

Clergy Mailing - December 2015

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Growing the church wider, younger and deeper

Bishop Paul spoke of his hopes for the Diocese at his first meeting with the newly-elected Diocesan Synod, when it met at Christ Church, Worksop.

Bishop Paul thanked the diocese for the kind welcome he and the family had received. He also remarked on how in his first months he had been moved by the way many churches have a big heart for God's world. He went on to speak of the priority to increase the focus on growing disciples in every community, with a three-fold emphasis on growing the church wider, younger and deeper. Bishop Paul spoke about his aspirations for the diocese, building on the excellent work already being done:

“Over the next 6 months I am inviting us to look beyond 2020 at what kind of church we would like to be in 2025 or 30, with a refreshed commitment to care for every soul in the diocese. To imagine the future we hope for, then together to align our energies and resources to create fresh momentum for growing wider, younger and deeper.”

He explained his approach to developing a strategic plan for growth.

“Over the next few months I will be working with the Bishop's Senior Staff and Deanery Teams to conduct a 'Mid-way Review' of the 2020 Deployment Plan. To look again at those plans in light of changing opportunities and an increased focus on growing disciples.”

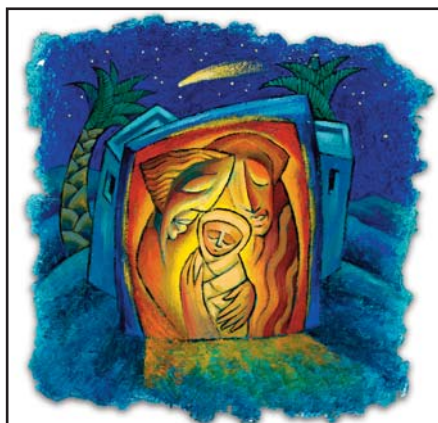
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Major contemporary art exhibition to be hosted by Southwell Minster

A major exhibition of new art on the theme of 'Mary' is to be shown at Southwell Minster during January 2016.

Over 20 significant contemporary artists have made
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major new works specifically for an ambitious exhibition that will see art shown all over the cathedral, both inside and outside. Timed to coincide with the Patronal Festival of Candlemas at the Minster, the exhibition will be supported by a programme of events and will be open free to the public over the month.



Susie Hamilton: and the angel left her

The exhibition was planned by the cathedral art group, and Fr Matthew Askey says: “The Art of Mary is a rare opportunity for us to see a large collection of brand new art from many of the most significant artists working with Christian themes in Britain today. It is of national importance and is a once in a generation snapshot of these artist’s views of ideas and stories associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is one of the most significant, but neglected, figures in our shared cultural story.

“Mary was remarkable for the time and she has many things to show us and inspire us with today. She was an unmarried teenage mother, on the run, a refugee really, and at the same time through both her vulnerability and her determined strength she embodies so many positive characteristics of motherhood and what it means to be a woman today. Mary ultimately said ‘yes!’ to life, which resulted in the life of the most inspiring person who has ever lived, Jesus, and then the birth of the world-wide Church that followed.

“The Church has two billion members today, is still growing, and about 32% of the world’s population are involved in some way with its acts of charity and life-transforming message of forgiveness and love for all people, and Mary is right at the root of this movement of love.”

Some of the artists showing new artworks at the Art of Mary exhibition include: Celia Paul, Nicolas Mynheer, Mark Cazalet, Chris Gollon, Susie Hamilton, Sophie Hacker, Iain McKillop, Roger Wagner and many others.

The Art of Mary is at Southwell Minster from Sat 9th Jan – Fri 5th Feb 2016, admission is free. The opening party is on Friday 8th Jan from 7pm, all welcome. A full colour illustrated exhibition guide is available.

**For more information contact Fr Matthew Askey
frmaskey@btinternet.com**

Southwell Minster gifted site of ancient Roman Villa

Southwell Minster has been gifted the former Church Street site of the Minster School. This was made possible through the generosity and initiative of an individual benefactor and the active co-operation of the local developers, Oak Tree Homes.

The land has been donated in perpetuity on the basis that Southwell Minster will act as custodians of it for the lasting public benefit to the town and indeed more widely, by ensuring its use for educational, conservation and cultural purposes only. The land has significant archaeological remains most notable of which is a Roman Villa of national interest and importance.

