

Clergy Mailing - January 2016

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Prayer changes everything!

'I will not stop praying for you' was all he said while handing me a carefully wrapped gift containing two Christian books. It was just over thirty years ago that the quietest and most unassuming member of the church choir, a bass in his late-60's, caught me as I was leaving.

One of those books contained a note explaining that he had been moved to begin praying for me soon after I joined the choir aged 8. Later on I discovered he was not the only person who had been praying for me during my youth.

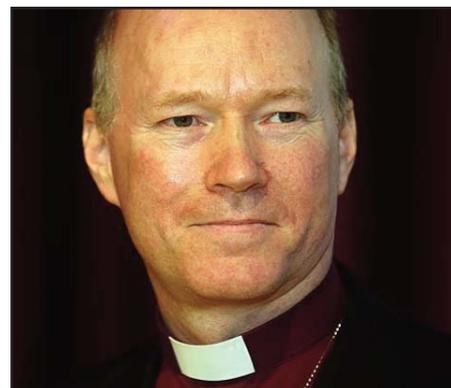
Of course I can't know how those prayers were used by God to draw me to a deeper faith in Christ and keep me on track through my teenage years, but I have learned on countless occasions since then that prayer changes things...it changes everything, starting with the one who is praying!

Over the past few months I have

spoken about my resolve to work creatively with all the churches of the diocese in growing new disciples 'wider, younger and deeper'. It will be important to establish a purposeful strategy for growth, so we can take every opportunity to share 'the reason for the hope we have in Christ' (1 Peter 3:15). Yet having a plan and sufficient human resources is not enough.

We need God to pour out his grace and power among us in fresh ways. Through prayer we access all the spiritual riches of wisdom, creativity, courage and compassion that God freely gives to those who seek him. Without this no church can fulfil its God-given potential.

What can we do to play our part in growing new disciples in every community across the diocese? We will all have different gifts and ideas yet the most significant contribution we can make is through prayer. This is



something all of us can do, starting with those around us in daily life.

Please consider making a personal resolution to pray for 7 people throughout 2016. Pray each week that those 7 will come to know the extent of God's love

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Computer wizard Ada Lovelace reunited with her father, Lord Byron!

A touching little meeting took place at Hucknall tram station last month – by coincidence maybe, but with a little bit of help from NET Operations.

Old timer tram 205, named Lord Byron, drew up and parked alongside his ‘daughter,’ Ada Lovelace, new tram 233.

“It was a momentous encounter”, said David Heathcote of Hucknall Tourism and Regeneration Group. “NET honoured the famous poet, Lord Byron, some time back by naming a tram after him, but only recently has his daughter, who many believe was the first computer programmer, been similarly recognised.

“We asked NET if they could schedule the two trams to Hucknall at the same time. We had a great response from Jamie Swift and his colleagues at Tramline Nottingham. Getting two trams side by side is no easy task, especially in the busy lead-up to Christmas, but they did it!

“It comes at a particularly significant time,” added 66-year old retired National School deputy head, David. “Thursday 10th December, marked the 200th birthday of Ada Lovelace. I gave a talk in St Mary Magdalene Church, Hucknall, just metres from where the remains of Ada Lovelace and her father, Lord Byron, are interred. I’ve spent months researching Ada’s life and I explained Ada’s role in the development of computers. She’s one of Hucknall’s heroes.

“If only the Victorians had listened to her, we could have had the computer revolution 75 years earlier than we did! But she was a woman, living in an age when the role of women was just to marry, look after their husbands and have their children. So her brilliant ideas were simply ignored.

“It was our loss, but in the 1970s the US Department of Defense named a new computer programming language Ada in recognition of her pioneering work.”



Father and daughter trams with David Heathcote, by Ghislaine Heathcote

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for them and be drawn to living faith in Jesus. Try to include at least two young people among your 7. Then during the year look for an opportunity to reach out to them. This may be through a simple act of kindness, or letting them know you are praying for them.

