land

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View from the tower of St George's

John Henson describes the fascinating six months he and his wife Jane spent as volunteers at St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem:

A few years ago we retired to Southwell and Nottingham Diocese – incidentally the one in which I was ordained in 1965. The Very Revd Hosam Naoum, Dean of St George's cathedral in Jerusalem since 2012, has had a long connection with Southwell and there has been traffic in both directions over the years.

It has been difficult for the Diocese of Jerusalem to provide much in the way of regular infrastructure for him, so he appealed for a couple of UK volunteers to spend six months at St George's on a bed-and-breakfast basis – one to act as his PA and the other as cathedral sacristan. Jane and I were persuaded to go as we had visited Israel/Palestine previously and knew Hosam.

We arrived in October 2013 and lived in a flat in the tower of the cathedral. Jane's role was administrative – dealing with emails and correspondence, the phone, diary and a stream of callers. I acted as sacristan in the cathedral, took some services and preached occasionally.



Photo: John and Jane Henson

St George's is made of many parts – the cathedral, the Bishop's residence, Diocesan offices, the Guest House, St George's College (offering Holy Land courses for people from around the world) and a school serving the community (mainly Muslim children). We felt at home, and despite the guns carried by Israeli soldiers and police, we felt safer than in London or Nottingham – partly because there was no alcohol-related street culture.

It was a huge privilege to have shared ministry in Jerusalem, especially contact with the Living Stones ie Palestinian Christians who face considerable pressures, but have a history going back to the birth of the Christian Church in Jerusalem. Most of the cathedral services were in English, but the 9.30am Sunday congregation worshipped in Arabic with some English translation. There was also a

small but feisty Arabic-speaking congregation (mainly female) which met midweek at the daughter church of St Paul's.

Through the work of the Guest House we met an amazing cross-section of people. We were very impressed by a number of expats with deep commitments to meeting the needs of the Palestinian community – through the UN, NGOs, medical agencies and so on.

Could you be a volunteer? The Diocese has many needs in Jerusalem. **For information contact John and Jane at john.henson3@ntlworld.com**

**For further details about the Holy Land link contact:
David Lane
email: lane@waitrose.com**

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Growing Disciples - Training for Ministry & Mission **November**

1 All are Welcome in the Body

Keynote Speaker: Dr Elizabeth Henry – Archbishops' Council Adviser on Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns.
9.30-3.30pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

1 Passionate about Parenting

Led by Nick Harding
9.30-3.30pm
Warsop Parish Centre

3-6 Leading your Church into Growth

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick
To book contact Tracie Hunt 01274 604904 or email tracielycig@yahoo.co.uk

4 Standard Safeguarding Training

7.30-9.30pm
Selston Parish Hall, Selston
Booking via Family Care 0115 960 3010

4-6 Rural Ministry Course

Led by Arthur Rank Centre Staff £230 (including free subscription for one year to Country Way magazine)
Launde Abbey
To book contact Katrina Sealey
Tel: 024 7685 3075 or email: katrinas@arthurrankcentre.org.uk

6 Worship and Prayer with Children

Led by Nick Harding
7.30-9.30pm
St Paul's Church, Wilford Hill

8 A Day with Thomas Merton

10am-4pm £20 (£18.50 for Friends of Sacrista Prebend) (BYOL)
Led by John Moses
Sacrista Prebend
To book contact Sacrista Prebend directly 01636 816833 or email: sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com

8 Funeral Course iii- The Funeral Itself

Led by Barbara Coleman & Pat Hemstock
9.30-3.30pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

10-13 Living into God's New Future

Led by the Launde Community £250 per person or £400 per couple including all meals and ensuite accommodation.
Launde Abbey

15 Child Protection Training

by Nick Harding
9.30-4pm (BYOL)
North Muskham Community Centre

15 Churchwarden

Led by David Picken
9.30-1pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

21-23 Leading from the Second Chair – A Church Leadership Weekend for Readers

Led by Jackie Johnson, Sue Waterston, Chris Perrett and Barbara Coleman
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick.

24 Standard Safeguarding Training

7.30-9.45pm
St Saviour's Church, Retford
Booking via Family Care 0115 960 3010

26 Journey of Renewal

Led by Andy Lord
7.30-9.30pm
Venue to be advised

27 Advent Companions Waiting with God's Servants

10am-4pm £20 (£18.50 for Friends of Sacrista Prebend) (BYOL)
Led by Graham Pigott
Sacrista Prebend
To book contact Sacrista Prebend directly 01636 816833 or email: sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com

