

Clergy Mailing - February 2017

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news & information from the Diocese

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Lent Appeal supports Community Hospitality Projects Fund

The Bishop's Lent and Confirmation Appeal for 2017 will see a fund established to support community hospitality projects. The Community Hospitality Projects Fund will provide small grants to churches developing mission opportunities based on 'social eating'. At a time of increasing pressure on some local services due to financial cutbacks this is a vital opportunity for churches to bring people together to build community, expressing our faith in practical care and neighbourliness.

The spirit of social eating is nurturing relationships as well as the act of eating. This is a powerful way to respond locally to the divisions and fears that continue to be accentuated in our wider society and world. There are many ways in which churches around the diocese are already engaging in social eating initiatives. Through 2017 the Fund will seek to provide support in helping to expand the number of these projects. These could

include a community café or 'superkitchen'. It might be through deepening relationships



at a lunch club for older people, or by providing healthy packed lunches for children and young families in the school holidays as highlighted in the stories overleaf. The Fund can also help pay for items such as a new fridge or freezer, new crockery, food ingredients for meals or running cookery courses. "As we seek to grow as followers of Jesus Christ and to share our

faith, social eating projects give us fantastic opportunities to put our discipleship into practice", said Bishop Paul.

"Church community hospitality projects can connect with those who are lonely or socially isolated, as well as building community cohesion with people who simply value getting to know others in their neighbourhood.

They may also provide a vital point of support to those families with children for whom relative

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New appointment of Director for Discipleship and Ministry

Canon Richard Kellett has been appointed Southwell & Nottingham's first Director of Discipleship and Ministry.

Richard, currently the Vicar of Skegby and Teversal, will play an important role in the development of the diocesan vision for Growing Disciples wider younger deeper.

In leading a newly focused Department of Discipleship and Ministry, he will be responsible for developing vocations, training, and resourcing of ministers and lay people in Growing Disciples.

Bishop Paul Williams said: "I am delighted that we have been able to appoint Richard to this strategic role at this time in the life of the diocese.

"Richard will bring significant experience in parish ministry as well as energy and expertise to his leadership of the team in Discipleship and Ministry. Having served in the diocese for 20 years, he knows well the diocese and its people, and the opportunities that lie ahead as we seek to grow the church."

Nigel Spraggins, Chief Executive of the diocese, said: "With all of the departments at Jubilee House focusing on Growing Disciples and the various work streams that flow from this, it will be good to have a full complement of directors. It is particularly good news that it is Richard as he has already formed positive working relationships with others in the House."

Richard, who for much of last year combined his role as vicar with that of Strategic Development Advisor as part of the focus on Growing Disciples, will take up his new role later in the spring.

He said: "One of the most rewarding parts of being a priest has been seeing people come to faith in Jesus and helping them develop as his disciples.

"For Christians, there's nothing more enriching than discovering your gifts, being equipped and putting them to use for God's kingdom. I'm looking forward to working with a great team to encourage the church to fulfil its calling of making whole-life disciples."



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poverty is an everyday challenge."

Hospitality, generosity and sharing are central biblical themes. Meals provide opportunities for people to build relationships with one another and to encounter God, often in new and surprising ways. People often encountered Jesus over a meal as he looked to care for their needs in every way, for example the Feeding of the 5000 which appears in all four Gospels. The Bishop's Community Hospitality Projects Fund enables and encourages us to follow this example of Christian service and in doing so point people to Jesus. The most powerful experience of community is found in friendship with God, through which all other relationships are nurtured and sustained.

To make a donation:

Cheques should be made payable to: Southwell & Nottingham DBF and sent to: Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0JH (please mark cheques 'Lent Appeal 2017').

Leaflets for the Lent Appeal 2017 will be sent to all churches in the February clergy mailing. To get any extra copies, please be in touch with Richard Ellis, 01636 817218, email: richard.ellis@southwell.anglican.org

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Green vision for 5th February

Twelve months ago A Rocha UK re-launched its Eco-Church Award Scheme as an online resource and encouragement to local congregations to take action.

To mark the first anniversary of this there is a vision for as many local churches as possible to observe ‘Green Sunday’ on February 5th, the first Sunday after Christmas and Epiphany when green hangings and vestments are used in the liturgy.

Liturgical resources have been prepared by Canon Matthew Rushton, the Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral. They include materials that can be used at services of Holy Communion or morning and evening prayer.

