

Clergy Mailing - January 2015

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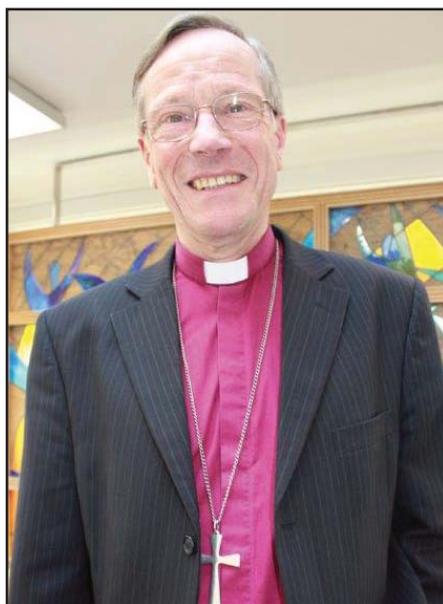
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2015 – What will your contribution be?

One of my favourite quotations says: ‘He who would do good to others must do it in minute particulars; general good is the plea of the scoundrel, the hypocrite and the flatterer.’ William Blake (1757-1827). It’s rather archaic language but it reminds us of a vital truth. It’s quite easy to be generally well-disposed towards the world and to our fellow human beings, but much more difficult to actually do something to help them. The William Blake quotation reminds us that general good needs to be demonstrated in our actual actions, not simply with fine words. So how are we going to work this out in 2015? I want to suggest some ways we might using the Diocesan themes as a basis for them.



Living Worship

‘Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.’ (Romans 12:1)
St Paul reminds his readers that worship is not just beautiful liturgy or enjoyable music but a wholesale dedication of ourselves – body, mind, and spirit – to God. What we are, and what we say, and what we do, is all part of our worship. We hope our public worship in 2015 might attract people to God, but it will only do so if we are living lives which match what we are saying in church. Living worship.

Growing Disciples

There’s a two-edged challenge to this theme. It asks of us the

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Nottingham Winter Shelter now open

Nottingham Winter Shelter has opened for an eighth season, providing emergency accommodation and support for rough sleepers in the coldest months of the year.

The shelter, managed by Emmanuel House – a city centre support centre for homeless and vulnerable people – will be located in five successive locations across the city of Nottingham until 30th March 2015, remaining at each for around four weeks.

“The success of the shelter is a testimony to the generosity of

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Lent givers dig deep to tackle food poverty

Archdeacon of Nottingham Sarah Clark presented more than £1,900 to a project based on the allotments in St Ann's that supports people with mental health problems, promotes social inclusion and produces veggie bags that are sold at discounted rates to people on benefits.

Ecoworks has a community garden and a market garden on the Hungerhill allotments, which are used to grow food while "reconnecting people to the land and each other".

Sarah presented the money to Tom West, a trustee of Ecoworks, who said it would be used to renovate a straw-bale building, help with running costs and develop new ideas.

The money was raised by last year's Lent Appeal, when congregations were asked to donate to charities that helped to tackle food poverty.

Sarah said: "The Hungerhill Allotments were a revelation to me. To discover in Ecoworks, in people like Tom and Paul, the community garden manager, such a socially engaged community of volunteers making a difference in the lives of local people was 'seeking justice' – one of the strands of our diocesan mission statement – at work. It is exactly where Lent money should be spent. It is also a very beautiful, peaceful and inspiring place. Look out for their open day in May when the apple blossom is out. I will be visiting again".

Another project to benefit from the Lent Appeal was an Edible Churchyards scheme at St Mark's in Bestwood, where raised flower and vegetable beds have been built in the grounds of the church and are tended by children from Hawthorne Primary and Nursery School. The project received a grant of £250 from the Appeal which was used to buy equipment and soil – four tonnes was needed.

Edible Churchyards is a movement that encourages churches to turn spare ground around church buildings into gardens to grow fruit and vegetables, bringing communities together and providing wholesome food to eat.

Money is still available for the Edible Churchyard Grants. For more details email: richard.ellis@southwell.anglican.org



Two new Honorary Canons for Southwell Minster

Prison Chaplain, the Revd Jo Honour, and Mansfield vicar, the Revd Mark Adams were installed as Honorary Clerical Canons of Southwell Minster by Acting Bishop, the Rt Revd Richard Inwood, on Sunday 14th December.