You could invite them to a special service or meeting where they can explore the Christian faith or encounter worship for themselves. Like my friend John, why not give them a gift that shares our faith. One to look out for this year is written by Mark Greene to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday exploring the way her faith has been central in a life of service to the nation.

If every regular member of our churches in this diocese were to pray for 7 then between us we would be praying for over 100,000 people in 2016!

Whatever difference it makes in God’s good purposes, we will be changed in the way we look at those around us and in seeing God’s hand at work in truly remarkable ways.

May God bless you in the year ahead.

Bishop Paul

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£25m roof and gutters fund inviting bids for grants

Applications are being invited in the second round of the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, which will be open up to Friday, 26 February, 2016.



Applications for grants between £10,000 and £100,000 will be accepted from listed places of worship where roof and rainwater goods repairs are deemed to be urgent. Works must have been identified by a professional architect or surveyor as necessary within two years.

Unsuccessful applicants under the initial scheme and new applicants will be able to apply, provided that they meet the current criteria.

The Fund is being administered by a dedicated team appointed by the National Heritage Memorial Fund. Contact details for the team and the full guidance documents are available on the website: www.lpowroof.org.uk

ChurchCare will also be providing support and guidance to dioceses and to parishes interested in applying. More information is available on their website: www.churchcare.co.uk.

The Rt Hon Canon Sir Tony Baldry, Chair of the Church Buildings Council, said: “I encourage all parishes that are eligible to submit an application. The process of applying has been kept simple and, for those that are successful, the benefits of making the church building watertight are immeasurable.

“This is not only about securing our historic buildings against damage, but about allowing worship to continue and about enabling parishes to think about the potential for extending use of their buildings to the wider community.”

Earlier this year, nearly 400 Church of England parishes were offered grants in the first round of awards from the fund. These grants came out of a total funding package of £30 million, distributed between 502 listed places of worship.

Area Dean to be new Archdeacon of Chelmsford



The Revd Elizabeth Snowden, Vicar of Bestwood Emmanuel with St Mark and Area Dean of Nottingham North, is to become the Archdeacon of Chelmsford.

Elizabeth will conduct her final service in Southwell & Nottingham in February 2016. She will be licensed as Archdeacon on Sunday 13th March in Chelmsford Cathedral.

“I am looking forward to my new role but I will miss the people of Bestwood,” she said. “I have got to know so many of them and it has been my privilege to work with them and to walk with them, sometimes during very difficult times in their lives.”

“I was drawn to the new role because it is so mission-based but I will miss having my own congregation very much.”

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Quiet days at Sacrista Prebend

Negotiating the Mid-life Transition as a Christian: Thursday 28th January 2016

Between the ages of around 35 and 55, human beings move to having less time left of their lives than they have already lived. For some this creates a 'crisis', but a more positive term is transition. Christians are not exempt from this movement! Facing up to mortality, one's shadow, and the opportunity to discover the 'true self' in God (Thomas Merton) will be some of the themes of this reflective day. There will be a small amount of preparation for participants before the day, to make the most of the time.

The day will be led by the Revd Canon Dr Nigel Rooms, who is Director of Ministry and Mission in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, and a spiritual writer, and who is actively seeking his 'true self'.

The Desert Way: a Preparation for Lent: Saturday 6th February 2016

There is a desert spirituality that lies at the heart of the Scriptures, of the story of the Church, and of the lives of countless Christian men and women. This Quiet Day on the last Saturday before the beginning of Lent will follow a traditional pattern with addresses, silence and prayer, exploring what 'the desert way' might mean in our discipleships.

This day will be led by the Very Revd Dr John Moses, formerly Dean of St. Paul's, who lives in Southwell in retirement. He is the author of a book for personal use day by day in lent entitled The Desert: An Anthology for Lent.

Both of these days will take place from 10am- 4pm at Sacrista Prebend, 4, Westgate, Southwell Notts.