In the autumn A Rocha also launched Eco-Diocese, an initiative to encourage diocesan-level engagement with Eco Church, and promote parish participation in the scheme. More information at – www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk

If you are looking for other actions to take, Christian Aid are offering training evenings for their Big Shift campaign calling on banks to take their investments away from companies that produce fossil fuels: www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns

Operation Noah have a similar campaign called Bright Now but are also encouraging Christians to be much more engaged in the political debate: www.operationnoah.org

Diocesan Ecumenical Officer

The Revd Jonathan Smithurst, Vicar of Attenborough, is stepping down as Diocesan Ecumenical Officer and will finish in this role on 31 March 2017. Jonathan will be concentrating his energies on parish ministry in Attenborough where a number of new initiatives are due to be launched. However, he will continue as Ecumenical Adviser to the bishop.

Bishop Paul said: “I am very grateful indeed for the thorough and gracious way in which Jonathan has served the diocese as Ecumenical Officer over these past three years, especially helping to sustain the good relations with our partner churches through the episcopal vacancy.”

From 1 April 2017 the Bishop’s Chaplain, the Revd Lucy Cleland will undertake responsibility for liaising with ecumenical partners. She will be the first contact point for all ecumenical matters.

Southwell Minster in Lottery talks over future of 13th Century stone carvings

Southwell Minster has opened talks with the Heritage Lottery Fund about plans to reinterpret and better present its famous medieval stone carvings, the ‘Leaves of Southwell.’

The project includes lighting the Chapter House, which they decorate, for the first time and providing effective heating and modern environmental controls - and making them accessible for learning and recreational purposes. This ambitious project, which includes re-roofing the eastern end of the building, is expected to cost over £3 million and will require considerable external fundraising by the Minster.

An open day at Southwell Minster on **Saturday 11th March, 10.30 – 12.30am**, will provide an opportunity to hear more about the plans in the form of ‘pop in’ sessions, refreshments will be available.

For more information contact Charles Leggatt 01636 817283 (07968 499550) charles@southwellminster.org.uk



Open Churches Weekends relaunched for 2017



Many of you will remember the very successful Open Churches Weekends that were run as part of the Church History Project from 2010 – 2013. By popular demand these are being re-launched in 2017.

How can we turn visitors to our church buildings into pilgrims? The Diocese would like to encourage and support parishes to open their churches over two weekends in July. This is a great opportunity to open up new ways for visitors to encounter God and explore the Christian faith. It is hoped that parishes will have innovative ideas that will connect with our vision of growing disciples, younger, wider and deeper – perhaps by having literature available or DVDs playing and people on hand to talk to.

The weekends for opening:

8th/9th July: Bassetlaw & Bawtry and Newark & Southwell Deaneries

22nd/23rd July: Mansfield, Newstead, Gedling, Nottingham North, Nottingham South, and East & West Bingham Deaneries.

As far as possible, churches will be grouped together in the north and south of the diocese, but if you can't make the weekend that is geographically relevant for your church, you are welcome to book into the other.

Printed booklets will be available showing opening times, other events that may be of interest and a map, together with a Welcome booklet (Guidelines for Open Churches) to help with the planning of your event.

Please contact Jacky Bates for more information: email: jacky.bates@southwell.anglican.org tel: 01636 817216

Nurture courses

We are most grateful to all of you who participated in the Advent Sunday commitment and responded to our invitation to commit to 3 things you intend to do in the coming year to grow disciples in your context.

A number indicated that you will be running nurture courses in the coming year and we now have a number of resources available to borrow from the Resources Room at Jubilee House. These include copies of the Start!, Leading your Church into Growth Local & The Pilgrim Courses. In addition, there are also copies of The Healthy Churches Handbook by Robert Warren, Being Christian by Rowan Williams and Seed Scattering by Tony Porter which were recommended at the Growing Disciples Vision Evenings.

Department for Discipleship & Ministry

Safeguarding training dates for 2017

New dates have been released for Safeguarding training at various locations around the diocese next year.

For more information, go to:

<http://southwell.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/SAFEGUARDING-TRAINING-DATES-SPRING-TERM-2017.pdf>

Prayerdiary

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In March we pray for. . .