The Revd Jo Honour is Prison Chaplain at HMP Whatton and also holds Permission to Officiate in Derby Diocese. She succeeds the Revd Liz Turner-Loisel and has taken up the seat of Normanton. The Revd Mark Adams is Vicar of St John's with St Mary's Mansfield and Area Dean of Mansfield, and succeeds the Revd Sarah Clark to take the Retford stall.



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Advice and support in a mental health crisis

Following requests from many churches on how to find help when someone is suffering a mental health crisis, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust has produced an advice leaflet in partnership with the diocesan group Opening Minds. It acknowledges that many people are drawn to community faith leaders at times of distress and offers leaders and their colleagues the following advice: If someone is in crisis, listen to them, as long as you are not in danger, but never say your conversation will be confidential because you might have to share information. Find out if a professional is already helping them. For out of hours numbers for mental health and social services call NHS Choices on **111**.

It is not uncommon for people to have suicidal thoughts but they are at greater risk if they have plans to commit suicide. Asking about this will not increase the risk. If someone feels hopeless and can see no future they should be offered immediate help.

Find out who is supporting them and ask to speak to that person. They may have a crisis card with phone numbers to call. Encourage them to talk to someone who is trained to listen such as the Samaritans - **08457 90 90 90**.

Suggest they see their GP, or offer to take them. If they are under professional care and you are really concerned you could



check when their next appointment is and see if it could be brought forward. Out of hours, contact NHS Choices on 111 for advice.

If they are about to seriously harm themselves call 999. If there is a risk of violence, make sure everyone is safe and call police. If they have taken an overdose or harmed themselves, they should be assessed at an Emergency Department.

Sometimes people are not aware how unwell they are and that puts their health or that of others at risk. If you are unable to contact the GP or mental health team, contact adult social services. If the person is under the care of Nottinghamshire Healthcare, they may tell you which team they are under. Call 0115 969 1300 and the switchboard will direct you to the right team.

The Trust has a Spiritual and Pastoral Care Service which can help on matters relating to religious or spiritual care of patients. Contact the Revd Dr Paul Quilter on 0115 952 9485. Further details on Opening Minds go to opening.minds@southwell.anglican.org

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the local communities close to the city centre”, stated Alastair Paylor, General Manager, Emmanuel House, Nottingham.

“We could not operate without the churches and religious organisations that open their doors each year to enable us to set up overnight sleeping accommodation and provide warmth and hot food each evening across the five-month winter period”.

The shelter opened its doors on Monday 10th November in The Meadows, Nottingham. Guests arrive at the shelter via a formal referral from Emmanuel House.

Each location will hold between 20 and 25 beds per night, providing accommodation, food, warmth and support for homeless people from 9pm each evening until the early morning. Guests sleep in warm, clean bedding on an inflatable mattress.

Each evening unpaid volunteers, from a team of over 80 local people, serve soup and toasted sandwiches, with a light breakfast of cereals and toast each morning. Guests staying at the shelter will also receive a main meal at Emmanuel House at lunchtime. The shelter is packed away each day so that the space can be used by the host facilities.

Epiphany Retreat, Launde Abbey

16th–18th January 2015

Led by Valerie Joyce and Alison Christian

The word “Epiphany” for some people signifies only one story, that of the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is celebrated on 6th January.

But the season of Epiphany stretches for many weeks and contains some of the most powerful of the gospel stories, all of which are manifestations or revelations to the world of God in Jesus Christ. In this retreat we will be using the ancient form of prayer: Lectio Divina; paintings, poetry, space and silence to explore the mystery of this distinctive season. £170 including all meals and accommation.

**Further details: 01572 717254, www.laundeabbey.org.uk,
email: suzanne@launde.org.uk**

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question, ‘Are you growing as a disciple?’ When I was in parish ministry, I once asked that question rhetorically in an end-of-year sermon. One of my wardens came up to me at the end of the service, and wonderfully said, ‘Yes, and I can tell you why!’ Will you be a stronger and more effective person in the service of Jesus Christ at the end of 2015 than you are now?

The second challenge is to see others come to faith and to grow too. Each one of us has a unique network of family and friends, colleagues and neighbours for whom we are an icon of Jesus Christ. God challenges of us – even if we don’t have the gift of an evangelist – to ‘do the work’ of one. Growing disciples.

Seeking Justice

At the Diocesan Synod in November, I challenged members not simply to talk about justice and righteousness, but to be justice and righteousness in the communities in which God has placed us. (Communities aren’t just geographical, of course. There’s the golfing community, the running club, the ramblers club, the WI, or perhaps you’re one of the gricers like me [look it up!]). Our actions need to ensure that righteousness and justice flourish in whichever community we are part of.

