

Clergy Mailing - December 2014

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news & information from the Diocese

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How much do we care about the elderly and lonely?

The Bishop's Lent Appeal next year will focus on tackling social care and isolation – two of the most pressing issues we face in the UK.

More than £19bn is spent on caring for the elderly every year yet we all hear the stories about failing care homes and poorly paid care workers, who have less and less time to spend with the people they look after.

According to Age UK more than half of over-75s live alone, with many saying they feel permanently lonely; sadly almost five million older people say the television is their main form of company. The Lent Appeal will support charities working to help people trapped in these desperate situations – the names of the charities will be announced in the New Year.



Alongside this, parishes are being encouraged during Lent to explore ways of supporting the elderly and lonely, in conjunction with a Citizens UK campaign nationally that is seeking to build an alliance of community organisations, care providers and care workers to press for changes to the provision of social care – more details at www.icareaboutcare.org.uk

Suggested practical action for churches includes:

- Encouraging people to fast on 19th March in sympathy with those who are hungry or lonely during Lent

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A window into the Christmas story

Householders will decorate their windows in the style of an Advent calendar as part of an exciting community event being launched in Toton.

A trail of Advent windows will be created as an extra window is revealed each day, starting on 1st December.

They will be illuminated from 6pm to 8pm each evening, with seasonal refreshments being served outside homes on certain days.

The Advent windows are being designed and made by members

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'Special moment' as new Archdeacon is installed



The new Archdeacon of Nottingham Sarah Clark was installed during a service at Southwell Minster last month. Sarah became the first woman Archdeacon in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

After the installation, which was conducted by Bishop Richard Inwood, Sarah said: "It was one of the most affirming experiences of my life".

Volunteers for The Nottingham Winter Shelter

The Nottingham Winter Shelter is recruiting volunteers for this year's night shelter during the winter months - when churches work together from November to March to provide warm safe shelters in church halls for Nottingham's rough sleepers/homeless people. Accommodation and support services was found for 166 people who stayed last winter thanks to a dedicated team of staff and 89 volunteers.

To volunteer please contact Denis Tully, email: denis.tully@emmanuelhouse.org.uk or 0115 950 7140. Follow them Facebook www.facebook.com/nottinghamwintershelter
Further details: the Revd Liam O'Boyle 07860 507318, email: liam.o'boyle@southwell.anglican.org



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of Toton Churches, a partnership between Toton Methodist Church and St Peter's Anglican Church.

Each has a theme linked to the Christmas Story which visitors will be able to follow as they walk, cycle or drive from house to house.

There will also be community carol singing around the Christmas tree on Saturday 20th December from 5pm to 6pm in Toton Methodist Garden. Another Advent window will be revealed at the end of this event. Refreshments will include hot fruit punch, hot chocolate and mince pies.

An Advent Windows leaflet is being delivered to every home in Toton, which includes the locations of each window and the date they will first be lit. Refreshment days are marked and there is a children's colouring competition included.

The programme is also available from www.totonchurches.org or office@totonchurches.org

Local schools are also getting on board by designing their own Advent window displays and learning a song to sing at the community carol event.

For more information contact Lynne and Andrew Pearson on 0115 917 8376 or andrew.lynne@live.com

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New environment policy sets out to celebrate Creation

A new environmental policy which pledges to “celebrate and affirm the dignity of Creation” was presented to Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Synod.

It set out a number of objectives:

- To encourage individuals, churches and the Diocese to cut their carbon footprints
- To promote recycling and the responsible use of resources
- To increase environmental awareness

Synod, which had gathered at St Saviour’s Church, Retford, for its final meeting of the year, was told that a Freedom of Creation Implementation group would need to be set up, comprising two representatives from each deanery, to support the policy.

The report also recommended the calling of Deanery Moots, moot being old English for meeting. These would include Green Champions, and be a forum for the sharing of stories and resources, and worship.

The report also commended the use of Diocesan assets in the production of renewable energy such as wind turbines. This came only days after Diocesan plans to build a turbine on land off the A606 near to Upper Broughton was turned down by Rushcliffe Borough Council planning officers.