- Wed 01 Mar** **Ash Wednesday**
Mandalay - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd David Naing
- Thu 02 Mar** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: John Eastwood Hospice (Vacant)**
Manicaland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Erick Ruwona
- Fri 03 Mar** **Norwell, St Laurence; Norwell Church School; Ossington, Holy Rood; Cromwell, St Giles; Caunton, St Andrew; Dean Hole Church School; Carlton-on-Trent, St Mary; Sutton-upon-Trent, All Saints (Mark Adams)**
The Most Revd William Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Sat 04 Mar** **Boughton, St Matthew; Ollerton, St Giles; Ollerton, St Paulinus (Zoe Burton, Anna Alls, Phil Howson)**
Mara - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Hilkih Deya
- Sun 05 Mar** **Retired Clergy (Reg Walton, Chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Widows' Officer)**
Marathwada - (North India) The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab
- Mon 06 Mar** **Morton, St Denis; Rolleston, Holy Trinity; Upton, St Peter & St Paul (Phil White)**
Maridi - (Minye, Sudan) The Rt Revd Justin Arama
- Tue 07 Mar** **Shelton, St Mary & All Saints; Sibthorpe, St Peter (Liz Murray)**
Marsabit - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Robert Martin
- Wed 08 Mar** **Southwell, Holy Trinity (Andrew Porter)**
Maryland - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Eugene Sutton
Suffragan Bishop of Maryland - (III, The Episcopal Church) Vacant
- Thu 09 Mar** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Director of Education for the Diocese, Claire Meese and her colleagues**
Masasi - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd James Almasi
- Fri 10 Mar** **Southwell, St Mary the Virgin (Nicola Sullivan, Jacqui Jones, Nigel Coates, Alison Milbank, Matthew Askey, Tony Tucker)**
Maseno North - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Simon Oketch

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- Sat 11 Mar** **Staunton, St Mary (Liz Murray)**
Masindi-Kitara - (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Kasangaki
- Sun 12 Mar** **St John's College, Bramcote (Principal: David Hilborn)**
Maseno South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Francis Abiero
Maseno West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Karlstad, Bishop Sören Dalevi
- Mon 13 Mar** **Bleasby, St Mary; Bleasby School; Halloughton, St James; Hoveringham, St Michael; Thurgarton, St Peter (Phil White)**
Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Alan Gates
Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gayle Harris
- Tue 14 Mar** **Markham Clinton, All Saints; Tuxford, St Nicholas; Weston, All Saints; Normanton-upon-Trent, St Matthew; Marnham, St Wilfrid; (Greg Price)**
Masvingo - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Godfrey Tawonezwi
- Wed 15 Mar** **Walesby, St Edmund (under the pastoral oversight of Zoe Burton and Anna Alls)**
Matabeleland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga
- Thu 16 Mar** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust (Jackie Allen, George Jesson)**
Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Diseko
- Fri 17 Mar** **St Patrick's Day**
NEWSTEAD DEANERY (Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Liz Marshall)
Meath & Kildare - (Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd Patricia Storey
- Sat 18 Mar** **Annesley, All Saints; Newstead Village, St Mary the Virgin (Malcolm Lambert)**
Mbaise - (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chamberlain Ogunedo
- Sun 19 Mar** **The Nottingham Arimathea Trust (Carolyn Gilmore & Trustees)**
Mbale - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Gidudu
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia: Archbishop Janis Vanags, Bishop Einars Alpe, Bishop Hanss Martins Jensons
- Mon 20 Mar** **Brinsley, St James the Great; Underwood, St Michael and All Angels; Underwood Church School (David Stevenson)**
Mbamili - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Henry Okeke
- Tue 21 Mar** **Eastwood, St Mary (David Stevenson)**
Mbeere - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Moses Nthukah
- Wed 22 Mar** **BISHOPS' STUDY DAY**
Mbhashe - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Elliot Williams

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- Thu 23 Mar** **Greasley, St Mary (David Marvin)**
Medak - (South India) Vacant
- Fri 24 Mar** **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)**
The Most Revd Dr Philip Leslie Freier Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia
Melbourne - Marningatha Episcopate - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Genieve Blackwell
Melbourne - Jumbunna Episcopate - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Paul White
Melbourne - Oodthenong Episcopate - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Philip Huggins
- Sat 25 Mar** **Annunciation BVM, Lady Day**
Huthwaite, All Saints; All Saints Church School (Charlie Maiden)
Meru - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa
- Sun 26 Mar** **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
Mexico - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Lund, Bishop Johan Tyrberg
- Mon 27 Mar** **Kirkby Woodhouse, St John the Evangelist (Malcolm Lambert)**
Milwaukee - (V, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Steven Miller
Minnesota - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Prior
- Tue 28 Mar** **Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid (Neil Popham, Kevin Charles)**
Minna - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Yisa
- Wed 29 Mar** **Linby, St Michael; Papplewick, St James; Linby cum Papplewick Church School (Trevor Raff)**
Mishamikoweesh - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Lydia Mamakwa
- Thu 30 Mar** **Ravenshead, St Peter; Ravenshead Church School, Newstead Abbey, St Mary (Chris Rattenberry)**
Missionary District of Oeste-Brasil - (Brazil) Vacant
Pelotas - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Renato Raatz
- Fri 31 Mar** **Selston, St Helen; Selston Church School; Westwood, St Mary (Fiona Shouler, Mina Munns)**
Mississippi - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Duncan Gray
Coadjutor Bishop - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Seage

World links news - Holy Land

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Fr Fadi Diab to bring delegation in October

David Lane, Link Officer for the Holy Land writes:

The Diocesan Holy Lands Partnership Group has invited Fr Fadi Diab (St. Andrew's Church, Ramallah, and St Peter's Church, Birzeit) to bring six ambassadors from the Diocese of Jerusalem on a working visit to Southwell and Nottingham from Friday 6th October to Tuesday 17th October.