To book a place, please contact the house, on 01636 816833.



Caring for Carers

How can the church offer better support to the countless carers in our parishes?

- Signposting to the opportunities in our local area, for example using the Carers information pack from Nottinghamshire County Council, or by suggesting a local Carers Support Group.
- Setting up a Carers Support Group if there is nothing similar nearby.
- Offering practical and sensitive support to carers in the congregation, maybe by offering to sit with their loved one while they go to church, shopping or visit a friend.
- Share examples of good practice already happening

If you would be interested in how the diocese can help parishes better support carers please come to an exploration evening at Jubilee House, Southwell on **January 28th at 7.30pm.**

Please let Catriona Gundlach know if you hope to attend.
01636 817232,
catriona@southwell.anglican.org

Prayerdiary

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In February we pray for. . .

- Mon 01 Feb** **Cotgrave, All Saints; Cotgrave Church School; Owthorpe, St Margaret; (Paul Massey)**
 Angola (Missionary Diocese) - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Andre Soares
- Tue 02 Feb** **East Bridgford, St Peter; Kneeton, St Helen; St Peter's Primary School (Oliver Learmont)**
 Ankole - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Sheldon Mwesigwa
- Wed 03 Feb** **Broughton Sulney, St Luke; Hickling, St Luke; Kinoulton, St Luke; (Paul Massey, Maggie Woodward)**
 Antananarivo - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Samoela Ranarivelo
 Antananarivo - Tulear - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Todd McGregor
- Thu 04 Feb** **Regional Chaplain for South & East Region RAF, ATC Wing Chaplain (Peter Hooper)**
 Antsiranana - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Theophile Botomazava
- Fri 05 Feb** **Bunny, St Mary the Virgin; Keyworth, St Mary Magdalene; Stanton-on-the- Wolds, All Saints; Bunny Primary School (Jim Wellington)**
 The Most Revd William Brown Turei Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
 Aotearoa - Central North Island - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Ngarahu Katene
 Aotearoa - Northern Region - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Te Kitohi Wiremu Pikaahu
 Aotearoa - South Island - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) Vacant
 Aotearoa - Wellington/Taranaki - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Muru Walters

In February we pray for. . .

- Sat 06 Feb** **Plumtree, St Mary (Trevor Kirkman)**
Argentina - (South America) The Rt Revd Gregory James Venables
- Sun 07 Feb** **Poverty Action Sunday – we pray for the poor and those living in poverty**
PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
- Mon 08 Feb** **Radcliffe-on-Trent, St Mary; Shelford, St Peter & St Paul (Graeme Anderson)**
Argyll & The Isles - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson
- Tue 09 Feb** **Tollerton, St Peter (Vacant: Area Dean: Graeme Anderson, Lay Chair: Stephen Gelsthorpe; Churchwarden: Ruth Hartley, Norma Smith)**
Arizona - (IX, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Kirk Smith
- Wed 10 Feb** **ASH WEDNESDAY – pray for all healing and wholeness**
Arkansas - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Larry Benfield
- Thu 11 Feb** **Department for Development for the Diocese, Directory of Ministry & Mission, Nigel Rooms and Director of Partnerships & Mission, David McCoulough and their colleagues**
Armidale - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Richard Lewers
- Fri 12 Feb** **The Cranmer Group, Cranmer Primary School (Bryony Wood)**
Arochukwu/Ohafia - (Aba, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Johnson Onuoha
Asaba - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Justus Mogeke
- Sat 13 Feb** **Widmerpool, St Peter; Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, St Mary & All Saints; Wysall, Holy Trinity (Stephen Hippisley-Cox)**
Aru - (Congo) The Rt Revd Dr Georges Titre Ande
- Sun 14 Feb** **The Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Peace and the High Sheriff, Jaswant Bilkhu**
PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia
- Mon 15 Feb** **The Wiverton Group (Bronwen Gamble)**
Asante-Mampong - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Cyril Ben-Smith
- Tue 16 Feb** **GEDLING DEANERY (Area Dean: Phil Williams, Lay Chair: Richard Turner)**
Athabasca - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Fraser Lawton
- Wed 17 Feb** **Arnold, St Mary (Vacant: Area Dean: Phil Williams, Lay Chair: Richard Turner; Clergy: Susan Bloomfield, Sam Hustwayte; Churchwardens: David Rodgers, Ann Hill)**
Atlanta - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert C Wright
- Thu 18 Feb** **Bishop's Advisers in Pastoral Care and Counselling (Ian Lambert, Amanda Thomas)**
Attooch - (Upper Nile, Sudan) The Rt Revd Moses Anur Ayom