So in 2015, what about the ‘minute particulars’? Make sure you make a difference for God in the little things which wait to be done all around you.

+Richard Inwood

Kathryn is new Dean of Women’s Ministry

Bishop Richard is delighted that the Revd Canon Kathryn Herrod has accepted his invitation to become the next Dean of Women's Ministry in this diocese.

Kathryn, Team Rector in the parish of Hucknall, and Honorary Canon of Southwell Minster, will take up the post with immediate effect.

Time Travelling!

Time Travelling Pilgrimage: Bookings are being taken for the annual schools' pilgrimage event, "Time Travelling" at the Cathedral.

All primary schools are welcome to attend for a fun day of activities, to support RE teaching, with children from across the region. For Key Stage 2, 2nd-6th March; for Key Stage 1 8th-12th June.

Please let your local schools know - more information and booking forms can be found at www.timetravelling.co.uk or by phoning Southwell Minster Education Department 01636 817993.



Prayerdiary

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In February we pray for. . .

- Sun 01 Feb** **Education Sunday - we pray for all those working and studying in education**
 Luwero - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Evans Kisekka
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Elsinore, Bishop Lise-Lotte Rebel
- Mon 02 Feb** **Porchester, St James (Phil Williams)**
 Lweru - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jackton Lugumira
- Tue 03 Feb** **Woodthorpe, St Mark (Vacant: Area Dean: Phil Williams, Lay Chair: Richard Turner; Clergy: Michael Johnson, Churchwardens: Stephen Leek, Victoria Hardy)**
 Machakos - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Mutungi
- Wed 04 Feb** **NOTTINGHAM NORTH DEANERY (Area Dean: Elizabeth Snowden; Lay Chairs: Anne Walters & Sue Dunster)**
 Madhya Kerala - (South India) The Rt Revd Thomas Oommen
- Thu 05 Feb** **Chaplains in Higher Education: Nottingham University, John Bentham, Megan Smith); Nottingham Trent University (Richard Davey, Jenny Paddison); North Notts College (Kate Bottley)**
 Madi & West Nile - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Dr Joel Obetia
- Fri 06 Feb** **Aspley, St Margaret; Nottingham Bluecoat School (Jon Hutchinson)**
 Madurai-Ramnad - (South India) The Rt Revd Marialouis Joseph
- Sat 07 Feb** **Basford St Leodegarius with St Aidan (Richard Shaw)**
 Mahajanga - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Jean Andrianjafimanana

In February we pray for. . .

- Sun 08 Feb** **Diocesan Readers (Jackie Johnson, Ministry Development Adviser; Chris Perrett, Warden; Barbara Coleman, Readers & RLM CME Officer)**
Maiduguri - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Mani
- Mon 09 Feb** **Bestwood Emmanuel with St Mark (Elizabeth Snowden, Chris Easton)**
Maine - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Stephen Lane
- Tue 10 Feb** **Bestwood Park/Rise Park Ang/Meth LEP (Chris Easton, Community Missioner,**
Nigel Rooms)
Makamba - (Burundi) The Rt Revd Martin Nyaboho
- Wed 11 Feb** **Bestwood St Matthew with St Philip, St Matthew-on-the-Hill; St Philip (Andy**
Morris)
Makurdi - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathan Inyom
- Thu 12 Feb** **Staff at the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham and the Bishop of Sherwood's Office**
Malaita - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Samuel Sahu
Assistant Bishop of Malaita - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Alfred Hou
- Fri 13 Feb** **Bilborough, St John the Baptist; Bilborough, St Martin of Tours with Strelley,**
All Saints (Mandy Cartwright, Dan Corcoran, Gill Hall)
Malakal - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Deng
Malakal - Bentiu Area - (Sudan) The Rt Revd John Gattek
- Sat 14 Feb** **Bulwell St John, St John the Divine (David Gray & Bob Stephens)**
Manchester - (York, England) The Rt Revd David Walker
Manchester - Bolton - (York, England) The Rt Revd Christopher Edmondson
Manchester - Middleton - (York, England) The Rt Revd Mark Davies
- Sun 15 Feb** **Poverty Action Sunday – we pray for the poor and those living in poverty**
Mandalay - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd David Nyi Naing
Church of Norway: Diocese of Hamar, Bishop Solveig Fiske
- Mon 16 Feb** **Bulwell St Mary, St Mary the Virgin All Souls, St Mary's Church of England**
Primary Nursery School (Andy Nicolls)
Manicaland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Julius Makoni
- Tue 17 Feb** **Cinderhill, Christ Church (Phil Thomas)**
Mara - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Hilkieh Deya
- Wed 18 Feb** **ASH WEDNESDAY – pray for all healing and wholeness**
Marathwada - (North India) The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab
- Thu 19 Feb** **Regional Chaplain for South & East Region RAF, ATC Wing Chaplain (Peter**
Hooper)
Maridi - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Justin Arama

In February we pray for. . .