The Acting Dean, Canon Nigel Coates, writes: “We are thrilled to be the recipients of this wholly unexpected and most generous gift. We would like to thank the donor, the developer and all those who were able to make this extraordinary donation possible. We very much look forward to working with the many interested parties in the town in drawing up plans for its future.”

As an immediate first step, the site will be cleared of rubble, levelled, grassed and fenced.

All enquiries should be made to: Caroline Jarvis, Cathedral Administrator 01636 817285.

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Prayerful support for Notts County Ladies

For the past season Notts County Ladies Football Club have had a new supporter – their first ever chaplain.

The Revd Wendy Murphy was appointed club chaplain earlier this year and has been on hand to support the players through the ups and downs of sporting life.

When she took on the role she knew nothing about football but is now an ardent County fan: “When I was asked to be chaplain my first reaction was I don’t know a thing about football. Now I shout at the ref when she gets things wrong”.



Bishop Tony Porter, the Archbishops’ Sport Ambassador, asked Wendy to take on the role of chaplain. “My first reaction was to say I don’t know a thing about football”, said Wendy who is a third-year Curate at St Paul’s, in Carlton, Nottingham. “He said that was good because it is all about building relationships.”

Bishop Tony and Wendy met at Meadow Lane, home to Notts County Ladies, with other sports chaplains from the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham for lunch and prayers. The other chaplains were: The Revd John Parfitt, Nottingham Forest; Revd Liam O’Boyle, Notts County’s men’s team; Ray Shaw, Mansfield Town, Revd Luiz Lima, Worksop Town.

Bishop Tony said: “It is always a great pleasure to meet and pray with our sport chaplains in the diocese. The role was described to me by one manager as a ‘confidential Christian friend, available to staff of all faiths and non.

“Their low profile, pastoral ministry is hugely appreciated by the clubs, especially in times of struggle and sadly bereavement.” Wendy said: “Doing this is such a privilege and such an honour – I don’t call it work, I am so blessed.

“It is interesting to see how totally dedicated the girls are, they are totally on it all the time. They are inspiring in the way that they give it their all.”

The Ladies play in the FA Women’s Super League, with the season running from March until October.

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Thanking people for their prayers, he concluded on a more personal note saying,

“I cannot be sure where God will lead us in the years to come. All I know is that I am committed to enjoying myself in the adventure of following Jesus with you... Whatever challenges or uncertainties we face, personally or in the world around us, let us find our joy in the Lord who is the strength of his church. ”

To view full address and presentation go to southwell.anglican.org/growing-the-church-wider-younger-and-deeper


Synod also approved the budget for 2016 – read it in full at <http://southwell.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Budget-2016-Synod-30-September-2015-FINAL.pdf>

Memorial case required

If anyone has a memorial case that is no longer being used, EMAS are asking if it can be kindly donated to them. The memorial book display case will be in the foyer area at HQ in Nottingham.

**Please contact: the Revd Kevin Charles EMAS Chaplain
07815945405 or email:
kevin.charles@emas.nhs.uk**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ADA LOVELACE!**

A Celebration of the Life
of the World's First
Computer Programmer

On Ada's 200th Birthday,
Heritage guide, David Heathcote,
talks of her life and times, in
St Mary Magdalene Church, Hucknall
(Ada's final resting place)
NG15 7AS, at 2pm and again at 7pm,
Thursday, 10th December, 2015
(No admission charge, donations welcome, there will be birthday cake!)

Sacrista Prebend new programme

The new programme of led retreats and quiet days at Sacrista Prebend is now available.

There is a varied programme for 2016, with events especially tailored to Lent and Easter, and thought provoking days in which to ponder habits of prayer, understanding of God and science, and how Christian theology and Muslim theology interacts.

The first quiet day of the year, on Thursday 28th January 2016, will be led by Canon Nigel Rooms, and will explore the way in which Christians might negotiate the mid-life years.

If you would like a copy of the new programme, or to book a day with us, please contact:

Sacrista Prebend
4, Westgate
Southwell
Notts, NG25 0JH
telephone 01636 816833, or
email:sacrista_prebend@
btinternet.com for more
details.

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH 8th CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

5 - 13 December 2015

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, Music

FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE - 13 December, 6pm



Prayerdiary

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In January we pray for. . .