In February we pray for. . .

- Fri 19 Feb** **Bulcote, Holy Trinity; Burton Joyce, St Helen; Stoke Bardolph, St Luke (Vacant: Area Dean: Phil Williams; Lay Chair: Richard Turner; Churchwardens: Steve Stephenson, Kathy Dixon, Susan Rennie, Helen Geeson)**
Auckland - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Ross Bay
- Sat 20 Feb** **Calverton, St Wilfrid; St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School (Pat Hemstock)**
Aweil - (Bahr El Ghazal, Sudan) The Rt Revd Abraham Yel Nhial
Aweil - Abyei Area - (Bahr El Ghazal, Sudan) The Rt Revd Michael Deng
- Sun 21 Feb** **Diocesan Synod (Michael Wilson: Chair of the House of Laity and Phil Williams: Chair of the House of Clergy)**
PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America The Most Revd Sturdie Downs Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua
- Mon 22 Feb** **Carlton, St John the Baptist (Amanda Digman)**
- Tue 23 Feb** **Carlton-in-the-Willows, St Paul (Brian Hall, Wendy Murphy)**
Awgu / Aninri - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmaunuel Ugwu
- Wed 24 Feb** **Colwick, St John the Baptist; Colwick St John Primary School (Amanda Digman)**
Awka - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Alexander Ibezim
- Thu 25 Feb** **Daybrook, St Paul; Arnold Seely Primary School (Sally Baylis)**
Awori - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd J Akin Atere
- Fri 26 Feb** **Epperstone, Holy Cross; Gonalston, St Laurence; Oxtou, St Peter & St Paul; Woodborough, St Swithun; Woodborough Woods Primary School; (Anthony Giles, Cora Yarrien)**
Badagry - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Adeyemi
- Sat 27 Feb** **Gedling, All Hallows; Gedling, All Hallows Primary School (Michael Taylor, Jean Lamb)**
Ballarat - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Garry Weatherill
- Sun 28 Feb** **Southwell Cursillo (Tony Tucker)**
PRAY for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Revd Kahwa Henri Isingoma Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa
- Mon 29 Feb** **Lambley, Holy Trinity (Michael Taylor)**
Bangor - (Wales) The Rt Revd Andrew John

World links news - Burundi

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Gedling Deanery Scholarship

The Revd Canon Phil Williams – Area Dean of Gedling writes:

It was my privilege in 2012 to accompany a diocesan team led by Bishop Paul Butler who visited all six dioceses of the Anglican Province of Burundi. At the end of two weeks we sat with the bishops and shared what we had seen. They expressed their desire for a partnership between deaneries in Southwell & Nottingham and dioceses in Burundi.

My favourite place was Matana diocese where the Archbishop of the Province, the Most Revd. Bernard Ntahoturi is also the Bishop of Matana. As Area Dean it made sense to see if Gedling deanery could link with of Matana diocese.

When the Archbishop visited the UK in November 2013 he met representatives from the churches, civic leaders and Church school head teachers. A year later I took a team to Matana from Gedling that included the Chief Executive of the Borough, a doctor, police cadet, magistrate, teacher, university student and David Hilborn, Principal of St. John's College.

