

Clergy Mailing - November 2015

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Christmas video competition now launched

Christmas video competition

Make a two-minute video telling the Christmas story and win the cash for your church youth group



A prize of £100 is being offered in a Christmas video competition launched for young people in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

They are being asked to make a two-minute video about the Christmas Story that shows originality and imagination rather than Oscar-winning sound and production quality.

The films can be made with models, live actors, Lego, or drawings – whatever comes to mind.

How to enter and tips on filming

The closing date for entries is Monday 9th November 2015 and the winning entry will be announced on Sunday 29th November. Winners will receive £100 for a youth celebration event – that could be a

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Bishop Paul Williams reflects on his first 100 days

The Rt Revd Paul Williams has reflected on his first 100 days as the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham in a video made during the Listen Hear event for children and young people at Jubilee House, Southwell.

Bishop Paul spoke of his joy at coming to the diocese and said he was having a wonderful time travelling across the area, meeting new people and discovering how God is at work.

He said it was a particular encouragement to be at Listen

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Private Peaceful in story and song

Michael Morpurgo, Coope, Boyes & Simpson

Master-storyteller, and best selling author, Michael Morpurgo, joins the outstanding English a cappella trio, Coope, Boyes & Simpson for this rare performance of "Private Peaceful: The Concert" in Southwell Minster on Tuesday 17th November.

Based on his award-winning book, "Private Peaceful" combines Michael Morpurgo's evocative readings with songs written and arranged by Coope, Boyes & Simpson. The trio's songs match and intensify Morpurgo's inspired narration as the story of Tommo Peaceful moves between humour and tragedy - from childhood in a Devon village to the trenches of the Western Front in the First World War.

Suitable for children 10 years and above.
Tickets available from the Lowdham Book Case £22.50, concessions £20.

Be a Chorister for a Day

If you're looking for a rewarding experience for your son or grandson, why not let them spend an afternoon as a Chorister? It's great fun.

In addition to singing, the Cathedral Choristers are educated at the Minster School, broadcast and tour regularly, and enjoy an exciting range of social events.

The Be a Chorister for a Day afternoon is for boys aged 6-9 to give them an experience of life as a Cathedral chorister. The event will include a film about the choir, tea, a tour of the Minster, singing songs with the Choristers, and preparing music to be sung at Evensong (5.45-6.30pm).

The afternoon is being held at Southwell Minster on 14th November, 2.30-6.30pm.

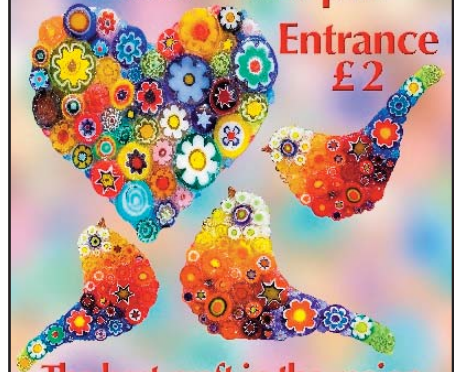
For details contact: Paul Hale 01636 817297, email: rectorchori@diaphone.clara.net



Southwell Minster Winter Craft Fair

Saturday 7th Nov
10.00 - 4.00 pm

Entrance
£2



The best craft in the region
Southwell Minster Mosaics by Lilly Mosaics

Over sixty inspiring stalls are planned in the historic nave. Start your Christmas shopping, meet friends and relax with coffee and cake in these wonderful surroundings.

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Christmas party, a day trip – whatever they can persuade their youth leader to do.

The competition is aimed at film makers aged 18 and under.

Last year's winner was Lucia Miola, 11, who goes to St Peter's Church, Ravenshead. Lucia used modelling clay to make an animated film full of charm and intriguing sound effects.

The Diocese will use entries from finalists on the diocesan website during December 2015 and offer some of the entries as a resource to parishes over the Christmas period.