Contact: Catriona Gundlach
01636 817232, catriona@southwell.anglican.org

What's On

Items to be included in What's On for Nifty Notes should be sent to Nicola Mellors at nicola@southwell.anglican.org

in November

- 1** The Winter Craft Fair. 10am-4pm, Southwell Minster, admission by £2 donation, under 16s free. Over 50 specialist craft stalls and tea, coffee and cakes and light refreshments available throughout the day.
- 1** Festal Eucharist for the 150th Anniversary of the foundation of All Saints' Church, Nottingham. Guest Preacher: The Bishop of Brechin, the Rt Revd Nigel Peyton. A special service to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the foundation of All Saints'. 11am. A light lunch will follow the service. All are welcome to attend.
- 2** All Souls Requiem with the Minster Chorale singing Maurice Durufle 8pm, Southwell Minster .
- 7-28** Art Exhibition- Joan Akeley at Southwell Minster. Private view 7pm. Open: 9am-5pm. Admission free, all welcome.
- 8** Sacrista Prebend Retreat House Quiet Day 'A Day with Thomas Merton' John Moses. 10am - 4pm, Sacrista Prebend Retreat House.
- 8** Come and Sing Compline in association with the Royal School of Church Music Southwell & Nottinghamshire area. St Swithun's Church, Woodborough. Conductor: Dr. Peter Siepmann, Officiant: Judith Glass. Rehearse Compline and a Motet. No advance preparation or music required. Refreshments will be provided. Choristers are invited to robe for service. All ages of singer welcome. Further details: Bob Middleton on 0115 965 2394.
- 9** Music in the Great Hall 2014 - Southwell Minster. 7.30pm, refreshments served from 7pm. Nottingham Youth Orchestra Showcase. Admission free (no reservations) with a retiring collection. Further details: migh@southwellminster.org.uk
- 14** Multimedia sports quiz at 7.30pm, Costa in Bingham, NG13 8AB. Including introduction to Christianity. Great event to invite friends along to. For more info contact Sport Ambassador Rob Taylor 07775 687682 email: rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org
- 14** The Organist's Year: Concert at Keyworth Parish Church 7pm. Roy Abbey takes us through the year via organ music across the seasons. Free admission including wine drinks, savoury & sweet nibbles. Donations invited towards Parish Church Funds. Charity Raffle on the night.
- 20** Christians in Sport Clubhouse event at 7pm, Cornerstone church, NG7 1FP. Be equipped for sports ministry and meet others passionate about sport. For more info contact Sport Ambassador Rob Taylor 07775 687682, email: rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org
- 26** Film Night - 7.30pm, St Michael's School, Farnsfield. £5, wine is available.
- 27** Sacrista Prebend Retreat House Quiet Day 'Advent Companions Waiting with God's Servants' Graham Pigott. 10am - 4pm at Sacrista Prebend Retreat House
- 28** Lunchtime in the Cathedral in the Quire: Charlotte Rowan (violin) with piano accompaniment 12.15pm, Southwell Minster.
- 29** Be a Chorister for the Day! Southwell Minster 2.30-6.30pm. Further details: Paul Hale, email: RectorChori@diaphone.clara.net
- 29** St Mary's Church Bulwell Christmas Fayre 11am-2pm to be held in the Upper Hall and the West Room. A wide variety of stalls, light refreshments and Santa's Grotto. Church open for visitors.
- 30** Advent Procession, 6.30pm, Southwell Minster.

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- 3** Ex Cathedra Consort: 'An Elizabethan Christmas'. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 4-7** Bingham Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival. A community wide event involving businesses, organisations and groups alongside the members of the church. Thurs 4: 10.30am-7pm; Fri 5: 9.30am-9pm; Sat 6: 9.30am-5.30pm; Sun 7: 11.30am-5.30pm. Prices: Adults - £2.50; Accompanied Children - 50p; Family Maximum - £6. The Festival will end with a Carols of Praise Service on the Sunday evening at 6.30pm .
- 5** Lord-Lieutenant's Carol Service. 7pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 6-14** Newark Parish Church 7th Christmas Tree Festival. Over 100 trees decorated by local schools, organisations & businesses. Opening times: Saturdays 9.30am-5pm, Sundays 11am-4.30pm, Weekdays 10am-4.30pm, Entrance: adults £2, children 20p. refreshments, Christmas cards, raffle, stalls. Festival Songs of Praise 14 Dec, 6pm.
- 7** Christingle Service, 5pm, Southwell Minster.
- 9** Moscow Academia Quintet 7pm, the State Chamber, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 12** St Mary's Church Bulwell Christmas Band Concert by The Band of The Royal Engineers Ticket £5. For more information tel. 0115 9161787.
- 12** A Ceremony of Carols – Benjamin Britten, Minster Girls' Choir & Roisin Hickey (Harp). 12.15pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 13,14 & 20** Star Safari The Bramcote Nativity. Written by Pat Ashworth, Directed by Julian Hanby, Performed by local people. This is a promenade play in the style of the medieval Mystery Plays. Follow the action and be part of the unfolding drama in four of Bramcote's best locations, starting at St Michael's Church (NG9 3HD). Tickets £6 (adults), £4 (concessions and under 16s). Available from www.bramcote.info, or St Michael's Church Office 0115 943 0137 (9.30am-12pm Mon-Fri).
- 13** Carols for Everyone Concert, 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 14** La Nativité du Seigneur – Olivier Messiaen, Simon Hogan (Organ). 6.30pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 16** Joint Emergency Services Family Carol Service. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Service Members their families and the general public are all welcome to attend.
- 17** BBC Radio Nottingham Carol Service. 7pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 19** Handel's Messiah. Minster Chorale and Chamber Ensemble. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 20** Carols on Bulwell Main Street 10.30am organised by Bulwell Churches Together.
- 20** Cantamus Girls' Choir Concert: Heraldng Christmas. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 23** Cathedral Carol Service I, 7pm, Southwell Minster.
- 24** Southwell Minster - 11am & 2pm Crib Services, 3.30pm Festal Evensong, 7pm Cathedral Carol Service II, 11.15pm Eucharist of Christmas Night.
- 25** Southwell Minster - 8am Holy Communion with carols, 9.30am Family Eucharist, 11.15am Festal Mattins, 12.30pm Holy Communion, 3.30pm Evening Prayer with carols.