Fr Fadi Diab was educated in the West Bank and received his theological degree from the Near East School for Theology, Beirut. He was ordained in St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, in 2001. He has a PhD from the Virginia Theological Seminary, USA, and has spoken to both church leaders and politicians in the States on a number of occasions. He is a founder member of the Youth Connection for Peace Programme and is a member of the Palestinian-Israeli Theologians Forum and the Palestine Advisory Council of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Fr Diab has presented workshops at the World Council of Churches on the theological understanding of the Palestinian – Israeli Conflict.

If you would like Fr Fadi and/or any two of the ambassadors to visit your church, contact David Lane lane@waitrose.com or 01623 882116.



Diocesan hospital in Gaza goes Green

In November, an important infrastructure project was completed at the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City. Since 2014, the Diocese of Jerusalem and the hospital have been appealing for and raising funds to install solar panels to ensure a more secure electricity supply for the hospital.

The solar panel project was launched in response to the devastation caused by the 2014 Gaza War and the increasingly catastrophic lack of electricity. The power supply in Gaza is very inconsistent, often running for only a third of the day, which meant the project was vital to the continued life-saving ministry of the hospital.

To run a functional hospital requires a secure supply of



electricity along with many other basic necessities like clean water, sterilized equipment, and disposable medical supplies. In Gaza, the things that many of us take for granted are in extremely high demand because they all need to be imported from Israel or Egypt, where trade is heavily restricted.

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

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Rural ministry & mission morning

Andy Wolfe and Beth Yearsley from the Younger Leadership College want to explore ways that the College might best interact with ministries operating in more rural contexts.

The aim of the meeting will be to facilitate discussion, come up with ideas and explore together the best way forward. Andy and Beth are very keen to learn from your expertise and wisdom of your experiences so far and will be sending out some questions prior to the meeting to stimulate discussion. They would appreciate it if you would take some time to think through these questions when they are sent out and come prepared to input into discussions on the day.

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

9.30am for 10am-12.30pm

Kinoulton Village Hall

Main Street

Kinoulton, NG12 3EL

To book your place please email: catriona@southwell.anglican.org or Tel: 01636 817232. A light lunch will be provided so do please make Catriona aware of any dietary requirements you may have at the time of booking.

The Changing Room

This free resource will take the form of four interactive workshops, and is running twice this spring, at Lenton Priory (March 2nd, March 30th, May 4th, June 1st) and at Jubilee House in Southwell (March 31st, April 28th, May 26th, June 30th).

Rob Taylor, Sport Ambassador, said: "Sports ministry continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God and everyone can be involved, whether you're into sport or not.

"The Changing Room is four 90-minute training sessions to equip you to lead sports ministry in your church, community or club".

"Whether you're a big sports fan, a passionate evangelist, or you simply have a heart for the community around you, come and be inspired, equipped and resourced to impact where God has placed you through the power of sport".

To book, or for more info, see ministryofsport.org.uk, or email rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org

Youth Confirmation Service

4 February 2017

Young people from across the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham are invited to join together and celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ.

A 'rite of passage' experience that is a great opportunity for those involved to invite and share with family and friends.

All candidates need to be registered by

Wednesday 11th January

Friday 13th January

7pm for 7.30 start - 9pm

Social event at Jubilee House for all candidates

Sunday 29th January

4.30-5.30pm

Meet Bishop Paul at Bishop's Manor

5.30-6.30pm

Rehearsal at Southwell Minster

Sunday 4th February

7pm

Confirmation Service at Southwell Minster

All enquiries and information contact:

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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 February