Plans for another turbine, on farmland at Elston, are still to be determined.

The report also supported the installation of solar panels on churches, halls and parsonages, where appropriate.

The Edible Churchyards programme should also be supported, said the report, bringing people together to find local solutions to hunger and isolation. It also commended the Wildlife Churchyards initiative, which could be used to “find local solutions to the destruction of green spaces, plants and animals”.

Synod also approved the budget for 2015, with total expenditure of £9,151,000, most of this on people costs.

In his address to Synod, Bishop Richard Inwood focused on justice, but justice infused with righteousness. He quoted from the prophet Amos (5:24): “Let justice roll down like the waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream”.

The Bishop said people should “be pleased with just verdicts and fitting sentences, but is that the end of the matter?” In the Christian tradition justice means much more. It is often translated as righteousness in the New Testament, and goes beyond judgment and sentence – it is about acting justly and doing right in one’s life and in the community.

Development plan will see a radical reshaping of the St John’s College

The Council of St John’s College, Nottingham, has agreed unanimously to a development plan that will see a radical reshaping of the college over the next two years.

The Church of England is reviewing ministerial education, and St John’s says it is moving to match the needs of the Church. After many months of prayerful consideration, the college Council and Directorate have agreed to remodel the college to meet future training needs.

The plan will see an end to the admission of new full-time residential students at the Nottingham campus from September 2015, and the development of new models of ministerial formation and training for discipleship.

Recruitment of new full and part-time students on all Midlands CYM and Extension Studies programmes will continue as normal.

St John’s has identified four key areas of development that the church will need as it trains leaders for the future.

They are:

Contextualized training for missional leadership: The college has started to develop context-based training through its Community Mission Pathway in which theological reflection and spiritual formation are fully integrated in a parish setting.

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Spiritual journey that led to Lambeth Palace

A personal quest to deepen his own spirituality resulted in a Notts clergyman being awarded a degree by the Archbishop of Canterbury – and writing a book.

The Revd Jim Wellington went to Lambeth Palace, home to Archbishop Justin Welby, to receive his doctorate – known as a Lambeth Degree.

Jim, who is the Rector of Keyworth, Stanton on the Wolds, and Bunny with Bradmore, is well versed in the history of the early Church Fathers and the development of the ‘Jesus Prayer’ – an ancient prayer popular in the Eastern Church.

It is becoming more popular with Christians in the West and for many years Jim has studied how it developed from the biblical Psalms among desert-dwelling monks in the fourth and fifth centuries.

It was suggested to him that it was suitable material for a PhD, and when the idea was accepted Jim spent three years writing his thesis in his spare time.

“I researched it originally as a way of developing my own spirituality,” said Jim. “When something is part of your life and faith it is never a problem to study it.”

He used the material to write his book, ‘Christe Eleison! The Invocation of Christ in Eastern Monastic Psalmody c. 350-450’ (published by Peter Lang AG).

Jim went to Lambeth Palace for the presentation with his wife Hilary, daughter Catherine and other family members. He was presented with his doctorate by the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Revd Dr John Inge.



Make a child's Christmas

Family Care is appealing for toys to give as Christmas

presents to the children and families it supports, as well as many other vulnerable children across Nottinghamshire.



If you have a new toy or gift to donate contact your Family Care parish link person or telephone Sam Wilson on 0115 360 3010.

The toys and gifts will be delivered on 9th, 10th and 11th December.

Free online Advent Calendar

At Christmas, many families feel under enormous financial pressure to create the perfect Christmas. This short-term pressure often leads to long-term despair for the poorest in society. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has advocated strongly against pay day lenders and it is at Christmas that many families can feel the most financial pressure to use exploitative forms of credit.

Church Urban Fund has produced a free online Advent Calendar to reflect on the issues and show how churches are helping. It includes daily videos, reflection and prayers.

For more information, and to register to receive your calendar, go to <http://www.cuf.org.uk/>

Prayerdiary

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In January we pray for. . .