- Fri 01 Jan** **Staunton, St Mary (Liz Murray)**
Aba - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Most Revd Ugochukwu Ezuoke
- Sat 02 Jan** **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; Churchwardens: Val Harrop, George Vere-Laurie, Diana Wardell, Sue Young, Roger Parker, Doreen Blanchard, Celia Perrett)**
Aba Ngwa North - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathan Kanu
- Sun 03 Jan** **Sisters of the Community of the Holy Cross, Costock**
PRAY for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
The Most Revd William Brown Turei Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
- Mon 04 Jan** **Bleasby, St Mary; Bleasby School; Halloughton, St James; Hoveringham, St Michael; Thurgarton, St Peter (Phil White)**
Abakaliki - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Monday Nkwoagu
- Tue 05 Jan** **Markham Clinton, All Saints; Tuxford, St Nicholas; Tuxford School; Weston, All Saints (Gregory Price)**
Aberdeen & Orkney - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Dr Robert Gillies
- Wed 06 Jan** **Walesby, St Edmund (Chris Levy)**
- Thu 07 Jan** **Leisure; Center Parcs (Chris Levy); Notts County Football Club (Liam O'Boyle); Nottingham Forest Football Club (John Parfitt); Mansfield Town Football Club (Ray Shaw)**
The Most Revd Nicholas Okoh Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja
- Fri 08 Jan** **NEWSTEAD DEANERY (Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Liz Marshall)**
Abyei - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Michael Deng
- Sat 09 Jan** **Annesley, All Saints; Newstead Abbey, St Mary; Newstead Village, St Mary the Virgin (Malcolm Lambert)**
Accra - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Dr Daniel Torto

In January we pray for. . .

- Sun 10 Jan** **Our partner Diocese of Natal, Bishop Rubin, the clergy and the people**
 PRAY for The Anglican Church of Australia
 The Most Revd Philip Freier Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia
- Mon 11 Jan** **Brinsley, St James the Great; Underwood, St Michael and All Angels; Underwood Church School (David Stevenson, Anna Alls)**
 Adelaide - (South Australia, Australia) The Most Revd Jeffrey Driver
 Adelaide - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd Christopher McLeod
 Bishop for Mission and Evangelism - (Australia) The Rt Revd Tim Harris
- Tue 12 Jan** **Eastwood, St Mary (David Stevenson, Anna Alls)**
 Afikpo - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Paul Uduogu
- Wed 13 Jan** **Greasley, St Mary (David Marvin)**
 Agra - (North India) The Rt Revd Prem Habil
- Thu 14 Jan** **Diocesan Chief Executive for the Diocese, Nigel Spraggins and the executive staff**
 Aguata - (Niger, Nigeria) The Most Revd Christian Efobi
 Ahoada - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Clement Ekpeye
- Fri 15 Jan** **Hucknall Team Ministry: St Mary Magdelene; St Peter & St Paul; St John the Evangelist; the National Academy (Kathryn Herrod, Jo Stephens, Clare Tyack, Louise Nicolls, James Pacey)**
 Aipo Rongo - (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Dr Nathan Ingen
 Suffragan Bishop of Aipo Rongo - (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Denys Ririka
- Sat 16 Jan** **Huthwaite, All Saints; All Saints Church School (Charlie Maiden)**
 Ajayi Crowther - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Oduntan
- Sun 17 Jan** **All engaged in the Healing Ministry throughout the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham**
 PRAY for The Church of Bangladesh
 The Most Revd Paul Shishir Sarker Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka
- Mon 18 Jan** **Kirkby Woodhouse, St John the Evangelist (Malcolm Lambert)**
 Akoko - (Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Gabriel Akinbiyi
 Akoko Edo - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jolly Oyekpen
- Tue 19 Jan** **Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid (Neil Popham, Kevin Charles)**
 Akot - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Isaac Ater
- Wed 20 Jan** **Linby, St Michael; Papplewick, St James; Linby cum Papplewick Church School (Vacant: Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Liz Marshall, Churchwardens: Keith Tunstall, Jillian Tinker, Eve Griffiths, Gillian Cooke)**
 Akure - (Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Simeon Borokini
- Thu 21 Jan** **Chaplains in Higher Education: Nottingham University, John Bentham, Megan Smith; Nottingham Trent University (Richard Davey, Jenny Paddison); North Notts College (Kate Bottley)**
 Alabama - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Sloan
 Assistant Bishop of Alabama - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Santosh Marray

In January we pray for. . .