We visited factories, council offices, hospitals, schools, Mother's Union initiatives and tourist sites as well as church congregations. We asked: "What

can we learn about our own community of Gedling Borough, in the light of the our experience across Matana diocese?"

There were common themes across the two very different communities including how to invest in people, especially young adults. As a deanery we decided to do two things:

The first was to support the Matana Bible School where ordination training is in the local language. We raised £800 and this was used to provide 30 mattresses for the students.

The second was to create the Gedling Deanery Scholarship for a student from Matana to go to the new Bujumbura Christian University. The 19 PCCs agreed to each pay £42 per year for the next three years (2015-2018). The recipient of our first scholarship is Yves Nzungera.

So is a deanery scholarship something that your deanery could unite to achieve as you invest in the Burundian leaders of the future?

An update on BCU by Donald Werner, from Hucknall, who is the



Students at the new university.

Vice Principal of BCU:

"It has been difficult for the students but they have been excellent and attendance has been 100% - except when a member of their family has been shot dead. Each morning in the area in which most of them live there are corpses in the street.

We have 16 students attending. They are working hard - one achieved a record 83% at the National State Diploma. Equally remarkable are those who have only just made the grade for university entrance - orphans who went to 'school' in their local displacement camps. To help the latter group I have persuaded individuals in the UK to sponsor them, and £580 was given by St John's Nottingham has been a real help."

For further details about the link contact: Lucy Cleland, email: chaplain@southwell.anglican.org

Training. . . Training. . .

Growing Disciples

Training for Ministry & Mission

January 2016

25 Making Sense of Science and Religion

Aimed at anyone, clergy or lay, who is interested in understanding the subject better.
Led by John Allister
7.30-9.30pm
St Jude's Church, Mapperley

26 Children and Communion – how to do it, and how to make it better!

Led by Nick Harding
7.30-9.15pm
Jubilee House Southwell

28 Negotiating the Mid-life Transition as a Christian

Led by Nigel Rooms
10am-4pm £20 (BYOL)
Sacrista Prebend, Southwell
To book contact Sacrista Prebend directly on 01636 816833 or e-mail sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com

28 Children and Communion – how to do it, and how to make it better!

Led by Nick Harding
7.30-9.15pm
Christ Church, Worksop

30th & 6th Feb BITE SIZE - Worship Course

Led by the Diocesan Liturgical Group (BYOL)
9.30 for 10am-3.30pm
St Saviour's Church Hall, Retford

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

Winter shelter's plea for volunteers

Mansfield Winter Shelter opened its doors last month, providing hot meals, a bed, and breakfast for those referred by homelessness services in the area.

It will be running on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights until Sunday 28th February. The shelter needs volunteers, people willing to help in the evenings (7 to 9.30/10pm) or mornings (7-9am), or sleep in the building overnight (alongside a night worker). Training would be provided.



For more information contact Hannah Buck and the winter shelter team on email:
hannah.buck@transformingnottstogether.org.uk