- Fri 20 Feb** **Kimberley, Holy Trinity (Barbara Holbrook)**
 Maryland - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Eugene Sutton
 Suffragan Bishop of Maryland - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Heather Cook
- Sat 21 Feb** **Nuthall, St Patrick (Barbara Holbrook)**
 Masasi - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Patrick Mwachiko
- Sun 22 Feb** **The Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Peace and the High Sheriff, Graham Cartledge**
 Maseno North - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Simon Oketch
 Maseno South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Francis Abiero
- Mon 23 Feb** **Sherwood, St Martin (Sylvia Griffiths, Jane Walker)**
 Maseno West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Roskilde, Bishop Peter Fischer-Moeller
- Tue 24 Feb** **Awsorth, St Peter; Cossall, St Catherine; Trowell, St Helen; Trowell**
 Church School (Andrew Lord, Paul Whitehead, Brenda Brown)
 Masindi-Kitara - (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Kasangaki
- Wed 25 Feb** **Wollaton, St Leonard (Tim Pullen, Elizabeth Wild)**
 Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Alan Gates
 Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gayle Harris
 Western Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Douglas Fisher
- Thu 26 Feb** **NOTTINGHAM SOUTH DEANERY (Area Dean: Karen Rooms; Lay Chair: Robert Cleave)**
 Masvingo - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Godfrey Tawonezwi
 Matabeleland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga
- Fri 27 Feb** **Attenborough, St Mary the Virgin (Jonathan Smithurst)**
 Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Diseko
- Sat 28 Feb** **Beeston, St John the Baptist (Wayne Plimmer, Rob Wiggins)**
 Mbaise - (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chamberlain Ogunedo

World links news - BURUNDI

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Meeting of the people of Matana

The Revd Lucy Cleland, Link Officer for Burundi writes:

On the 24 October 2014, I set off with a group of 10 people to visit Matana in Burundi. Our intention was to establish a link between Gedling deanery and the Anglican diocese of Matana as well as a community to community link between Gedling Borough and the civic area covered by the diocese of Matana.

Over 6 days, we visited primary and secondary Schools, Matana hospital, civic administrators, a Bible school for ordination training, youth groups, community association agricultural projects, tea and sugar factories, a Twa village and various educational programmes in literacy, sewing, saving and credit run by the Mothers' Union.

Here are a few reflections from team members:

Jane Williams from Bluecoat School:

As a languages teacher in a secondary school where we have to entertain and educate using up-to-date resources and technology, I was struck by the sparseness of the classrooms. Between 60 and 100 students were crammed in, three to a desk. Many of them spoke three languages fluently

and were desperate to learn. The only resource was a teacher and a piece of chalk.



Jacqui Colquitt, rural community developer:

Burundi could appear on the surface to be a country with sufficient resources to work towards sustaining themselves but the reality is it is still one of the poorest countries in the world. Reasons for this include lack of training, clean water, health education and the inability to move away from traditional farming methods. I am looking to support my colleagues in Matana by using my community development skills to help with identifying new opportunities and sourcing funding.

Helen Catchpole, Mothers' Union member:

I would have to say that the key thing for me was the effect of the Mothers' Union in Burundi. As

Archbishop Bernard put it 'they are the cornerstone of the work the church is doing'. From education and training, credit unions and help and support for people in need (especially those experiencing domestic violence) you will find the Mothers' Union.



We have begun to form good relationships with the people of Matana. Part of our aspiration was to model a partnership which other deaneries in this diocese might wish to replicate with other dioceses in Burundi. Do be in touch with me if your parish, MU group or deanery would like to explore partnering with the people of Burundi.

The Revd Lucy Cleland
Burundi Link Officer
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Training. . . Training. . .