- Thu 01 Jan** **Workplace Chaplain (Rachel Shock)**
Kyushu - (Japan) The Rt Revd Luke Muto
- Fri 02 Jan** **Car Colston, St Mary; Screveton, St Wilfrid; Flintham, St Augustine of Canterbury (Oliver Learmont)**
Lafia - (Abuja, Nigeria) the Rt Revd Miller Maza
- Sat 03 Jan** **Cotgrave, All Saints; Cotgrave Church School; Owthorpe, St Margaret; (Paul Massey)**
Lagos - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Most Revd Ephraim Ademowo
- Sun 04 Jan** **Sisters of the Community of the Holy Cross, Costock**
Lagos West - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd James Odedeji
Lagos Mainland - (Lagos, Nigeria) the Rt Revd Adebayo Akinde
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Mikkeli, Bishop Seppo Häkkinen
- Mon 05 Jan** **East Bridgford, St Peter; Kneeton, St Helen; St Peter's Primary School (Oliver Learmont)**
Lahore - (Pakistan) the Rt Revd Irfan Jamil
- Tue 06 Jan** **Broughton Sulney, St Luke; Hickling, St Luke; Kinoulton, St Luke; (Paul Massey, Maggie Woodward)**
- Wed 07 Jan** **Bunny, St Mary the Virgin; Keyworth, St Mary Magdalene; Stanton-on-the-Wolds, All Saints; Bunny Primary School (Jim Wellington)**
Lainya - (Sudan) the Rt Revd Peter Pitia
- Thu 08 Jan** **Diocesan Registrar, Amanda Redgate and her colleagues**
Lake Malawi - (Central Africa) the Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda
- Fri 09 Jan** **Plumtree, St Mary (Trevor Kirkman)**
Lake Rukwa - (Tanzania) the Rt Revd Mathayo Kasagara
- Sat 10 Jan** **Radcliffe-on-Trent, St Mary; Shelford, St Peter & St Paul (Graeme Anderson, Chris Youngman)**
Lango - (Uganda) the Rt Revd John Odurkami

In January we pray for. . .

- Sun 11 Jan** **Our Partner Diocese of Natal, Bishop Rubin, the Clergy and the People**
Langtang - (Jos, Nigeria) the Rt Revd Stanley Fube
Church of Norway: Diocese of Nidaros/ New see and Trondheim, Presiding Bishop Helga Haugland Byfuglien, Bishop Tor Singaas
- Mon 12 Jan** **Tollerton, St Peter (Area Dean: Jim Wellington, Lay Chair: Janet Clothier; Churchwarden: Geoff Chub)**
Lebombo - (Southern Africa) the Very Revd Carlos Matsinhe
- Tue 13 Jan** **The Cranmer Group, Cranmer Primary School (Bryony Wood)**
Leicester - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Timothy Stevens
Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Leicester - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Christopher Boyle
- Wed 14 Jan** **Widmerpool, St Peter; Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, St Mary & All Saints; Wysall, Holy Trinity (Stephen Hippisley-Cox)**
Lesotho - (Southern Africa) the Rt Revd Adam Taaso
- Thu 15 Jan** **Leisure; Center Parcs (Chris Levy); Notts County Football Club (Liam O'Boyle); Nottingham Forest Football Club (Steve Silvester); Mansfield Town Football Club (Ray Shaw); Nottingham Rugby Club (Henry Curran)**
Lexington - (IV, The Episcopal Church) the Rt Revd Douglas Hahn
- Fri 16 Jan** **The Wiverton Group (Bronwen Gamble)**
Liberia - (West Africa) the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Hart
- Sat 17 Jan** **GEDLING DEANERY (Area Dean: Phil Williams, Lay Chair: Richard Turner)**
Lichfield - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Jonathan Gledhill
Lichfield - Shrewsbury - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Mark Rylands
Lichfield - Stafford - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Geoffrey Annas
Lichfield - Wolverhampton - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Clive Gregory
- Sun 18 Jan** **All engaged in the Healing Ministry throughout the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham**
London - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard Chartres
London - Edmonton - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Peter Wheatley
London - Fulham - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Jonathan Baker
London - Kensington - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Paul Williams
London - Stepney - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Adrian Newman
London - Willesden - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Peter Broadbent
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Oulu, Bishop Samuel Salmi
Church of Norway: Diocese of Soer-Hålogaland (Bodoe), Bishop Tor Berger Joergensen
- Mon 19 Jan** **Arnold, St Mary (Ken Shill, Susan Bloomfield, Louise Nicholls, Sam Hustwayte)**
Lincoln - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Christopher Lawson
Lincoln - Grantham - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd Timothy Ellis
Lincoln - Grimsby - (Canterbury, England) the Rt Revd David Court
- Tue 20 Jan** **Bulcote, Holy Trinity; Burton Joyce, St Helen; Stoke Bardolph, St Luke (Roger Harper)**