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 January

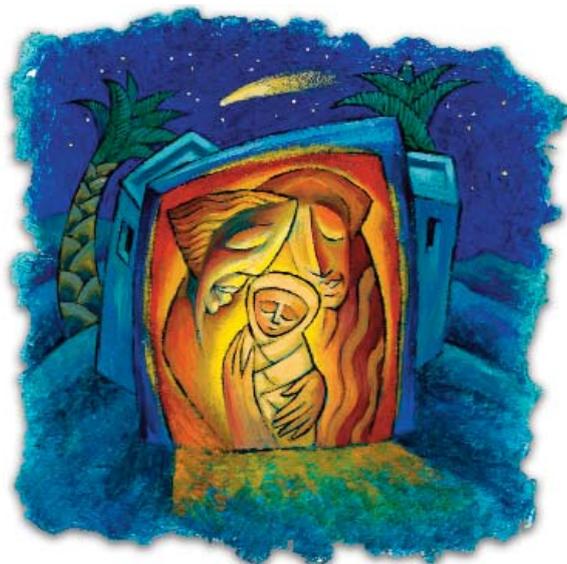
6	Epiphany Eucharist sung by the Minster Chorale, 8pm, Southwell Minster.
8	Messy Minster, 3.30-5.30pm Southwell Minster. Suggested £2 per child to cover the costs of crafts, drinks and food.
8	Lunchtime at the Cathedral 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
8-5 Feb	The Art of Mary, art exhibition. Launch party Friday 8th January at 7pm. In various locations in Southwell Minster.
10	An Art of Mary event - 'Why Mary Matters' lecture by the Revd Prof Alison Milbank, in the State Chamber of the Archbishop's Palace. 4.45pm.
17	Mothers Union Meeting Commissioning of new Mothers Union Diocesan President at Evensong, 3.30pm, Southwell Minster.
17	Taize Service 5.30pm in the Quire of Southwell Minster.
21	More Spacious than the Heavens A painting performance/meditation by artist Rebecca Hind (an art of Mary event). 12.30-12.55pm in the Quire of Southwell Minster.
21	Mothers Union New Year's Lunch, 12.30pm venue to be decided.
22	Lunchtime at the Cathedral Paul Hale—Organ. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
24	The Song of Mary—an evening of music and words about Mary with the Girl's Choir of Southwell Minster, (an art of Mary event) Free admission. 5.30-6.30pm, Southwell Minster.
28	Sacrista Quiet Day 'Negotiating the mid-life transition as a Christian' – the Revd Dr Canon Nigel Rooms. 10am-4pm, Sacrista Prebend Retreat House.
30	Guild of Stewards AGM, 2pm in the State Chamber, Archbishop's Palace.
30	Lecture by Bishop Christopher Herbert (linking to the theme of the art of Mary) 6.45pm in the State Chamber, Archbishop's Place, admission free.
31	Patronal Festival Eucharist with Bishop Christopher Herbert to preach. 10.20am, Southwell Minster.

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6	St Mary the Virgin, Plumtree, at 7.30 pm. Music by Candlelight, sung by Schola Cantorum. Organist John Keys, directed by Neil Page. Retiring Collection and Refreshments.
6	Sacrista Quiet Day 'The Desert Way: a Preparation for Lent' – the Very Revd Dr John Moses. 10am-4pm, Sacrista Prebend Retreat House.
13, 14	All Saints Church, Babworth. Annual Snowdrop Weekend. Visit the welcoming 'Church in the Woodland' and walk the trail through the abundance of snowdrops. Discover the historical connection with the Pilgrim Fathers. Refreshments, fresh and home made produce for sale. Disabled facilities, car park and toilet. Saturday 10am – 4pm: Sunday 12noon – 4pm after Holy Communion service at 11am.

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THE ART OF MARY



22 ARTISTS CONSIDER MARY

Exhibition dates: 8th January - 5th February 2016

Opening 7pm Friday 8th January

Free entry (exhibition guide available)

SOUTHWELL MINSTER

Old vestments can have new life and purpose

Bassetlaw Christian heritage and the Pilgrims & Prophets group are developing a service to schools based around the story of the Mayflower Pilgrims and the development of religious tolerance. This links neatly into the current priority of 'British Values' especially as the very idea of tolerance for all faiths was

developed by three men from the East Midlands - John Smyth, Thomas Helwys and John Murton. One part of this work which children love is the comparison between the puritan and non-puritan styles of church service around 1600 - but to do this properly a good supply of clerical vestments are needed. If you have any old cassocks, and

especially any of the finer and more colourful vestments, please contact Adrian Gray (Adriangray@pilgrimsandprophets.co.uk or 07470 366689). The group have trialled their teaching materials with primary age pupils and are happy to discuss what they can do for schools from January 2016.