Growing Disciples - Training for Ministry & Mission February 2015

5 First Aid Training for Clergy and Lay Leaders

Led by John Ritchie
10am-3.30pm £20
St Paul's Church, Wilford Hill

7 Deaf Awareness Training - Seeing or hearing the Word?

Led by Susan Bloomfield
9.30-3.30pm
Venue to be advised

7 CHIPPS – Mind Matters

Led by CHIPPS
10am-4pm £10 (BYOL)
Toton Methodist Church
To book please contact Sue Goring 0115 973 2130 or email: sgoring@hotmail.com

9 The Human Cost of Welfare Reform

Led by Liam O'Boyle
7.30-9.30pm
Venue to be advised

12 Mental Health Awareness Day

10am-3.30pm
Highbury Hospital, Nottingham

21 Messy Church – Going Deeper

9.30 for 10am-3.30pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

25 Making Sense of Science and Religion

Led by John Allister
7.30-9.30pm
St Jude's Church Mapperley.

25 Here I am send me

Led by Angela Brymer
7.30-9.30pm
Jubilee House, Southwell

Contact:

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Winning entry in Christmas video competition

The Christmas video competition launched in the diocese last year attracted some cracking entries. Children and young people in our churches were invited to make a two-minute video that told the Christmas story, or part of it.

The winner was Lucia Miola, 11, from St Peter's Church in Ravenshead, who was presented with a cheque for £100, which could be spent on a Christmas party or other youth celebration in her church.

Overall, the videos submitted showed imagination and charm and were made available for churches to use in their services leading up to Christmas.



The judging was carried out by the Revd Kate Bottley and Frances Finn, a presenter on Notts TV.

Frances said: "Lucia's video had it all - the classic Bible story, with bags of personality. It held my attention from beginning to end

and I appreciated all the hard work in making the Plasticine figures. The sound effects were, well, interesting too!"

You can watch the winning video at: http://youtu.be/FR_-UI-_CNg

What's On

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

in January

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| 6 | Epiphany Eucharist sung by the Minster Chorale, 8pm in the Minster. |
| 8 | Healing Group meeting with Audrey Stokes, 7.15—7.30pm at 25 Chatsworth Avenue, Southwell. |
| 25 | Taize Service, 5pm in Southwell Minster |
| 26-30 | Playful Cathedrals Workshop with Matthew Askey, in the Chapter House of Southwell Minster. |
| 30 - 7 | Playful Cathedrals Exhibition (Matthew Askey) in the Chapter House of Southwell Minster . |

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| 7 | Messy Cathedral Celebrating Messy Church in Nottinghamshire. God's Love in the World. Bring your Messy Church group, friends and family to a Valentine inspired afternoon of craft, games, worship and refreshments celebrating God's love. 2pm-4pm, Southwell Minster. Hosted by Cathedral Education Department and Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Education Team. Contact Emma, Diana or Matt 01636 817993 for more details |
| 28 | Prayer Ministry – A Practical Workshop. 9.30am-4.30pm, St Anne's Church Hall, Newcastle Avenue, Worksop. A 1-day workshop looking at both the theory and the practice of prayer ministry. Facilitated by the Revd Dr Adrian Chatfield from the Simeon Centre. Cost £10 includes a light lunch (soup) and refreshments. To book, contact: Mrs Rosie Mitchell, 6 Hemmingfield Crescent, Worksop S81 0NS. |



MESSY CATHEDRAL CELEBRATING MESSY CHURCH IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



God's Love in the World

Bring your Messy Church group, friends and family to a Valentine inspired afternoon of craft, games, worship and refreshments celebrating God's love.

At Southwell Minster
Saturday 7th February
2pm-4pm



Hosted by
Cathedral Education Department and Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Education Team

Contact Emma, Diana or Matt 01636 817993 for more details



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JOINING TOGETHER
IN THE TRANSFORMING
MISSION OF GOD

Messy Church – Going Deeper

21st February 2015

Keynote Speaker: The Venerable Sarah Clark

**Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JH
(9:30 for 10.00-3.30pm)**

Lunch provided

A day conference for practitioners and leaders focusing on strategy, discipleship and the sacraments in Messy Churches.

The day will consist of a mixture of input and workshops around these three areas;

- Developing leadership and strategy around your Messy Church's identity and mission
- Developing discipleship in Messy Church
- Administering the sacraments in Messy Church – Baptism and Eucharist

While some of the input on the day will refer to Anglican Church structures and liturgical practice it is open to anyone who is involved in running a Messy Church. Places are limited to 3 participants from each Messy Church.