To find out how to enter, and to see last year's entries go to: <http://southwell.anglican.org/christmas-video-competition-2015/>

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Walking football breaks new ground



Join one of the fastest growing sports in the UK – walking football - every Tuesday evening at the National Academy in Hucknall. The sessions, created by John Sanderson from St Michael's Linby, in collaboration with the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Ministry of Sport, will be running from now until 8th December. Sessions cost just £2 - participation is all –age; young and old are welcome to come and enjoy this great way to stay fit and meet some new friends.

Diocesan Sports Ambassador, Rob Taylor says: “So often we think inviting friends to church events will be awkward and fruitless. But it doesn't have to be like that. Inviting others to simply share in what we love doing can be an easy, yet effective first step. For football fans a fun, agenda-free kick-about is a great way of getting to know people and removing barriers between the life of the church and the community.

“In the past few years walking football has become the fastest growing form of the beautiful game, allowing people of all ages to access the sport they love.”

Contact Sport Ambassador Rob Taylor for more details on rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org

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Hear because it was young people who greeted him at the Minster on the day of his Inauguration and Enthronement as Bishop.

Watch the video here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0dv5OHu5Oc>

Journey of the Magi – A festive, witty and thoroughly Christmassy event for your church

This critically acclaimed production is set to be a joyful addition to the UK's family Christmas theatre scene for the 19th year running. With sparkle and songs to keep the kids engrossed, and plenty of in-jokes for the adults to enjoy, Journey of the Magi delights audiences of all ages. The show portrays the original Christmas story whilst drawing hilarious and poignant parallels with our own preparations for Christmas day.

Springs is now inviting churches to host a performance of Journey of the Magi, which will be available nationally from 21st Nov to 22nd December 2015.

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website by emailing [Rebecca Bertram](mailto:Rebecca.Bertram@springsdancecompany.org.uk) on touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk or call 07775 628 442.



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'Time Travelling' - the Cathedral's annual RE event for schools

For Key Stage 2 in March and Key Stage 2 in June, this is a chance to explore the stunning medieval building and learn more about what's in a church, hear faith stories, and find out what's important to Christians through a variety of fun, interactive and reflective activities. Designed to support the delivery of the Nottinghamshire Agreed Syllabus for RE, this is a great opportunity to join with other schools and be a part of this popular event.



For more information and booking, or to find out about volunteering at the event please visit: <http://www.timetravelling.co.uk> or contact the education team: 01636 817993; education@southwellminster.org.uk Time Travelling, Jubilee House, 8 Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JH.

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



Radiators for sale

St Nicholas Church, Tuxford has two very long radiators which were installed in the church in about 2005 and are redundant as a result of an upgrade to its heating system. The radiators are narrow ones, 190cms long and double skinned. They have been little used and are in very good condition. It is understood that they are worth approximately £1,000 and the best offer possible is encouraged so that the proceeds may be ploughed back into church funds.

Please contact: Shirley Marlow, email: shirleymargaret.marlow@mypostoffice.co.uk or Ambrose Marlow, email: akl.marlow@mypostoffice.co.uk



Prayerdiary

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In December we pray for. . .

- Tue 01 Dec** **Mansfield, St Mark (David Fudger, Keith Hebden)**
West Tennessee - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Don Johnson
- Wed 02 Dec** **Mansfield, St Peter and St Paul; St Peter's Primary School (David Fudger, Keith Hebden)**
West Texas - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gary Lillibridge
Suffragan Bishop of West Texas - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd David Reed
- Thu 03 Dec** **Whatton Prison (Jo Honour)**
West Virginia - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Willam Klusmeyer
Southern Virginia - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Herman Hollerith
- Fri 04 Dec** **Mansfield Woodhouse, St Edmund King and Martyr; Mansfield Woodhouse Church School (Allan Scrivener)**
Western Izon - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Edafe Emamezi
Northern Izon - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Fred Nyanabo
- Sat 05 Dec** **Perlethorpe, St John the Evangelist (Tony Evans, Louise Holliday, Sister Helen Julian)**
Western Kansas - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Michael Milliken
- Sun 06 Dec** **The Bishop of Sherwood (Tony Porter)**
Western Louisiana - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jacob Owensby
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Porvoo, Bishop Björn Vikström
- Mon 07 Dec** **Pleasley Hill, St Barnabas (Caroline Phillips, Matt Arnold)**
Western Michigan - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wayne Hougland
- Tue 08 Dec** **Warsop, St Peter & St Paul Sookholme, St Augustine (Angela Fletcher, Bruce Rienstra)**
Western New York - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Franklin
- Wed 09 Dec** **NEWARK & SOUTHWELL DEANERY – (Area Dean: David Milner, Lay Chair: Michael Wilson)**
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sadock Makaya
- Thu 10 Dec** **Staff at the Minster Office**
Wiawso - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Ackah