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| 1 | Messy Minster - 3.30pm-5.30pm, come straight from school and it's OK to arrive late. Southwell Minster. |
| 4 | Diocesan Youth Confirmation - 7pm, Southwell Minster. |
| 4 | Coffee Break Concert, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Works by Alex Patterson with Elisheba Stevens, cello. Starts at 11am and lasts for one hour. Coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. www.nottinghamchurches.org |
| 4 & 18 | "Winter with the Celts" a series exploring Celtic spirituality, led by the Revd Ian Lambert and Reader colleagues. 10.30 - noon (light refreshments from 10 o'clock) at St Peter's Church, West End, Farndon, NG24 3SG. Everyone welcome. Wheelchair friendly. Further information from, Ian Lambert 07788 171958, Roy Parsons 01636 673422, Jane Johnson 01636 812877. |
| 5 | Music in the Great Hall. 7pm, Archbishop's Palace, Southwell Minster. |
| 5 | A special service of Choral Evensong with Nottingham Boys Choir. 5.30pm, St Helen's, Burton Joyce. |
| 10, 11 | Antic Disposition - HENRY V. 7.30pm in the Quire of Southwell Minster. Book online: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/venue/EKEJIM Book by phone: 0333 666 3366 (£1.50 booking fee applies) TicketSource (Mon-Fri 9am-7pm / Sat 9am-5pm). |
| 11 | Coffee Break Concert, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Julia Wallin, piano. Programme will include music by Liszt, Sibelius and Rachmaninoff. 11am. Coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. www.nottinghamchurches.org |
| 15 | Percussion Prayer & Praise meeting - you are invited to explore worshipping our God creatively through the use of drums and percussion. 7.30-9.30pm, St Andrew's Community Hall, Chestnut Grove, Nottingham NG3 5AD. No drumming experience required. A wide range of instruments provided. Free event but please contact Paul Langley to book or if you require more information email: Paul.langley4@ntlworld.com , 07917 367191 |
| 16 | Those Crafty Romans! February Half term family fun. Did you know the Cathedral & Palace stand on the site of a Roman Villa? Come to a drop-in Roman themed crafty morning at the Archbishop's Palace. Try your hand at Mosaics, Frescos and more, in the historic State Chamber. 10am-12pm. Free event (donations for materials). All welcome, no need to book. Refreshments available. Further details or to help with education events contact: education@southwellminster.org.uk 01636 817993, www.archbishopsalacesouthwell.org.uk |
| 17 | Philippa Hanna 'Speed of Light' acoustic tour. 7.30pm, Christ Church, Worksop. Tickets £10 in advance from the church office 01909 530127. |
| 18 | St Martin's, Bilborough 'Hidden Treasures': Home Made Heritage Fair, 11am – 4pm: Have-a-go at traditional crafts and skills. Admission £1. Email: info@stmartinsbilborough.org.uk , tel. 07929 013 447, www.stmartinsbilborough.org.uk |
| 18 | Coffee Break Concert, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Kyoko Canaway, organ. 11am. Coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. www.nottinghamchurches.org |
| 18 | 'Fabulous Beasts' activity day with crafts, refreshments, quizzes and more. |
| 23 | 'Game On' - 7.30pm, Mellish Rugby Club, Arnold. Expect 90 minutes of games, interviews, quizzes, discussion and a talk on following Jesus, tailored for a sporty audience of any age. For more info contact rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org |

What's on . . . What's on

- 24 An Evening with John Archer, The BAFTA award winning, Penn and Teller Fooling & Bob Goody. Bob, the new Development Worker for Scripture Union across Nottingham and Derby, will talk about how they can reach out to the unreached children and young people. 7-10pm, St John's Centre, Mansfield. Tickets £10 advance, £12 on the door from www.archersu.eventbrite.co.uk, 01908 856075.
- 25 Come and Sing Vivaldi Gloria - workshop and concert led by Neil Page. 10.30am for 11.00am workshop, performance 3.30pm, Southwell Minster. "12 (£5 for under-18s). Further details: Simon Hogan, email: adom@southwellminster.org.uk or 01636 814155.
- 25 Coffee Break Concert, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Music students from the University of Nottingham. 11am. Coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation.
- 26 Generate is an event for young people (in school years 7+) to gather, pray, and worship together. New Cross Community Church, Sutton in Ashfield. Starts at 6pm with a café style gathering - drinks, games and quizzes. Followed by youth relevant worship and teaching, prayer spaces and contemporary music, finishing at 8pm. Further details: Dave Keetley: youthadviser2@southwell.anglican.org
- 28 "Are we nearly there yet?" Mapping our Journey in Stitch. A Lent Creative Quiet Day at Sacrista Prebend led by textile artist Karen Herrick. 9.45am with coffee - 3.30pm with tea and cake. Please bring your own sandwiches. For enquiries and to book a place contact Sacrista Prebend 01636 816833, e-mail sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com