Please note the deadline for the December 2014 issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH NOVEMBER 2014

Comings and Goings. . . Comings and Goings. . . Comings and Goings

The Revd Greg Price to become Priest in Charge of the Tuxford with Weston and Markham Clinton Benefice in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing date to be announced.

The Revd Clare Tyack, SSM Assistant Curate at St Mary, Blidworth, and St Simon and St Jude, Rainworth in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to become SSM Associate Priest in the Hucknall Team in the same Diocese. Licensing date to be announced.

The Revd Jonathan Smithurst, Priest in Charge of St Mary's Attenborough in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Vicar in addition to being Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (0.2).

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For more information, and to get posters, go to www.christmasstartswithchrist.com

The Children's Society is offering advice and resources for holding a Christingle service, which are a wonderful way of bringing communities together and creating time to reflect on the life of Jesus.

The charity also suggests ways of using the services to raise funds for its work to help vulnerable children – millions of pounds have been raised over the years: last year about 6,000 Christingle events were held in churches and schools, raising £1.2m.

Go to www.christingle.org for services plans, school lesson plans, arts and craft ideas, materials such as candles and ribbons, posters and invitations and lots more.

Part of the excitement of Christmas is the countdown but there is always the danger that we arrive at 25th December with all the jobs done but unprepared to celebrate the birth of Jesus. A booklet entitled 'Love Life Live Advent – Make Room for the Manger', from Church House Publishing, includes simple ways of marking the days of advent, times of reflection, practical activities and fun things to do, like watching your favourite Christmas film.

The booklets cost £1.50 and are available at www.liveadvent.net, along with other resources.

As Christmas plans start to take shape please stay in touch with the Diocesan Communications Department who will publicise your events on our website, and in the media where appropriate.

Contact richard.ellis@southwell.anglican.org
nicola@southwell.anglican.org or jwyles@southwell.anglican.org

CUF: Together Grants

CUF have had a great first year for their new Together Grant programme, supporting Christians and churches across England.

As the year has progressed however they have found that they are actually set to see a slight underspend on the annual target. What this means is that they would love to support more work in this area.

If you are exploring the possibility of starting a project yourself, or are aware of Christians or churches who are looking to develop their work amongst the poorest and most marginalised, please contact :

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Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Joining together in the transforming mission of God

MINISTRY VACANCIES

November 2014

Southwell & Nottingham Diocese is a great place to be in ministry for mission! We specialise in creative and stimulating appointments, have generous churchgoers, some beautiful churches and our cathedral is a gem. It's a varied and exciting area to live in, with excellent access to other parts of the UK. We take care of our church leaders with good quality housing and supportive deanery colleagues. Fresh stipendiary/non-stipendiary/retiring/part-time clergy and laity are welcome!

Our current vacancies, divided by Archdeaconry are as follows:

NOTTINGHAM ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

<p>St Michael with St Anne Sutton Bonington with St James Normanton on Soar – HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST IN CHARGE</p>	<p>Two attractive south Nottinghamshire villages need a priest who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• will continue to teach and energise us from the scriptures;• can lead us in interpreting and fulfilling the diocesan vision: <i>Joining together in the transforming mission of God</i>;• will enable us to make new patterns of ministry work;• can provide continuity of pastoral care;• and encourage others in commitment and leadership roles. <p>A great place to live and minister the Gospel</p> <p>An application pack is available on the Diocesan website: http://southwell.anglican.org/mission-ministry/job-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/</p> <p>Enquiries to the Area Dean, John Bentham on john.bentham@nottingham.ac.uk</p>
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<p>St George, Netherfield, House for Duty Priest in Charge</p>	<p>Modern catholic 'urban village' of 4,200 souls with a small congregation under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Beverley, as a resolution C parish.</p> <p>You need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a rich traditional spirituality, • be disciplined in prayer and sacraments • be an able preacher and listening pastor <p>for a congregation who wish to move forward in parish mission and community outreach.</p> <p>The parish profile and statement of needs can be found on the Diocesan website. Enquiries to the Area Dean, Phil Williams on phil.stjames@virgin.net</p>
<p>Team Rector, Clifton</p>	<p>Clifton is a lively community on the outskirts of the City of Nottingham. This post is an exciting opportunity to develop and build upon a much valued ministry. The nature of the community presents both challenges and opportunities for engagement. At present, there is a Team Vicar and an Assistant Curate in post.</p> <p>David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries.</p>
<p>Tollerton</p>	<p>A vacancy has arisen for a Priest in Charge in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Tollerton which is an attractive village about six miles to the south of Nottingham. This is an exciting opportunity for a forward looking, energetic and sociable leader to build on the foundations already laid in initiatives such as our Lunch Bunch and Messy Church meetings.</p> <p>Please look on their website www.stpeters-tollerton.org.uk for a snapshot of who we are.</p> <p>Sarah Clark, Archdeacon of Nottingham, would welcome informal enquiries</p>

NEWARK ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

<p>The Elkesley Group of Parishes in the Retford Area Team Ministry</p> <p>0.5 Stipendiary Associate Priest or Lay Minister</p>	<p>The Retford Area Team Ministry is looking for a half-time Associate Priest or Licensed Lay Minister, to work initially with 5 attractive rural parishes just south of Retford, in North Nottinghamshire..</p> <p>The Person Appointed will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a proven track record in collaborative ministry • Be discerning and encouraging about people's gifts • Be comfortable with a variety of church traditions across a rural setting • Enjoy the experience of working with primary schools • Be committed to Ecumenical working • Have gifts of love, patience and a sense of humour <p>A 4 bedroom house will be provided and you will be part of an innovative team, Deanery and Diocese.</p> <p>Informal enquiries are welcome. Please contact the Team Rector, Canon Tony Walker (01777 703800) / teamrector@ratm.org.uk</p> <p>Closing date 7 November 2014</p> <p>Interview date 25 November 2014</p>
<p>West Trent Group</p>	<p>A cluster of 8 village parishes to the South and East of the cathedral town of Southwell. This is an opportunity to work strategically over the next 5 years with the parishes, leading them forward in discerning how best to proclaim the Gospel throughout their communities, within the context of the Diocesan 2020 plan. At this stage David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries.</p>
<p>Beck & Trent</p>	<p>Later this year we will be seeking to fill a vacancy for a Priest in Charge of 6 villages in the eastern part of the Newark Archdeaconry. This is an attractive area of the county and is a good opportunity to build on and develop the good foundations that have been laid in recent years. At this stage David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries.</p>

Annesley with Newstead	<p>A vacancy will soon be advertised for an appointment to a new parish ministry following a re-organisation. The role calls for someone who is committed to working across boundaries and in a collaborative ministry with lay ministers exploring Fresh Expressions in Church and an SSM Priest.</p> <p>Informal enquiries to the Archdeacon of Newark</p>
Worksop Area	<p>A vacancy exists for a Community Development Worker in the south east ward of Worksop working across boundaries. There will also be a requirement for the person to hold the Bishop's Licence to Preach as a Lay Minister.</p> <p>Informal enquiries at this stage to Archdeacon of Newark</p>

David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, archdeacon-newark@southwell.anglican.org / 07917 690576

We welcome applications from suitably qualified clergy from all sections of the community, and strive to be an equal opportunity employer.

Enhanced DBS clearance is required for this post.

For general advice about moving please contact The Revd John Lee, the Clergy Appointments Adviser in London – +44 (0) 20-7898 1898 / Email: caa.admin@c-of-e.org.uk

Overseas applicants may apply for posts having consulted John Lee above.

If short listed they come for interview in the diocese at their own expense.

Applicants will be assessed on the criteria for the post and if appointed it will be conditional on the Archbishop's approval.

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Youth Confirmation Service



This will be a memorable event for our young people. A youth-orientated 'rite of passage' experience that is a great opportunity to invite and share with family and friends. With diocesan support the young people will participate in preparing and leading their own confirmation service.

Saturday 31st January 12 - 4pm

Social Event at St Mark's, Woodthorpe for all candidates

Sunday 8th March 5:30 - 7:30pm

Rehearsal at the Minster followed by pizza at Jubilee House

Saturday 21st March 7pm

Confirmation Service at the Minster

Please contact Alison Jacobson with names of potential candidates by Monday 19th January.

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If you would like more information please contact Youth Ministry Adviser David Keetley

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