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Litoral Ecuador - (IX, The Episcopal Church) the Rt Revd Alfredo Morante

- Wed 21 Jan** **Calverton, St Wilfrid; St Wilfrid's Church of England Primary School (Pat Hemstock)**
 Liverpool - (York, England) the Rt Revd Paul Bayes
 Liverpool - Warrington - (York, England) the Rt Revd Richard Blackburn
- Thu 22 Jan** **Carlton, St John the Baptist (Amanda Digman, Wendy Murphy)**
 The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff
 Assistant Bishop of Llandaff - (Wales) the Rt Revd David Wilbourne
- Fri 23 Jan** **Carlton-in-the-Willows, St Paul (Brian Hall)**
 Lokoja - (Lokoja, Nigeria) the Most Revd Emmanuel Egbunu
- Sat 24 Jan** **Colwick, St John the Baptist; Colwick St John Primary School (Amanda Digman, Jean Lamb)**
 Limerick & Killaloe - (Dublin, Ireland) the Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon
- Sun 25 Jan** **Homelessness Sunday – we pray for the homeless and those in poverty around us**
 Long Island - (II, The Episcopal Church) the Rt Revd Lawrence Provenzano
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo
- Mon 26 Jan** **Daybrook; Arnold Seely Primary School (Sally Baylis)**
 Los Angeles - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) the Rt Revd Jon Bruno
 1. Suffragan bishop of Los Angeles - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) the Rt Revd Mary Glasspool
 2. Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) the Rt Revd Diane Bruce
- Tue 27 Jan** **Epperstone, Holy Cross; Gonalston, St Laurence; Oxton, St Peter & St Paul; Woodborough, St Swithun; Woodborough Woods Primary School; (Anthony Giles, Cora Yarrien)**
 Louisiana - (IV, The Episcopal Church) the Rt Revd Morris Thompson
- Wed 28 Jan** **Gedling, All Hallows; Gedling, All Hallows Primary School (Michael Taylor, Erika Kirk)**
 Luapula - (Central Africa) the Rt Revd Robert Mumbi
- Thu 29 Jan** **Lambley, Holy Trinity (Michael Taylor)**
 Lucknow - (North India) the Rt Revd Maurice Dan
- Fri 30 Jan** **Caythorpe, St Aidan Misson Church; Gunthorpe, St John the Baptist; Gunthorpe Primary School; Lowdham, St Mary the Virgin; Lowdham Primary School (Carol Tainton, Rowena Edlin-White)**
 Lui - (Sudan) the Rt Revd Stephen Ismail
- Sat 31 Jan** **Netherfield, St George (Vacant: Area Dean: Phil Williams, Lay Chair: Richard Turner; Churchwarden: Lillian Barnett, Patricia Bird)**
 Lusaka - (Central Africa) the Rt Revd David Njovu

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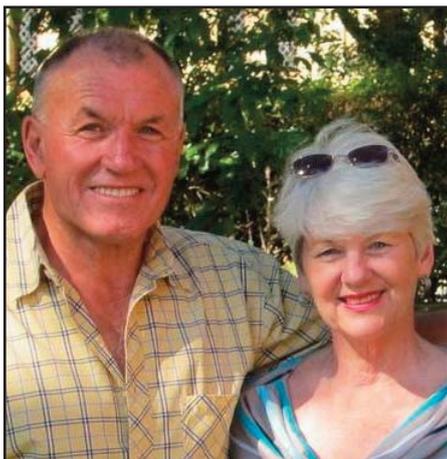
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Christmas across the miles

Val Hopkins from the 453 churches writes:

Christmas is always a time to celebrate and come close to those we love and hold dear, and for us, in the villages that make up the 453 churches, that means a time to celebrate and remember our parish partnership with Richmond, iNdelani and Byrne in Natal in South Africa.