- Fri 22 Jan** **Ravenshead, St Peter; Ravenshead Church School (Chris Rattenberry, Lynn Raynor)**
Alaska - (IX, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Lattime
Albany - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Love
- Sat 23 Jan** **Selston, St Helen; Selston Church School; Westwood, St Mary (Fiona Shouler, Mina Munns)**
Algoma - (Ontario, Canada) The Rt Revd Stephen Andrews
- Sun 24 Jan** **Homelessness Sunday – we pray for we pray for the homeless and those living in poverty around us**
Education Sunday – we pray for we pray for all those working and studying in education
PRAY for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
The Most Revd Francisco De Assis Da Silva Primate of Brazil & Bishop of South-Western Brazil
- Mon 25 Jan** **Skegby, St Andrew; St Andrew’s Church School; Stanton Hill, All Saints; Teversal, St Katherine (Richard Kellett, Adrian Dempster, Kate Byrom)**
- Tue 26 Jan** **Sutton-in-Ashfield, St Mary Magdalene; St Mary’s Church School (Vacant: Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Liz Marshall; Clergy: Mary A’Herne.Smith; Churchwardens: John Simpson, Liz Marshall)**
Amazon - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Saulo Mauricio de Barros
- Wed 27 Jan** **Sutton-in-Ashfield, New Cross Community Church (Julie Cotterill)**
The Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabukala Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya
All Saints Cathedral Diocese - Garissa Missionary Area - (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Mutisya
Suffragan Bishop All Saints Cathedral Diocese - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Cleti Ogeto
- Thu 28 Jan** **EAST BINGHAM DEANERY (Area Dean: Graeme Anderson, Lay Chair: Stephen Gelsthorpe)**
Amichi - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ephraim Ikeakor
- Fri 29 Jan** **Bingham, St Mary & All Saints (David Harper)**
The Most Revd Pradeep Samantaroy Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Amritsar
Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands - (North India) The Rt Revd Christopher Paul
- Sat 30 Jan** **Car Colston, St Mary; Screveton, St Wilfrid; Flintham, St Augustine of Canterbury (Oliver Learmont)**
Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (formerly Cariboo) - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) The Rt Revd Barbara Andrews
- Sun 31 Jan** **Diocesan Readers (Jackie Johnson, Ministry Development Adviser; Chris Perrett, Warden; Barbara Coleman, Readers & RLM CME Officer)**
PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi
The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana

World links news - Natal

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Visitors from Kwazul Natal to St Peter's, Ravenshead

Tony Machin, a member of St Peter's Ravenshead and Link representative in Ravenshead writes:

A warm St Peter's welcome awaited Edward and Ingrid Pines from their Link Church of St John the Baptist, Pinetown, who visited the Parish during the Bank Holiday weekend. They arrived late afternoon on the Saturday and were given a whistle stop tour of the village, but their busy schedule began on Sunday morning when Edward, a licenced Lay Preacher, spoke about his path to discipleship. He gave a gripping account of his journey from Kelham Hall, where in the 1960s he had been a Brother in the Society for the Sacred Mission, to his work for the Order in South Africa and Lesotho and his years in the merchant navy. It was a fascinating presentation with some light hearted moments and some about his experiences under apartheid less so, giving as they did a sobering glimpse of life as it was then.

Later that day they attended Evensong at the Minster where the Southwell Singers took the place of the Minster Choir. Edward and Ingrid found it a truly spiritual experience and Edward was particularly taken with the carved wooden statue of Mary and Jesus which had been a feature of Kelham Hall during his



time there. The day was rounded off with a small get together attended among others by Bishop Tony, Reverend Chris Rattenberry and Reverend Zoe Burton.

Following her placement in Pinetown in 2012, when she stayed with Edward and Ingrid, Zoe returned with a group from St Peter's which was part of a larger Diocesan party and was instrumental in establishing the Link. Thus on the Monday they visited Zoe's Parish of Ollerton and her three Churches. After this they went to Kelham Hall which unsurprisingly was high on Edward's "must see" list. They were able to go around most of the magnificent rooms which make up the ground floor. Edward's former bedroom, however, was several floors up and is now an office! One of the highlights was a 1960 BBC film of life in the Society of the Sacred Mission in which many of the faces were familiar to Edward.



Monday morning and the end of their time with us came all too soon. They left us with many fond memories and a realisation of just how important personal relationships are in strengthening links between churches in other countries. Since it was set up in 2013, the friendship between St Peter's and St John's has grown steadily to the point where there is a regular exchange messages, news of what is going on in our respective Parishes and joint worship on the last Sunday in June which has been designated as Link Sunday. St Peter's also supports St John's outreach group, Ukukhuthaza, by sending knitted items. This group provides practical help to those affected by AIDS and the needy in the townships around Pinetown.