In December we pray for. . .

- Fri 11 Dec** **The Riverside Group of Parishes - Averham, St Michael and All Angels; Kelham, St Wilfrid; North Muskham, St Wilfrid; South Muskham, St Wilfrid (Colin Wall)**
Willochra - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd John Stead
- Sat 12 Dec** **Balderton, St Giles; Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints (Vacant: Area Dean: David Milner, Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Churchwardens: Kathryn Hirst, Paul Brisbane, Yvonne Hewitt, Yvette Wellard)**
Winchester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Tim Dakin
Winchester - Basingstoke - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd David Williams
Winchester - Southampton - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost
- Sun 13 Dec** **Director of Family Care; Steve Hargrave and his colleagues**
Windward Islands - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Calvert Friday
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen
- Mon 14 Dec** **The Northern Lights Cluster - Bilsthorpe, St Margaret; Eakring, St Andrew; Farnsfield, St Michael; Farnsfield St Michael's Primary School; Kirklington, St Swithin; Hockerton, St Nicholas; Maplebeck, St Radegund; Winkburn, St John of Jerusalem; (Vacant: Area Dean: David Milner, Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Clergy: Margaret Groves, Churchwardens: Robert Brown, Peter Lambert, Frank Reynolds, Paul Bowskill, Penny Peterson, Robert Leivers, David Knight-Jones, William Eastwood, Richard Craven Smith-Milnes)**
Worcester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd John Inge
Worcester - Dudley - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Graham Usher
- Tue 15 Dec** **The East Trent Group of Parishes - Besthorpe, Holy Trinity; Collingham, St John the Baptist; Collingham, All Saints; Girton & Spalford, St Cecilia; South Scarle, St Helena, Winthorpe, All Saints; Langford, St Bartholomew; Holme, St Giles, Harby (with Swinethorpe), All Saints; North & South Clifton, St George the Martyr; Thorney with Wigsley, St Helen (Vacant: Area Dean: David Milner, Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Churchwardens: Nick Narracott, Pat Wragg, Marina Cobb, Ronwen Kirk, Samantha Annis, Sally Lee, Florence Baldwin, Judith Muirhead, Doreen Hallam, Jeremy Steele, Nigel Priestley, Colin Wells, Granville Daniels, Peter Ravencroft, Anne Massey)**
Wusasa - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ali Lamido
- Wed 16 Dec** **East Stoke, St Oswald; Syerston, All Saints; Elston, All Saints; Elston All Saints School (Liz Murray)**
Wyoming - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie
- Thu 17 Dec** **Workplace Chaplain (Jo Tatum)**
Yambio - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Peter Yacoub
- Fri 18 Dec** **Edingley, St Giles; Halam, St Michael the Archangel, Halam Primary School (Vacant: Area Dean: David Milner; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Lay Pastor: Anne Godfrey; Churchwardens: Diana Poole, Jennifer Tyler, Beverley Perks, Caroline Haddelsey)**
The Most Revd Stephen Myint Oo Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon
Assistant Bishop of Yangon - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Samuel Oak
- Sat 19 Dec** **Egmanton, St Mary Our Lady of Egmanton; Kirton, Holy Trinity (Chris Levy)**
Yei - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Adeba

In December we pray for. . .