Please note the deadline for the February 2016 issue of Nifty Notes is: 12th JANUARY 2015

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

The Revd Carol Dunk, SSM Associate Priest in the parish of Ollerton with Boughton in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to become the Stipendiary Associate Minister of Fleet, Hampshire in the Diocese of Guildford. The family will be moving in February half term, with the licensing date to be announced at a later date. This is subject to DBS and a medical.

The Revd Brian Hall, Rector of St Paul, Carlton-in-the-Willows in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to become Vicar in the parish of St Andrew, Gorleston in the Diocese of Norwich. Licensing is to take place on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at Gorleston.

The Reverend Elizabeth Snowden, Vicar of Bestwood Emmanuel with St Mark & Area Dean of Nottingham North, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Archdeacon of Chelmsford. Licensing to take place on Sunday 13th March 3.30pm in Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Revd Carol Anne Tainton, Vicar of Lowdham with Caythorpe and Gunthorpe in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to retire with effect from 24 July 2016.

The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Roger Harper, Vicar of Burton Joyce with Bulcote and Stoke Bardolph, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham has resigned with effect from 21 December 2015. Canon Harper's last Sunday will be 6 December 2015.

Resources for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

ChurchCare is offering resources to help churches plan celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday in June next year. It offers tips on themed celebrations, a checklist on how to involve community partners as well as publicity opportunities.

Official celebrations will take place in London between the 10th and 12th June including a thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral, a Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade and a street party in The Mall.

For more information visit the ChurchCare website which will provide a virtual map of events and offer tips on themed celebrations, a helpful checklist on how to involve community partners as well as publicity opportunities.

More information is available here:

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/campaigns/news/943-queen-s-90th-birthday>



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The Rt Revd Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, said: "I am delighted that the Diocese of Chelmsford will soon be benefiting from the calm wisdom, spiritual depth and vision for growth that has characterised Elizabeth's ministry."

"We shall be very sorry indeed to say farewell to such a valuable member of our diocesan leadership, but once again we are thrilled to be supporting the growth of the church in other parts of the country. We wish Elizabeth and Geoffrey every blessing in this new venture."

On behalf of the Spirituality
Group

Finding Direction through Prayer

Listening to God
Listening to others
Listening to ourselves

A very practical course for anyone who wants to
deepen their prayer and faith journey.

Led by Canon Sylvia Griffiths, Jean Sims and
Revd Hazel Robinson

Now at
Sacrista Prebend, Southwell

Mondays 10am – 12:30pm
February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
March 7th & 14th 2016

Cost: £45



- Would you like to deepen your relationship with God through prayer?
- Do you want to grow in your ability to hear God in your own faith journey?
- Would you like to explore new ways of praying?
- Would you like to learn to listen attentively to the faith journey of others?

Then 'Finding Direction through Prayer' is for you!

This 6 session course is a well-established Diocesan resource to encourage listening skills in prayer – to listen to God, to listen to ourselves and to listen to others.

It is an experiential course, rather than an academic one and will draw on the varied and individual experience in prayer of the participants, as well as times of input and guidelines from the tutors.

It is open to anyone who would like to come..... (but may also be useful for anyone wanting, at some time in the future, to consider the Diocesan course on Spiritual Direction.)

The 6 sessions are from 10.00 – 12:30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

The leaders – Sylvia Griffiths, Jean Sims and Hazel Robinson have considerable experience in the field of Spirituality and Spiritual Direction.

The cost of the complete course is £45 – payable at the first meeting. Clergy can claim this back through CME.

Numbers are limited and so please return your booking form ASAP but definitely before January 16th.

Your place will be confirmed.

Finding Direction through Prayer

Booking Form

Please reserve a place for me on the above course.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Any Special needs: _____

Cost: £45, (payable on the first day)

Please return completed forms by January 16th 2016 to:

Canon Sylvia Griffiths
St Martin's Vicarage
12 Trevoise Gardens
Sherwood
NOTTINGHAM
NG5 3FU