**For further details about the Natal link contact:
Barbara Holbrook
email: bholbrook@btinternet.com**

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Growing Disciples - Training for Ministry & Mission - December

1 Youth Ministry Ideas Factory – Gedling

From ice breakers to Bible studies, 101 ideas to help you engage with the young people in your communities and help them to encounter Christ. A training event for anyone who plans and delivers training sessions for young people aged 11+ and for those thinking of trying a new ‘one off’ event for young people. Dave and Angela will come to your deanery to deliver a session and find out what else would be of help to you in your mission and ministry to and with young people.

Led by Angela Brymer & Dave Keetley
7:30-9:30pm

St John the Baptist Church, Carlton
To book contact Ally Horne Tel: 01636 817236 or e-mail: ahorne@southwell.anglican.org

4-6 A Creative Retreat for Advent

During December it can feel like the world is rushing towards Christmas, and we ourselves have so much to do that we reach Christmas exhausted. The Church tradition has used December for a different season: that of Advent, a time of waiting, thinking, preparing and tracing the coming of Jesus through the Old Testament. This creative retreat will draw on these themes

and give you some creative space to explore, wait, rest and prepare. Led by Same Tredwell £135.00
Cliff College, Derbyshire

5 Funeral Course iii - The Funeral Itself

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

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

The Gift of Space and Time

We are used to giving gifts of material value to those we love, but is it possible to give something less tangible, that could be of more lasting worth?

Probably many of us would say that we struggle to find space and time to be with God, so the opportunity to spend a day in prayer and reflection might make a welcome Christmas present.

It is now possible to buy Gift Vouchers to cover the cost of a Quiet Day at Sacrista Prebend Retreat House.

The gift of a Voucher to a friend or relative will allow them to attend a Quiet Day of their choice, and provide them with space and time to rest and pray, read and reflect.

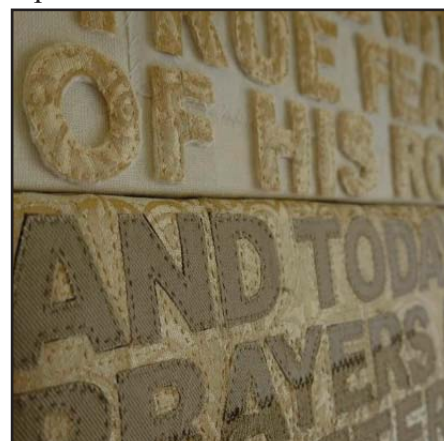
If you would like to find out more about purchasing a Gift Voucher, to provide someone with an opportunity for refreshing the soul, then please contact:

**Andy Gregory or Erika Kirk at Sacrista Prebend Retreat House
4 Westgate Southwell Notts NG25 0JH
Tel: 01636 816833.
Email: sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com**

Sharing ancient truths : contemporary text art exhibition at Minster

An exhibition of contemporary text art by textile artist, Hilary Tinley opened at Southwell Minster in November.

The ‘Response’ exhibition runs until 10th December from 8am-7pm and entrance is free.