- Sun 20 Dec** **The work of Sacrista Prebend and its staff (Andy Gregory)**
 Yewa (form. Egbado) - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Michael Oluwarohunbi
Church of Norway: Diocese of Borg, Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt
- Mon 21 Dec** **Cotham, St Michael; Farndon, St Peter, Farndon, St Peter's Church School;
 Hawton, All Saints; Thorpe, St Laurence (David Milner)**
 Yirol - (Sudan) The Rt Revd David Akau
- Tue 22 Dec** **Kilvington, St Mary; Flawborough, St Peter; (Liz Murray)**
 Yokohama - (Japan) The Rt Revd Laurence Minabe
- Wed 23 Dec** **Kneesall, St Bartholomew; Kneesall Church School; Laxton, St Michael and
 Archangel; Moorhouse, Moorhouse Chantry Chapel; Wellow; St Swithin (Chris
 Levy)**
 Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahm
- Thu 24 Dec** **Newark-upon-Trent with Coddington Team Ministry: Coddington, All Saints;
 Coddington All Saints Primary School; St Mary Magdelene; St Leonard; Christ
 Church; Newark Christ Church School; Newark Mount School; Magnus C of E
 School; (Sam Tredwell, David Anderton, Stephen Morris)**
 York - (York, England) The Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu
 York - Beverley - (York, England) The Rt Revd Glyn Webster
 York - Hull - (York, England) The Rt Revd Alison White
 York - Selby - (York, England) The Rt Revd John Thomson
 York - Whitby - (York, England) The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson
- Fri 25 Dec** **Caunton, St Andrew; Dean Hole Church School; Cromwell, St Giles; Norwell, St
 Laurence; Norwell Church School; Ossington, Holy Rood (Vacant: Area Dean:
 David Milner, Lay Chair: Michael Wilson; Clergy: Maggie Woodward,
 Churchwardens: Irene Crossley, Caroline Harvey, Lesley Payne, Charles Chambers,
 Richard Batty, Elizabeth Jones, Robin Drury, Jane Drury)**
 Ysabel - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Richard Naramana
- Sat 26 Dec** **Boughton, St Matthew; Ollerton, St Giles; Ollerton, St Paulinus (Zoe Burton, Carol
 Dunk)**
 Yukon - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) The Rt Revd Larry Robertson
- Sun 27 Dec** **Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Jonathan Smithurst)**
 Zaki-Biam - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Benjamin Vager
Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Ole Christian Kvarme
- Mon 28 Dec** **Morton, St Denis; Rolleston, Holy Trinity; Upton, St Peter & St Paul (Phil White)**
 Zanzibar - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Michael Hafidh
- Tue 29 Dec** **Shelton, St Mary & All Saints; Sibthorpe, St Peter (Liz Murray)**
 Zaria - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Cornelius Bello
- Wed 30 Dec** **Southwell, Holy Trinity; Southwell Holy Trinity Infant School; (Andrew Porter)**
 Zonkwa - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Kwashi
- Thu 31 Dec** **Southwell, St Mary the Virgin; Southwell Lowes Wong Junior School; The Minster
 Secondary School (Jacqui Jones, Nigel Coates, Alison Milbank, Matthew Askey, Robin
 Turner)**
 Zululand - (Southern Africa) Vacant

World links news - Holy Land

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Jerusalem and Southwell schools linked through art project

*The Revd Matthew Askey,
Minster School Chaplain writes:*

Southwell Minster School and Jerusalem's St George's Anglican School are growing their links through an art project that sees both schools making paintings as gifts for one another. Minster School chaplain, Fr Matthew Askey travelled to Jerusalem over the May half-term break to help encourage the friendship between both the schools and the cathedrals. Matthew met with students and teachers at St George's school and presented them with the gift of 12 paintings of praying hands made by students from Southwell, which is intended to hang in their school.