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- 1 Messy Minster - 3.30pm-5.30pm, come straight from school and it's OK to arrive late. Southwell Minster.
- 2 Being Human, Becoming Holy (Holey, Wholly, Holy) led by Graham Pigott. Sacrista Prebend. Starts at 9.45am with coffee, and ends at 3.30pm with tea and cake. Please bring your own sandwiches. For enquiries and to book a place contact Sacrista Prebend, 4 Westgate Southwell Notts NG25 0JH. 01636 816833, e-mail sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com
- 2,9,16, 23,30 Lent Lunches - 12 noon-1.30pm, St Saviour's Church Hall, Retford. Soup, bread and cheese. Tea/coffee. £4 proceeds to Christian Aid.
- 3 Multimedia sports quiz, 7pm, Mellish Rugby Club, Arnold. The evening will also feature a pie supper and a half-time talk by special guest Andy Haynes. Nicknamed the 'Racing Preacher', £5 per head. For more info contact rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org
- 4 Coffee Break Concert, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Yulia Nortridzh, violin, Neil & Jane Millensted, piano. Starts at 11am and lasts for one hour. Coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. www.nottinghamchurches.org
- 4, 11, 18, 25 & 1, 8 Apr Newark & Southwell Deanery 'Developing Deeper Discipleship' - Lenten Conversations with Jesus. A bible study course on the Saturdays in Lent. Each session stands on its own, so come to as many or as few as you are able. Open to all, each session will start with light refreshments available from 10 o'clock with the study time from 10.30-12.00. 4 and 11 March at St Peter's Church, Farndon; 18 and 25 March at St Wilfred's Church, South Muskham; 1 and 8 April at St Peter & Paul, Upton. Further details: The Revd Ian Lambert 07788 171958, Roy Parsons 01636 673422.
- 7 Multimedia sports quiz, 7pm, Bella Italia, Cornerhouse, Nottingham. The evening will also feature half-time pizza and a sporty talk on the Christian faith. Perfect for inviting friends or colleagues along to. £5 per head. contact rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org

Please note the deadline for the March issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH FEBRUARY 2017

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

The Revd Christopher James Rattenberry at present Vicar of St Peter, Ravenshead in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to resign with effect from 30th September 2017.

Follow up

The Revd Paul Franklin at present Assistant Curate at St Nicholas' Church, Kidbrooke and Director and Chaplain of the OneSpace Community Centre in the Diocese of Southwark to be Team Vicar of Christ Church, Newark in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. 7.30pm on 3rd April 2017 at Christ Church, Newark with Bishop Tony Porter.

The Revd David Christopher Pickersgill at present Assistant Curate of St Laurence Church, Reading in the Diocese of Oxford to be Priest-in-Charge of the Newark with Coddington Team Ministry in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Williams on Sunday 19 March 2017 at 6pm in St Mary Magdalene, Newark. Subject to the usual legalities and DBS clearance.

The Revd Michael Douglas Johnson, Assistant Curate at St Mark's, Woodthorpe in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Rector of All Hallows, Gedling and Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Lambley in the same Diocese. Subject to the usual legalities. Licensing date to be announced

The Revd Dr Thomas Henry Corfe Meyrick at present Rector of Newbold de Verdun, Barlestone and Kirkby Mallory and Priest-in-Charge of Peckleton in the Diocese of Leicester to be Rector of Keyworth and Stanton-on-the-Wolds and Bunny with Bradmore in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Installation date: 28 March 2017, 7.30pm with Bishop Tony Porter at Bunny. This is subject to the completion of legalities and enhanced DBS clearance.

New children's resource for Southwell Minster

Two years ago Dr John Savage commissioned a new resource for children at the Minster in memory of his late wife Midge. The first part of the new resource appeared in the "Ark" Children's Chapel just over a year ago, and we now have installed the rest of the parts to complete the resource. It's looking very colourful and inspiring! Artist Kath Chandler was asked to make a huge felt hanging for Bible Stories to be enacted with special felt figures made especially for this unique commission. The characters and scenes Kath has made include an elaborate Noah's Ark, a boat on the sea packed with people (for the Calming of the Storm and for Paul's missionary journeys and other nautical scenes), Jonah and the Whale, Adam and Eve, the Cross, The Christmas Story complete with angel and



shepherds, Epiphany, Jesus teaching a huge crowd of people, the town of Bethlehem, a little Zacchaeus hiding up a tree, Mary and Joseph with a donkey, a Roman soldier, many multi-use characters suitable for any Bible story, and several animals and trees! The huge felt hanging has various scenic landscapes, including a desert, and is framed by a dozen large pockets for the characters to be stored in while not being used. The pockets are decorated with leaves, picking-up



on the Leaves of Southwell theme. The whole scene is topped-off with a colourful rainbow reminding us of God's promise to Noah to look after us. Take a look at the wonderful photos of this new resource, and don't forget to make use of it yourself when you bring children into the Minster.