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 December

- 4** Messy Minster - 3.30—5.30pm (its ok to arrive late!) Suggested donation £2 per child to cover the costs of crafts, drinks and food
- 4-6** All Hallows, Gedling Christmas Tree Festival. Open: 10am-8pm on Friday and Saturday and 12 noon- 4pm on Sunday. As well as a chance to vote for your favourite tree there will also be entertainment from various choirs and singing groups, a dance display from our local dance school, demonstration of hand bell ringing and solo instrument playing throughout the event and seasonal refreshments will be available. See website for programme details www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk Organised by the Friends of All Hallows Church to raise funds for the continuing refurbishment programme.
- 5** St Martin's Christmas Fair, Christmas fun and crafts, refreshments, cakes, tombola and bric-a-brac. 11-4pm St Martin's Church, Bilborough. www.stmartinshiddentreasures.org.uk
- 5** Mansfield & District Male Voice Choir 'Heralding Christmas' in aid of St Mark's Church St Mark's Church, Mansfield. 7pm. Tickets £6. Booking: St Mark's 01623 661735; Mansfield MVC 01623 455373; Bestwood MVC 07971 441682 www.mansfieldmalevoicechoir.com www.bestwoodmvc.org.uk
- 5** Christmas Fair, 10.30am-1.30pm, All Hallows, Lady Bay in the hall and free Christmas film show in the Church. Pierrepont Road, Lady Bay, West Bridgford, Nottingham. City Transport no.11 bus.
- 5-13** Newark Parish Church 8th 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, music. Festival Songs of Praise - 13 Dec at 6pm
- 8,9** Lowes Wong Christmas Concert Tuesday 8th December at 7pm, Wednesday 9th December at 2pm and 7pm, Southwell Minster.
- 10** Big Sing – Evening (time tbc), Mansfield Samworth Church Academy, Sherwood Hall Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG18 2DY. Primary school choirs and presentations on work of Christian Aid. For more information, please contact the Christian Aid East Midlands office on 01509 265013, Eastmidlands@christian-aid.org
- 10** Happy Birthday Ada Lovelace! A Celebration of the life of the world's first computer programmer. On Ada's 200th Birthday, Heritage guide, David Heathcote, talks of her life and times. St Mary Magdalene Church, Hucknall (Ada's final resting place) NG15 7AS. 2pm and again at 7pm. No admission charge, donations welcome; there will be birthday cake!)
- 10** Ex Cathedra Consort - Gaudete! 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Tickets £30/£20/£10. A £3 transaction fee, plus £1 (optional) postage, will be charged on all bookings except those made in person at the Town Hall and Symphony Hall Box Office. Tickets are also available from the Cathedral Shop: 01636 812933.
- 11** The Royal Engineers Band Concert - 7.30pm, St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church Bulwell. Tickets on sale from October £6. Further details: 0115 9161787.
- 11** Sacrista Book Group To the Lighthouse by Virginia Wolff introduced by Helen Sills from 10am (coffee) with the book group to start at 10.30am

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- 11 Lunchtime at the Cathedral with A Ceremony of Carols by the Girl's Choir. 12.15—1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 11 Lord Lieutenant's Carol Service - 7pm, Southwell Minster.
- 12 Cantamus Girls' Choir Heralding Christmas Concert - a variety of Christmas music performed by Cantamus Girls' Choir & Training Choir. Director Ann Irons. Tickets from the Cathedral Shop 01636 812 933.
- 12 St Peter's Scholars with saraBande: Handel Messiah (I) - St Peter's Church, Nottingham. 11am-12noon, coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. www.nottinghamchurches.org
- 14 Minster School Christmas Concert - 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 16 Emergency Services Carol Service - 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 17 Southwell Minster Mother's Union Service all welcome - 2.15pm, Trebeck Hall, Southwell.
- 19 Nottingham Bach Choir - St Peter's Church, Nottingham. 11am-12noon, coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. www.nottinghamchurches.org
- 19 Carols on Main Street organised by Bulwell Churches Together 10am (near the hot potato van).
- 19, 20 Christmas Tree Festival - St Helena's Church, West Leake, 10am-4pm on both days, with winners being announced in the Carol Service on 20th December at 6pm. East Leake Handbell Ringers will also be playing on Saturday morning between 10 and 12 noon.
- 20 Messiaen La Native Du Seigneur: with Simon Hogan. 6.30pm. Free entry. Tickets from the Cathedral Shop 01636 812 933.
- 20 Cantamus Candlelight Christmas Concert – 8pm, St Mark's Church, Mansfield; £15 Booking: Sue Taylor susietaylor13@hotmail.com 07519 326180 www.cantamus.com
- 20 Joint Carol Service (St John the Baptist Church, Beeston), 6.30pm, Chilwell Road Methodist Church.
- 24 Nativity and Christingle - children welcome, 4.30pm; 11.15pm Midnight Mass, St John the Baptist Church Beeston
- 25 Parish Family Celebration, 10am, St John the Baptist Church, Beeston. All Welcome.