"The paintings are designed to hang together and when united they form a plus-cross (or Greek Cross) shape, it's a similar type to the famous Jerusalem cross. We hope the paintings will remind the staff and students of this friendship, and that we are praying for them" he said.

Fr Matthew also met with Fr Hosam, Dean of St George's cathedral, and is planning to paint himself a similar group of twelve paintings depicting the praying hands of members of the congregations of Southwell Minster as a gift to the cathedral in Jerusalem. This group of paintings will be part of a new



Dean Hosam accepting the drawing by Fr Matthew of the praying hands of a member of the Minster congregation.

prayer chapel that is being planned for St George's. He also met with an Armenian artist while in Jerusalem, and it is hoped that this artist will make a work of art for Southwell Minster which can become a focus for prayer for our international links, and particularly for our diocesan and cathedral links with Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Fr Matthew trained in Fine Art before becoming a priest and is involved nationally with art and faith initiatives.

St George's Anglican School is a cathedral school and has a similar profile to the Minster school as it also educates at primary level and trains choristers for the cathedral. All of the students are Arabic-speaking Palestinians, currently 20% of students are Christian and 80% are Muslim.

Fr Matthew attended a Year 9 class in Jerusalem where all of the students were Muslim, "we



Year 9 Christian students in Jerusalem with the 12 praying hands paintings

each drew our place of worship, it was a very special moment; the students drew their mosques and I drew a big picture of Southwell Minster on the whiteboard at the front so they could see where I had come from, they gave me their drawings and I've brought them back to school. I'll show them to our Junior Department students as part of learning about our new friends in Jerusalem." In addition to the art-exchange project the schools have created a joint facebook group page for students to meet each other online. Other ways of enabling the friendship that are being explored include video-conferencing, a student link-group at the Minster school, and more.

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

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Growing Disciples - Training for Ministry & Mission - November

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

2-5 Leading your Church into Growth

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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Finding Direction Through Prayer & 7 Dec

Led by Sylvia Griffiths and Jean Sims
£45
10am-1pm
St Martin's Church, Sherwood

3 Youth Ministry Ideas Factory – Nottingham North

Led by Angela Brymer & Dave Keetley
7.30-9.30pm
St Margaret's Church Hall, Aspley
To book: Ally Horne 01636 817236, email: ahorne@southwell.anglican.org

3-5 Rural Ministry Course

Led by Arthur Rank Centre Staff
£245 (including free subscription for one year to Country Way magazine)
Launde Abbey
To book contact: Katrina Sealey 024 7685 3075, email: katrinas@arthurrankcentre.org.uk

3, 10, 17, 24 Re-Animate – The Spiritual Transformation Toolkit / 1 Dec Have you longed for a deeper relationship with God?

Led by Matt Arnold
7.30-9pm
St Augustine's Church, Mansfield

5 100 Ways to get your Church Noticed

Led by Neil Pugmire
10am-3.30pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

7 Child Protection Training

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

10 Youth Ministry Ideas Factory – East Bingham

Led by Angela Brymer & Dave Keetley
7.30-9.30pm
St Mary's Hall, Radcliffe on Trent
To book: Ally Horne 01636 817236, email: ahorne@southwell.anglican.org

11 Marriage Registration Training

Led by Sara Russell
9.30am-4.30pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

14 "Come thou long expected Jesus"

Led by Alison Fulford
10am-4pm £20 (BYOL)
Sacrista Prebend, Southwell
To book: Sacrista Prebend 01636 816833, email sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com

14 Church Warden Training Led by David Picken & Jackie Johnson

9.30-1pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

16 Funeral Course ii – Behind the Scenes at the Crem!

Led by Barbara Coleman
7pm
Mansfield Crematorium

17 Youth Ministry Ideas Factory – Newstead

Led by Angela Brymer & Dave Keetley
7.30-9.30pm
St Peter & St Paul's Community Hall, Hucknall