Fr Matthew (Southwell Minster School Chaplain)



JOURNEY IN FAITH 2017

Would you like to stretch your faith a little?

Are you ready to take a new step in your journey of faith?

**Could your discipleship and ministry do with
some direction and focus?**

If so, the Journey in Faith course (JiF) could be for you

This course, taken over 1 year in small study groups around the diocese, is open to anyone and is the normal route to the diocesan approved Lay Ministry Specialisms, Reader and Ordination Training.

There are 3 "Taster" evenings being held across the diocese, to whet your appetite.

Come to a meeting near you and find out more:

Thurs, 23rd March	St Anne's Church, Worksop	7:30-9.30pm
Weds, 26th April	Jubilee House, Southwell	7:30-9:30pm
Mon, 15th May	St Peter's Church, Ruddington	7:30-9:30pm

For further information and to register your interest, please contact:-

The Revd Jackie Johnson, Ministry Development Adviser, Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JH. Tel: 01636 817208 or e-mail: jackie.johnson@southwell.anglican.org

Or Catriona Gundlach Tel: 01636 817232 e-mail: catriona@southwell.anglican.org



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JOINING TOGETHER
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Spiritual Accompaniment

An Introductory Course

MAY – NOV 2017

May 8th

June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

July 3rd, 10th, 17th

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

November 6th, 13th

Retreat Sept 11th – 15th

Led by: Sylvia Griffiths, Jean Sims,
with visiting speakers Adrian Chatfield,
Alice Keenleyside and others.

Venue: Sacrista Prebend, Southwell

**Further info and application forms are now available
Interviews in the New Year**

Good preparation for this course would be to participate in the
“Finding Direction in Prayer Course”, details available from
Catriona@southwell.anglican.org

**On behalf of the Southwell & Nottingham
Prayer & Spirituality Group**

Are you finding that people come to you for help in deepening their relationship with God?

- Do you sense a call to the ministry of Spiritual Direction?
- Are you accompanying others in their faith journey and wish to develop the ministry?

This course is an experiential course for both lay and ordained, exploring the basics of listening, accompanying others and supervision.

The key elements to the programme are:

- Personal prayer and reflection using different approaches to prayer
- listening to one another in small groups and developing the ability to respond appropriately.
- Reflection in groups on areas of learning and growth
- Teaching and exploration of the significant themes in spiritual direction and accompaniment.

By the end of the course, the participants will have:

- Explored the relationship between personality, temperament and ways of praying and Christian maturing, and be able to apply these insights to the lives of others.
- Studied and reflected on the varied expressions and understanding of ministry within scripture and church history.
- Grown in self awareness and discernment on their own life journey as an essential precondition for travelling alongside others.

The course consists of a half day introductory session, 14 one-day sessions and a 4-day residential retreat. The one-day sessions begin at 10.00 and finish at 3.30.

The dates are as follows:

Mondays

May 8th

June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

July 3rd, 10th, 17th

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

November 6th, 13th

The retreat will take place at Launde Abbey from the evening of September 11th to the morning of Friday 15th. This is an integral part of the course.

The Course leaders:

Sylvia Griffiths was vicar of St Martin's Sherwood, until recent retirement. She was trained in Spiritual Direction at St Beuno's in North Wales and has led the Spiritual Direction Training Course within the Diocese over the last few years. She has also led courses on Prayer, Weeks of Guided Prayer and Quiet Days. She is chair of the Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Group.

Jean Sims trained in Spiritual Direction in Sheffield Diocese and the Llysfasi workshop. She is a member of the Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Group and has led courses on prayer, quiet days and a residential creative retreat. She particularly enjoys using creativity in prayer.

Visiting Speakers

Revd Canon Adrian Chatfield

Until recently Adrian was on the staff of Ridley College as a tutor in Christian Life and Thought. He was also Director of

the Simeon Centre for Prayer and Spiritual Life and co-ordinated the college's corporate worship. He has recently retired, but is an experienced Spiritual Director.

Miss Alice Keenleyside

Alice was on the staff of St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales for some years as a Spiritual Director and trainer of other Spiritual Directors. She is an experienced Spiritual Director, Supervisor and Guide for the Ignatian Spiritual exercises.

Those attending the course from within the Diocese will receive a subsidy from the Diocesan budget and therefore will be expected to offer £550 if non-ordained and £500 if ordained. The cost of the course is £700 for those attending from outside the Diocese.