Christmas Services at Southwell Minster

5pm, Christingle Service
A family service in support of The Children's Society

Friday 11th December
12.15pm A Ceremony of Carols – Benjamin Britten (free entry)
The Minster Girls' Choir and harpist Roisin Hickey

Saturday 19 December
7.30pm, Carols for Everyone Concert (tickets required)

Monday 21 December
7pm, Cathedral Carol Service I

Thursday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE
11am AND 2pm, Crib Services
Young children are welcome to dress in Nativity costumes
3.30pm, Festal Evensong
7pm, Cathedral Carol Service II
11.15pm, Eucharist of Christmas Night

Friday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY
8am, Holy Communion with Carols
9.30am, Family Eucharist
11.15am, Festal Mattins
12.30pm, Said Holy Communion
3.30pm, Evening Prayer with Carols

Please note the EARLY deadline for the January 2016 issue of Nifty Notes is: 9th DECEMBER 2015

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

The Revd Matthew Haigh Roberts at present Curate at St Mark's, Haydock in the Diocese of Liverpool to be Vicar of St Mark's, Woodthorpe in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. This is subject to the completion of legalities and enhanced DBS clearance. Licensing date: 7.30pm on 18 January 2016 at St Mark's, Woodthorpe. To be licensed by the Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham.

The Revd Gillian Page has been issued with Permission to Officiate with effect from 23 November 2015 within the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. This is subject to the completion of legalities.

Farewell Service as Diocesan President of Mothers' Union steps down

Diocesan Mothers' Union President, Lucille Porter, stepped down from her role after six years, at a special Farewell Service in the Minster on 31st October.

She handed over the baton to Pat Brewin, a Mothers' Union member for 30 years. Prior to being commissioned as the new President, Pat was branch leader, Deanery Leader, and a Diocesan M.U. Speaker. She lives at Mansfield Woodhouse with her Scottish Terrier 'Ezzie.'

Lucille, who is the wife of the Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Tony Porter, said:

"It has been a privilege to serve as Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan President of Mothers' Union these last six years. I have continued to develop the Parenting Programme with seven more facilitators having been trained. Parenting groups have been run in Primary schools and church halls. Our Contact Centre in Retford continues to try to meet an ever growing need for non-resident parents to spend time with their children. Most recently we have launched 'Loving for Life', a project to

support clergy and laity in delivering marriage preparation.

"However, the highlight was the opportunity to host the General Meeting in Nottingham for the first time ever. Almost 2,000 members assembled from UK, Ireland and beyond for a lively meeting in the Royal Concert Hall preceded by a Civic Reception and Services of worship in St Mary's in the Lace Market and Southwell Minster. "I am delighted that Pat Brewin has agreed to take on the Presidency and will give her my whole-hearted support."



Pat Brewin



Photo shows L-R : Lucille Porter; the Revd Andy Morris; Lord Mayor, Councillor Jackie Morris; Sherriff of Nottingham, Councillor Mohammed Saghir; Lynne Tenby, World Wide President of Mothers' Union; and Barbara Taylor, Provincial President – at the Civic Reception of the General Meeting in the Council House earlier this year.

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THE DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC) Annual Letter

To all Incumbents/Priests-in-Charge/Churchwardens/PCC Secretaries/Fabric Officers

DAC MEETINGS & DEADLINES IN 2016

Meeting for	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Deadline for applications	23 Dec	25 Jan	29 Feb	29 Mar	3 May	31 May	4 July	No	30 Aug	26 Sep	31 Oct	28 Nov
DAC MEETING DATE	11 Jan	8 Feb	14 Mar	11 Apr	16 May	13 June	18 July	Meeting	12 Sept	10 Oct	14 Nov	12 Dec

Faculty Jurisdiction Revision

NEW FACULTY JURISDICTION RULES - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Background

On 1st January 2016 the new simplified Faculty Jurisdiction Rules come into force. This means:

- There is a new national 'A List' of works which can be carried out on your church without a Faculty. This replaces all Diocesan De Minimis and Minor Works lists. The A List can be found in Schedule I, Table 1 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 (starting at page 56):

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/1568/pdfs/ukxi_20151568_en.pdf

- There is a new national 'B List' of works which can be carried out once the written permission of the Archdeacon has been obtained. Most of these will be repairs and routine maintenance or small works identified in the QI report. The Archdeacon must consult the DAC (usually via the Secretary) for informed informal advice, but this should be a speedy and simple process enabling parishes to get on with the work without delay. The Archdeacon may set conditions on the way the works are carried out. The B List can be found in Schedule I, Table 2 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 (starting at page 59)

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/1568/pdfs/ukxi_20151568_en.pdf

PCC's are advised to ensure that it has a procedure in place to approve the correct use of either the A or B lists for all works, especially those where there are "*specified conditions*"

- All other works will still require a Faculty, although the process has been simplified in a number of respects. If unsure at all, please contact me and I will advise you about the best way forward.