To book: Ally Horne 01636 817236, email: ahorne@southwell.anglican.org

19 Standard Safeguarding Training

7.30-9.30pm
Jubilee House, Southwell
Booking via Family Care 0115 960 3010

19-21 God's Call, Our Response – Growing Mission Shaped Collaborative Ministry

£185
Britannia Country Hotel, Didsbury, Manchester
www.shared-ministry.net or email: test_and_eval@btinternet.com

20-22 Leading from the Second Chair

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

21 Godly Play – Time for Reflection?

Led by Jane Lewis, Jacqui Jones, Cathy Picken & Nick Harding
10am-2.30pm (BYOL)
Holy Trinity Church, Southwell

24 Being a Foundation Governor

Led by Claire Meese
7-9pm £25
Jubilee House, Southwell
To book contact Ally Horne 01636 817236 or email: ahorne@southwell.anglican.org

26 Youth Ministry Ideas Factory – West Bingham

Led by Angela Brymer & Dave Keetley
7.30-9.30pm
St Paul's Church, Wilford Hill
To book: Ally Horne 01636 817236, email: ahorne@southwell.anglican.org

What's On

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

in November

- 1** Celebration of Sport. 7.30pm-9pm, St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe, NG5 4PH. Speaker: the Rt Revd Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood. An opportunity to mingle with others with similar interests and passions, and to meet the new Ministry of Sport intern. So why not get a group together from your church and come to celebrate and explore what's going on in the world of sports ministry where you are? Further details: Sport Ambassador Rob Taylor, email: rob.taylor@southwell.anglican.org or 07775 687 682. www.ministryofsport.org.uk
- 4** BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong Broadcast - 3.30pm-4.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 6** Messy Minster in Trebeck Hall, suggested donation £2 per child.
- 7** Christmas Crafts, come and learn how to make your own traditional gifts and decorations. Free. Charge for refreshments. 11am - 4pm, St Martin's Church, Bilborough. www.stamrtinshiddentreasures.org.uk
- 7** Essentially Brass: Letters from the Front - St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Essentially Brass return with narrator Jonathan Youl, in a recital of music, readings, letters and poems recounting the events of the Great War. 11am-12noon, coffee & biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. www.nottinghamchurches.org
- 7** Winter Craft Fair - 10am-4pm, Southwell Minster, entry by £2 donation.
- 8** Music in the Great Hall 2015 - Philip Robinson & Mark Hacking. The State Chamber of the Archbishop's Palace, Southwell Minster. 7.30pm, refreshments served from 7pm. Admission free (no reservations) with a retiring collection. Further information & mailing list: migh@southwellminster.org.uk
- 8** Remembrance Sunday Procession with Act of Remembrance - 10.45am, Southwell Minster.
- 8** Music in the Great Hall Philip Robinson & Mark Hacking. 7pm for refreshments and 7.30pm for the performance, The State Chamber of the Archbishop's Palace, Southwell Minster.
- 12** Nottinghamshire Women's World Day of Prayer Conference - 7.30pm, Our Lady of Victories Church, Southwell.
- 13** Exhibition 'Response' Contemporary Text Art Textile artist Hilary Tinley explores our response in prayer and praise to the blessings and sorrows of life's experience. Private view at 7pm, Southwell Minster and the exhibition continues until Thursday 10th December.
- 13** Lunchtime at the Cathedral String Quartet. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 22** Diocesan Confirmation - 11.15am, Southwell Minster
- 14** Sacrista Prebend Quiet Day 'Come thou long expected Jesus - Alison Fulford. 10am-4pm at Sacrista Prebend Retreat House. Starts at 9.45am with coffee and ends with tea at 3.45pm. Hot drinks are provided all day - please bring your own sandwiches. A donation of £20 is requested. Further details: 01636 816833 or email: sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com, www.sacristaprebend.wordpress.com
- 14** Philippa Hanna - St Wilfrid's Calverton, Nottingham NG14 6FQ. 7.30pm (door open at 7pm). £10 adults, £6 concessions. All proceeds to support the mission and ministry of St Wilfrid's Church. Contact: Ashley Medley 0115 965 3183, email: ash.medley8@gmail.com
- 14** Cantamus Barn Dance - Henley Community Hall, St Mark's Church, Mansfield. 7 for 7.30pm-10pm. All welcome but please book in advance: £15. Booking: katelake8@gmail.com; 07519 326180, www.cantamus.com