For more information and Application Forms please write to:

Miss Catriona Gundlach
Southwell and Nottingham DBF
Jubilee House
Westgate
SOUTHWELL
NG25 0JH

E-mail: catriona@southwell.anglican.org

The maximum numbers for the course is 12. Interviews will be held on Monday, 20th February and Monday, 27th February. Early application is advised.

Closing date for applications - Friday 10th February 2017

This is part of the Southwell and Nottingham Prayer and Spirituality Group

All of the food was free to guests thanks to the support of Carlton Foodbank, which donated beans, tomatoes, and porridge; Tesco, which gave bread, eggs and bacon and Gedling Borough Council which supported financially. Last year the team of 15 volunteers who kept the whole thing running served up 800 breakfasts and gave out 480 lunch bags. Some of those who attend are struggling to afford enough to eat, but not all; some simply enjoy being part of a community and the company of other people.

Other churches are involved with Super Kitchen and other initiatives such as Foodcycle and MakeLunch, an example of which is running in New Ollerton.

Making Donations

Cheques should be made payable to: Southwell & Nottingham DBF and sent to: Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0JH (please mark cheques 'Lent Appeal 2017').

Gift Aid

If the Church is to reclaim tax on your giving, only ONE person should complete this Form

Details of Donor

[Title] [Forenames]
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I have made a one-off Gift or Donation of £
 on 2017.

Tick here if you want Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance to reclaim tax (on behalf of the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017 Community Hospitality Projects Fund) on this donation and any donations which you make from this point on, currently 25p for every £1 donated.
 I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.
 Please notify Jill Stanforth (Gift Aid Administrator) at Jubilee House if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

[Signature] [Date]

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017

Bishop's Community Hospitality Projects Fund

This year's appeal will support social eating projects - sharing a meal is a great way to strengthen communities in a world that seems ever more divided.

As we seek to grow as followers of Jesus Christ and to share our faith, social eating projects give us fantastic opportunities to put our discipleship into action.

Bishop Paul



The Bishop's Lent and Confirmation Appeal for 2017 will see the establishment of The Community Hospitality Projects Fund, which will provide small grants to churches developing mission opportunities based on 'social eating'. At a time of increasing pressure on services due to cutbacks, this is an opportunity for churches to bring people together, expressing our faith in practical care and neighbourliness.

The spirit of social eating is nurturing relationships as well as the act of eating. This is a powerful way to respond locally to the divisions and fears that continue to be accentuated in our wider society and world.

There are many ways in which churches around the diocese are already engaging in social eating initiatives. The Fund will provide support in helping to expand the number of these projects. These could include a community café or 'Super Kitchen'. It might be through deepening relationships at a lunch club for older people, or by providing healthy packed lunches for children in the school holidays. The Fund can also help pay for items such as a new fridge or freezer, crockery, food ingredients or running cookery courses.

"As we seek to grow as followers of Jesus Christ and to share our faith, social eating projects give us fantastic opportunities to put our discipleship into action," said Bishop Paul. "Church community hospitality projects can connect with those who are lonely or socially isolated, as well as building community cohesion with people who simply value getting to know others in their neighbourhood. They may also provide a vital point of support to those families with children for whom relative poverty is an everyday challenge."

People often encountered Jesus over a meal as He cared for their needs. The Bishop's Community Hospitality Projects Fund enables us to follow this example of Christian service and in doing so point people to Jesus.



Feeding the hungry, building communities

Across the diocese there are churches involved in social eating projects, some linking with national initiatives, others working as one-off local projects.

St Saviour's in The Meadows, Nottingham, has linked up with Super Kitchen – one has been running in the church since November 2015, providing people with nutritious meals at just £2 for an adult, £1 for a child. Some of those who attend are homeless, some cannot afford to eat, and others are isolated and lonely and enjoy the atmosphere and the company. The Revd Hannah Hall said the kitchen was a joint project between the church and Eden Softplay, the children's soft play centre which is based in the church and run as a community enterprise project.

"We get a delivery on Tuesdays from a company called Fareshare, which collects surplus food from supermarkets and distributes it to churches and other organisations. It's a bit like Ready Steady Cook, you never know quite what you will get, but with a little imagination you can make a healthy meal. It is not just about feeding people who are hungry, we are bringing people together, and combatting loneliness."

At St Paul's, Carlton, the church recognised there was a problem with children going hungry during school holidays because they were not getting free school meals and school breakfast clubs were shut. They set up a holiday breakfast club in August and opened for three days a week: Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On the first two days, breakfasts of toast, beans, and cereals were provided, while Friday was cooked breakfast day. A children's lunch bag was provided every day.



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