This began with a visit by me in 2007 and has grown since then. At the heart of it all has been prayer and we include prayer requests from Natal each week in our News Slip. Friendships have flourished and visits have been made to and from Richmond. During September 2013 Ven Frankie Thacker, the priest there, and her husband Mike stayed with me for a month as they worked around the Diocese and got to know us better. Many of you may have met her and been



struck by her enthusiasm and commitment to both the Diocesan link and our parish to parish partnership.

Frankie will be retiring at the end of the year and we wish her a long and happy retirement, doing all those things she has planned in their new idyllic home high in the hills at Byrne. Having been through a vacancy ourselves three years ago we appreciate how unsettling it can be for parishioners as they wonder who Frankie's replacement will be. And that's where our link through prayer comes in as we join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ 7000 miles away, to pray for the right person to be appointed.

And as we see our beautiful Zulu Nativity figures and our wonderful African Christmas tree decorations reappear this year we



pray also that our special friendship can be maintained and grow.

To all our friends in Natal and to Frankie and Mike we send wishes of love for a happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas and a long, happy and healthy retirement. And can we encourage you to join us in that prayer.

**For further details about the Natal link contact:
the Revd Barbara Holbrook,
email: bholbrook@btinternet.com, 0115 938 3565**

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Growing Disciples - Training for Ministry & Mission - January 2015

7th, 14th, 21st 28th,

4th Feb, 11th Feb Lay Ministry Lite – Preaching Training

Perhaps your vicar has encouraged you to speak in a service, or maybe members of the PCC have said they feel you have a gift for interpreting scripture. If you feel you may be called to preach in your church setting, this may be a good starting point to test the waters. This 6-session course is for those who may be asked by their parish priest to step out of the pew and into the pulpit. It offers an introduction to preaching looking at why we preach, who we are preaching to and different styles of preaching; we look at scripture in its context, biblical interpretation, and how we relate that to 21st century themes; we offer guidance on the use of the lectionary an in writing and evaluating a sermon; the sermon in worship; preaching at All-Age Worship...and more. Each session will consist of theory, discussion and practice.

The 'Lay-Lite courses are titled 'lite' by virtue of their being short in length rather than 'lite' in content or indeed depth. That is because we do need to ensure that participants gain sufficient insight and learning to enable them to begin to practice their skills within their church contexts. If you are interested in attending this course, please speak with your parish priest in the first instance, and then contact Jubilee House to lodge an interest

Led by Julia Jesson

7-9pm

St Saviour's Church, Retford

21 Boys, God and Church

What makes boys tick, why they go off church and what we can do about it.

Led by Nick Harding

7.30-9.30pm

St Mary's, Ladybrook, Mansfield

27 Youth Worship

What helps young people to worship God and how might we enable them to encounter Christ in ways that are meaningful to them? From lying in your bed gazing at the ceiling right through to festival events. Exploring youth worship with resources to be used with 11-18s.

Led by Angela Brymer

7.30-9.30pm

St John's College, Nottingham

Contact: Catriona Gundlach

01636 817232, catriona@southwell.anglican.org

St Columba's Episcopal Church, Portree Clergy Holidays 2015 on the Isle of Skye

The Rectory Flat at St Columba's Episcopal Church is available for clergy holidays and those recommended by clergy on a self-catering donation basis. The suggested minimum donation is £350 per week.

This upstairs flat has recently been fully refurbished and comprises of a kitchen/diner, large lounge with a wood burning stove, new wide screen TV/ DVD player. Centrally heated throughout it sleeps four, one double bedroom and one twin bedroom, a bathroom with bath, shower and WC complete the facilities.