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- 14 Choir Open Day (Be a Chorister for a Day) 2pm-6.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 15 Service for the Bereaved - 6.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 17 Michael Morpurgo's Private Peaceful in Story and Song - 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Suitable for children 10 years and above. Tickets from the Lowdham Book Case £22.50, concessions £20.
- 18 Annual Evelyn Gibbs Lecture. 7pm for 7.30pm, St Martin's Church, Bilborough. War artist Evelyn Gibbs painted the Annunciation murals at St Martin's in 1946, their recent restoration won the SPAB John Betjeman Award 2015. Find out more about the artist, her life and work. Lecture by Pauline Lucas, biographer. The conservation of these paintings won the SPAB John Betjeman Award 2015. Tickets £6, Concessions £3, includes refreshments. Booking essential info@stmartinsbilborough.org.uk www.stmartinshiddentreasures.org.uk
- 19 Mothers Union Meeting with the Revd Geoff Maltby 'His Life with Faith and Light and his work encouraging those with learning difficulties'. 2.15pm, Trebeck Hall.
- 21 An invitation to Nottingham Deaf Society 125th Anniversary Commemoration Service. 3pm, Nottingham Deaf Society, 22 Forest Road West, Nottingham NG7 4EQ. With the Rt Revd Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood. For further information, email: NDS@nottsdeaf.org.uk
- 21 Festive Food and Gift Fayre - 10.30am-3pm in St Mary's Church, Bunny. Stalls include - locally made preserves, chocolate, honey, wine, beer, savoury pies, cakes. Sewing crafts – teddy bears, bags, pictures, cushions, door stops, patchwork, quilting. Jewellery. Artisan soaps. Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Hats and scarves. Fused glass crafts. Fudge and old fashioned sweets. Home-made refreshments available all day and light lunches served between 12noon and 2pm. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Bunny Community Choir. Entrance £1 (no charge for accompanied children younger than 16).
- 21 Nottingham Symphonic Wind Orchestra. 7.30pm, St Mark's Church, Mansfield. Including Elgar's Nimrod, Morton Lauridsen's O Magnum Mysterium. £10. Booking: St Mark's 01623 644325; Rotary 01623 632479; Inner Wheel 01773 540778; Windblowers 0115 941 0543. www.nottinghamsymphonicwinds.org.uk
- 21 Southwell Choral Society Concert 'Requiem' Bob Chilcott. Spirit of England by Edward Elgar. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Tickets from Cathedral Shop 01636 812933. £15 front nave, £12.50 rear nave, £9 side aisle.
- 23-25 Christmas Activity Days (education) – Southwell Minster.
- 27 Lunchtime at the Cathedral Charlotte Rowan-Violin. 2.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 28 Christmas Fayre - 11am–2pm, St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church, Bulwell. Variety of stalls including Christmas stall - cake stall - bric a brac - new nearly new - tombola - raffle Santa's Grotto - pluck a duck. Light refreshments available.
- 28 Christmas Fair in the village hall, South Muskham, 10am-12noon. All proceeds for St Wilfrid's Church, South Muskham.
- 28 Mansfield Choral Society. 7.30pm, St Mark's Church, Mansfield. Britten's St Nicolas. £12.50 (including refreshments) Booking: 01623 822321 www.mansfieldchoral.org.uk
- 29 Saint Mark's Youth Club presents: Soon be Christmas! 6pm, Henley Community Hall, St Mark's Church, Mansfield. Fun entertainment for all the family. Refreshments free, but donations for Club funds welcome. 07804 691792, www.stmarksmansfield.org.uk (youth & children).
- 29 Advent Carol Service and Procession with readings and music - 6.30pm, Southwell Minster.