The Southwell & Nottingham DAC have now signed up to be part of the new national Online Faculty System (OFS). This portal will enable parishes to apply for faculties online. Both Leicester and Truro diocese have been trialling the new system in 2015 and now several others including our diocese are getting ready to do likewise. It is hoped that we may be in a position to start with this very soon. As soon as this is the case, communication will go out on the diocesan website and in the clergy mailing. I shall attach further details for your information.

On behalf of the DAC, may I thank you for all the hard work and dedication you give in looking after, preserving and maintaining our fabulous church buildings right across the diocese.

God bless and very best wishes for 2016.

Living Worship Growing Disciples Seeking Justice

Introduction to the Online Faculty System (OFS)

General

- ❖ The OFS a web-based system designed to provide an electronic means for making and tracking applications right through from seeking initial advice from the DAC to receiving the Faculty from the Chancellor
- ❖ The OFS can be found at <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/home>.
- ❖ Each PCC will need to register **a maximum of two** users (see enclosed Guidance Note on how to do this): -
 - All requests to register will need to be approved by the DAC Secretary to ensure that only those who have a right to use the System can do so

Please make sure that the list of PCC Officers the Diocese holds is up-to-date as:-

- ❖ The first place I shall look before verifying new users is the Diocesan Database
- ❖ Anyone who is not listed as a PCC Officer will be contacted to verify their status with the PCC
- ❖ Once users have had their registration approved, they will be able to apply to the DAC through the OFS and receive updates as the application progresses through the process
 - ❖ Applications on the OFS are logged by church and not by applicant. Consequently, the dashboard will show all the applications made against the church regardless of who logged them.
 - ❖ If you see an application that you do not recognise, it may be that a local authority with responsibility for maintaining a closed churchyard has also made an application. Equally, if you are a local authority applicant, you will see applications that the PCC has made.
 - ❖ Therefore, **please do not abandon cases** that you don't recognise without checking with your DAC Secretary first.
- ❖ Whilst I would encourage PCCs to register to use the OFS, if nobody is available with a computer or willing to register, applications in paper format to the DAC Secretary will still be accepted. I will then put the applications onto the OFS myself.
- ❖ The OFS can **only** be used **for applications that** are for works that **will require a Faculty**
- ❖ Once the new Minor Works part of the system is active (see below), the OFS has been designed in such a way that it will act as an electronic Log Book. To make maximum use of this facility, the Archdeacons and I would encourage PCCs to record **everything** through the System whether it needs permission or not so that there is a comprehensive log of works done to the church and/or churchyard. The added benefit of this will be that if, for example, the same work, such as rodding the drains, is recorded several times in the same year it will flag to you and to me as DAC Secretary that there is probably a deeper problem here that needs investigating.

Minor Works

- ❖ Initially the application process for applying for the authorisation of **Minor Works** remains unchanged

➤ Minor Works will be added to the OFS in 2016

- ❖ The new national Minor Works List for which applications can be processed through the OFS

- ❖ All existing Advice Application forms are now redundant – please destroy any electronic or hard copies that you may have as the old versions will no longer be accepted.

Seeking advice from the DAC

- ❖ If you want to apply for **advice from the DAC only** and are not ready to submit proposals for a Notification of Advice, please only complete: -

- As much of pages 1 – 3 as possible of the enclosed Faculty Petition form or the electronic version on the OFS

N.B. it does not matter if your proposals are not fully identified as the Faculty Petition form as this can be amended until the point at which the DAC's Notification of Advice is issued.

Previous Cases submitted to the DAC

- ❖ Please **do not** add cases that have already been discussed with the DAC to the OFS. You should only use the OFS to make **new applications**.
- ❖ Initially I shall be adding the on-going open applications to the OFS.
- ❖ It is hoped that those cases which have gone right through the system and received a Faculty from the Chancellor will be added once the mechanism to do so has been developed so that the Log Book function of the OFS will be comprehensive.

Quinquennial Inspections

- ❖ Developments are already in progress to allow the OFS to hold copies of the Quinquennial Inspection Reports.

Church Heritage Record

- ❖ The OFS has been partly funded by English Heritage and so part of the OFS is a new Church Heritage Record that draws on all the data from English Heritage about Listing Grades, Listing Descriptions, Conservations Areas and other aspects of the church history.
- ❖ The Church Heritage Record will be the only part of the OFS that is open to the public.