For more information on what's happening on Skye please visit the following web sites
www.skye.co.uk
www.walkhighlands.co.uk/skye

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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 December

- 3** An Elizabethan Christmas: Ex Cathedra Jeffrey Skidmore - 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Programme includes: Byrd Mass - for Four Voices; Gibbons - This is the record of John See, see the Word is incarnate; Tallis - Videte miraculum. £12, £22 and £30 plus transaction fee. Box Office: www.excathedra.co.uk 0121 345 0603
- 3-7** Christmas Tree Fair at Worksop Priory Church. Open: 10am-4pm. Admission free. Schools, charities, businesses will be exhibiting a tree. Charitable collection will be made in conjunction with the Church Christmas Fair on Sat 6th December - stalls raffle & refreshments.
- 4-7** Bingham Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival. A community wide event involving businesses, organisations and groups alongside the members of the church. Thurs 4: 10.30am - 7pm; Fri 5: 9.30am - 9pm; Sat 6: 9.30am – 5.30pm; Sun 7: 11.30am – 5.30pm. Prices: Adults - £2.50; Accompanied Children – 50p; Family Maximum - £6. The Festival will end with a Carols of Praise Service on the Sunday evening at 6.30pm .
- 5** Lord-Lieutenant's Carol Service. 7pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 6-14** Newark Parish Church 7th Christmas Tree Festival. Over 100 trees decorated by local schools, organisations & businesses. Opening times: Saturdays 9.30am-5pm, Sundays 11am-4.30pm, Weekdays 10am-4.30pm, Entrance: adults £2, children 20p. refreshments, Christmas cards, raffle, stalls. Festival Songs of Praise 14 Dec, 6pm.
- 9** Moscow Academia Quintet 7pm, the State Chamber, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 12** St Mary's Church Bulwell Christmas Band Concert by The Band of The Royal Engineers Ticket £5. For more information tel. 0115 9161787
- 12** A Ceremony of Carols – Benjamin Britten, Minster Girls' Choir & Roisin Hickey (Harp). 12.15pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 13,14** Star Safari The Bramcote Nativity. Written by Pat Ashworth, Directed by Julian Hanby, Performed by local people. This is a promenade play in the style of the medieval Mystery Plays. Follow the action and be part of the unfolding drama in four of Bramcote's best locations, starting at St Michael's Church (NG9 3HD). Tickets £6 (adults), £4 (concessions and under 16s). Available from www.bramcote.info, or St Michael's Church Office 0115 943 0137 (9.30am-12pm Mon-Fri).
- 20** Norwell Christmas Festival 2014, St Laurence Church, Norwell. Special Opening afternoon on Sat 13th, 2–5pm. Traditional displays, arrangements, activities, crafts, music and refreshments. Service of nine lessons and carols at 6pm on Sun 14th. The church will be open to see the displays and arrangements until Christmas. Further details: 01636 636 365.
- 13** La Nativité du Seigneur – Olivier Messiaen, Simon Hogan (Organ). 6.30pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 14** Christingle Service - 4pm, St Mary the Virgin and All Souls Bulwell. With a speaker from the Children's Society. There will be an opportunity to give money to support this charity and their work.
- 14** Nottingham Concert Band Christmas Concert - 3pm, Bunny Parish Church, Bunny Village,

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- Nottingham. Tickets £7 (accompanied young people under 16 £3). includes refreshments. Tickets in advance, contact Kate 0115 9847090 for details. Proceeds to the Church General Fund.
- 16** Joint Emergency Services Family Carol Service. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Service Members their families and the general public are all welcome to attend.
- 17** BBC Radio Nottingham Carol Service. 7pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 19** Handel's Messiah. Minster Chorale and Chamber Ensemble. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 20** Carols on Bulwell Main Street 10.30am organised by Bulwell Churches Together.
- 20** Cantamus Girls' Choir Concert: Heralding Christmas. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Further details: www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 21** Carol Service – 6.30pm, St Mary the Virgin and All Souls, Bulwell.