Please note the deadline for the December 2015 issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH NOVEMBER 2015

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

The Revd Malcolm Lambert, Priest in Charge of Annesley with Newstead, to become Vicar of the new benefice of Annesley with Newstead and Kirkby Woodhouse in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing on Sunday 15 November, 4pm, St John's Kirkby Woodhouse by Archdeacon David Picken.

The Revd David William James, Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to retire with effect from 1 January 2016.

Give a precious gift this Christmas

At a time of year when Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus, thousands of children in Nigeria are longing for a precious gift, that of life. In the west African country, where 60 per cent of people live below the poverty line, 250,000 children under the age of five die as a result of malaria every year. This one country accounts for a quarter of all cases of malaria in Africa.

Women with malaria are particularly vulnerable, as they have a higher risk of miscarriage, premature delivery, stillbirth, severe anaemia and delivering babies with low-birth weight – a leading cause of child mortality. And as pregnancy reduces a woman's immunity to malaria, a pregnant woman is three times more likely to suffer from serious disease as a result of malaria infection than a non-pregnant woman. A lack of knowledge and poor access to information on health issues make the situation worse and malaria accounts for 11% of all maternal deaths in Nigeria.

Malaria claimed the lives of two of Mary Patrick Odey's children. Both Mary's four-year-old son Kenechukwu and six-year-old daughter Anah suffered the



headaches, thirsts and fevers of malaria – and both lost their lives.

This Christmas, we're asking for help to deliver the precious gifts that could save lives: long-lasting, insecticide-treated mosquito nets and an effective public education programme delivered by trained community health agents.

With support from Christian Aid, Mary and her community, in Ora-Eri, south-eastern Nigeria have now been provided with life-saving mosquito nets and shown how to use them effectively by community health agents.

Mothers have been taught how to spot the symptoms of malaria so Mary is able to protect her daughters Kosi and Christiana, as well as her grandchildren.

Community Development Committees have been set up to ensure the government provide

quality healthcare and free malaria treatment to clinics. Only by holding the government to account in this way will we help communities get what they are entitled to and stop yet more people dying needlessly from malaria.

No child should die from a preventable disease. Your donation could help Christian Aid prevent many thousands of unnecessary deaths from malaria.

Just £3 could buy a life-saving net and £60 could train three community health workers to deliver the nets and life-saving health advice in their local area. Your donations can make a difference to children's lives in Nigeria this Christmas.

For more information, visit www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas



Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Joining together in the transforming mission of God

MINISTRY VACANCIES

November 2015

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

Our current vacancies, divided by Archdeaconry are as follows:

NOTTINGHAM ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

St George, Netherfield, House for Duty Priest in Charge	<p>Modern catholic 'urban village' of 4,200 souls with a small congregation under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Beverley, as a resolution C parish.</p> <p>You need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have a rich traditional spirituality,• be disciplined in prayer and sacraments• be an able preacher and listening pastor <p>for a congregation who wish to move forward in parish mission and community outreach.</p> <p>The parish profile and statement of needs can be found on the Diocesan website. Enquiries to the Area Dean, Phil Williams on phil.stjames@virgin.net</p>
Tollerton	<p>A vacancy has arisen for a House for Duty Priest in Charge in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Tollerton which is an attractive village about six miles to the south of Nottingham. This is an exciting opportunity for a forward looking, energetic and sociable leader to build on the foundations already laid in initiatives such as our Lunch Bunch and Messy Church meetings.</p> <p>Please look on the website www.stpeters-tollerton.org.uk for a snapshot of who we are.</p> <p>Sarah Clark, Archdeacon of Nottingham, would welcome informal enquiries on archd-nottm@southwell.anglican.org</p>

NEWARK ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

There are currently no vacancies in the Newark Archdeaconry

There are a number of forthcoming vacancies. For information, please contact the Archdeacons' PA on archdeacons@southwell.anglican.org

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

Enhanced DBS clearance is required for each post.

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

Next Bulletin December 2015

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

St Martin's Church - Sherwood

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:

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