Christmas Services

at

Southwell Minster

Sunday 7 December

5pm, Christingle Service

An annual service in support of The Children's Society

Saturday 13 December

7.30pm, Carols for Everyone Concert (tickets required)

Monday 23 December

7pm, Cathedral Carol Service I

Tuesday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

11am AND 2pm, Crib Services

3.30pm, Festal Evensong

7pm, Cathedral Carol Service II

11.15pm, Eucharist of Christmas Night

Wednesday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

8am, Holy Communion with Carols

9.30am, Family Eucharist

11.15am, Festal Mattins

12.30pm, Said Holy Communion

3.30pm, Evening Prayer with Carols

Christmas Lunches at Launde Abbey

8th – 23rd December

Book early to avoid disappointment, particularly if you are thinking of bringing a large group. Please call Launde Abbey for details of menus and prices.

Christmas Evening at Launde Abbey

18th, 19th and 20th December

An evening of fine food and fun, with Christmas carols and seasonal songs. Four Course Gourmet Dinner, followed by a seasonal sing-along featuring Brian Davis on the keyboard. Licensed Bar and overnight packages also available. Price: £35 per person or dinner, bed and breakfast packages from £65 per person.

**Please call Launde Abbey on
01572 717254 for more
information and to book.**

**Please note the EARLY deadline for the January 2014 issue of Nifty Notes
is: 8TH DECEMBER 2014**

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

The Revd Philip John Thomas, Vicar of St Mark, Woodthorpe in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, to become Vicar of Christ Church, Cinderhill in the same Diocese. Licensing to take place on 25 January 2015, 4pm at Christ Church Cinderhill.

Follow up announcements

The Revd Clare Tyack, SSM Assistant Curate at St Mary, Blidworth, and St Simon and St Jude, Rainworth in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to become SSM Associate Priest in the Hucknall Team in the same Diocese. The Licensing date is 18 January 2015, 10am on St Mary's, Hucknall.

The Revd Greg Price to become Priest in Charge of the Tuxford with Weston and Markham Clinton Benefice in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing on 11th January 2015, 10am at St Nicholas Church, Tuxford, with Bishop Richard Inwood.

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The college will build on this in partnership with local churches and dioceses.

Flexible part-time training for ordinands and independent students: The proportion of ordinands training part-time has risen significantly over the past 20 years, and the major current Church of England review of ministerial education suggests that clergy trained part-time can be as effective as those trained full-time.

High quality training in youth and children's ministry: The college says it is committed to continuing to provide this through the Midlands CYM, and looks forward to greater integration between Midlands CYM and other programmes through the new Durham University-validated Common Awards framework.

A theologically and pastorally-resourced laity: The college will continue to offer a variety of courses through its Extension Studies department, while developing new programmes such as its Graduate Certificate.

Principal David Hilborn says: "Over the past 150 years St John's has re-imagined theological education many times as it has served students from a wide range of educational backgrounds. For example the college pioneered Extension Studies, "mixed-mode" training, and more recently a distinctive form of community-based contextual formation.

"Our calling is to equip Christians for mission in a world of change. This next reconfiguring of the college is consistent with our history and with the needs and resources of tomorrow's church."

The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham has had a close partnership with St. John's and many of its past students are serving in the Diocese. The Acting Bishop, the Rt Revd Richard Inwood, pictured above, said: "The Diocese looks forward to working closely with the College under these new circumstances to develop lay and ordained training which will equip people for mission and ministry in our rapidly changing world."

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- Organising a Bible study series or talk on what the Bible says about loneliness and care for the elderly
- Holding an intergenerational tea party, inviting neighbours and local elderly groups
- Attending Nottingham Citizens' electoral assembly on 24th March at 7pm in the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, with Conservative, Labour and Lib Dem Cabinet members for social care
- a Mother's Day tea party
- Working with children's and youth groups to write letters to the elderly

Resources are being prepared (which could form the basis of a small group Lent Course) and will be available in the New Year to help with study, prayer and action on these troubling issues.

As the nation prepares for a General Election in May 2015 it is the perfect time to focus on those in our communities who are struggling, often silently, with inadequate care, poverty and loneliness.



Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Joining together in the transforming mission of God

MINISTRY VACANCIES

December 2014

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

Our current vacancies, divided by Archdeaconry are as follows:

NOTTINGHAM ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

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| <p>St Michael with St Anne Sutton Bonington with St James Normanton on Soar – HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST IN CHARGE</p> | <p>Two attractive south Nottinghamshire villages need a priest who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• will continue to teach and energise us from the scriptures;• can lead us in interpreting and fulfilling the diocesan vision: <i>Joining together in the transforming mission of God</i>;• will enable us to make new patterns of ministry work;• can provide continuity of pastoral care;• and encourage others in commitment and leadership roles. <p>A great place to live and minister the Gospel</p> <p>An application pack is available on the Diocesan website: http://southwell.anglican.org/mission-ministry/job-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/</p> <p>Enquiries to the Area Dean, John Bentham on john.bentham@nottingham.ac.uk</p> |
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| <p>St George, Netherfield, House for Duty Priest in Charge</p> | <p>Modern catholic 'urban village' of 4,200 souls with a small congregation under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Beverley, as a resolution C parish.</p> <p>You need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a rich traditional spirituality, • be disciplined in prayer and sacraments • be an able preacher and listening pastor <p>for a congregation who wish to move forward in parish mission and community outreach.</p> <p>The parish profile and statement of needs can be found on the Diocesan website. Enquiries to the Area Dean, Phil Williams on phil.stjames@virgin.net</p> |
| <p>Team Rector, Clifton</p> | <p>Clifton is a lively community on the outskirts of the City of Nottingham. This post is an exciting opportunity to develop and build upon a much valued ministry. The nature of the community presents both challenges and opportunities for engagement. At present, there is a Team Vicar and an Assistant Curate in post.</p> <p>This will be advertised in the Church Times mid January with the discernment process taking place on 9/10 February.</p> <p>David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries.</p> |
| <p>Tollerton</p> | <p>A vacancy has arisen for a Priest in Charge in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Tollerton which is an attractive village about six miles to the south of Nottingham. This is an exciting opportunity for a forward looking, energetic and sociable leader to build on the foundations already laid in initiatives such as our Lunch Bunch and Messy Church meetings.</p> <p>Please look on their website www.stpeters-tollerton.org.uk for a snapshot of who we are.</p> <p>Sarah Clark, Archdeacon of Nottingham, would welcome informal enquiries</p> |

NEWARK ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

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| West Trent Group | A cluster of 8 village parishes to the South and East of the cathedral town of Southwell. This is an opportunity to work strategically over the next 5 years with the parishes, leading them forward in discerning how best to proclaim the Gospel throughout their communities, within the context of the Diocesan 2020 plan. At this stage David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries. |
| Beck & Trent | <p>We are seeking to fill a vacancy for a Priest in Charge of 6 villages in the eastern part of the Newark Archdeaconry. This is an attractive area of the county and is a good opportunity to build on and develop the good foundations that have been laid in recent years.</p> <p>The advertisement can be viewed on the Diocesan website, closing date 15 December 2014, with the discernment process taking place on the 8 January 2015..</p> <p>David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries.</p> |
| Annesley with Newstead | <p>We are seeking to fill an appointment to a new parish ministry following a re-organisation. The role calls for someone who is committed to working across boundaries and in a collaborative ministry with lay ministers exploring Fresh Expressions in Church and an SSM Priest.</p> <p>Informal enquiries to the Archdeacon of Newark</p> <p>An application pack is available on the Diocesan website: http://southwell.anglican.org/mission-ministry/job-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/</p> |
| Worksop Area | <p>A vacancy exists for a Community Development Worker in the south east ward of Worksop working across boundaries. There will also be a requirement for the person to hold the Bishop's Licence to Preach as a Lay Minister.</p> <p>Informal enquiries at this stage to Archdeacon of Newark</p> |

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

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

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

*Overseas applicants may apply for posts having consulted John Lee above.
If short listed they come for interview in the diocese at their own expense.
Applicants will be assessed on the criteria for the post and if appointed it will be conditional
on the Archbishop's approval.*

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