To book your place, please contact:

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**Please note the deadline for the February 2015 issue of Nifty Notes
is: 12TH JANUARY 2015**

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

Mrs Angela Morfett-Jones, Licensed Lay Minister at present Deanery Reader and Funeral Minister in Llanrhos Deanery in the Diocese of St Asaph to be 0.5 Stipendiary Lay Minister for the Elkesley Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. This is subject to the completion of legalities and enhanced DBS clearance. Licensing date: 7pm on 5 February 2015 at Elkesley Church. Licensing by Bishop Richard Inwood

The Revd Louise Nicolls, formerly Assistant Curate at St Mary's, Arnold in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham now 0.5 Team Vicar in the Hucknall Team Ministry with Pastoral responsibility for St John the Evangelist and 0.5 School Chaplain at Hucknall National Church of England Academy in the same Diocese. Licensing: The Ven David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark was on 7 December 2014.

Chainsaw artist to create sculpture at church

A tree sculpture representing the Holy Trinity will be created by a chainsaw artist who has been commissioned to carry out the work at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Hucknall.

Sculptor Peter Leadbeater, who has travelled the country creating works of art with his chainsaw for restaurants, local authorities and schools, worked in the church grounds on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December.

Vicar Jo Stephens said the work would create a beautiful focal point for the garden of remembrance on land at the side of the church.

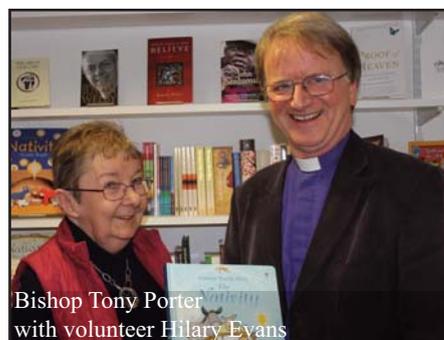
"People visit the garden to reflect and remember and we hope the sculpture will add to that experience," she said. "It has been designed to appeal to Christians and non-Christians alike.

"God will be represented by a large orb, there will be an abstract Jesus and a flying dove to represent the Holy Spirit."

The idea came about when the church had to fell 24 trees in its grounds for safety reasons. Peter will work on an eight foot section of trunk to create the sculpture. Initially there was no money to pay for the work but a donation from a member of the congregation made it possible.



New chapter at St Peter's as Bishop opens shop



Bishop Tony Porter with volunteer Hilary Evans

The Bishop of Sherwood officially opened a new Christian book and gift shop at St Peter's Church, Nottingham.

The idea was born to expand the shop into a Christian book and gift shop, especially now that there is no other Christian book shop in the centre of Nottingham. The funds to do this came from an old St Peter's Trust fund, which includes educational purposes within its terms.

The work was carried out over two weeks in August when the coffee shop was closed, and the newly-expanded shop now carries a range of books, toys, cards, jewellery, bags, scarves, glassware and Fairtrade products.



Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Joining together in the transforming mission of God

MINISTRY VACANCIES

January 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

<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 on the 16th & 23rd January 2015 with the discernment process taking place on 9 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

West Trent Group	<p>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.</p> <p>This will be advertised in the Church Times on the 9 and 16 January 2015 with a closing date of 12noon on 25 January 2015. The discernment process will take place on 4 February 2015.</p> <p>An application pack is available on the Diocesan website: http://southwell.anglican.org/mission-ministry/job-vacancies/clergy-vacancies/</p> <p>David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries.</p>
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>David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, would welcome informal enquiries.</p>
Worksop South East Ward	<p>A vacancy exists for a Lay Minister & 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>This will be advertised in the Church Times on the 9 and 16 January 2015 with a closing date of 2 February 2015. The discernment process will take place on 23 February 2015.</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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HMRC CALLS TIME ON OLD STYLE GIFT AID ENVELOPES

HMRC is ending its concession allowing envelopes bearing old style Gift Aid declarations to be used up.

Churches and charities that have not replaced their Gift Aid envelopes since 2011 may now be using invalid declarations.

New wording requirements were introduced in early 2012 emphasising the need to ensure donors understood they needed to pay enough tax to cover all donations in the year. The new rules also clarified which taxes qualified for Gift Aid.

This concession has been in place throughout 2013 and this year, but HMRC has now drawn a line. "The announcements that changes to the Gift Aid declaration wording were necessary were made in early 2012 with a deadline that all GADs be updated by 31 December 2012.

"As we approach the end of 2014, after 2½ years, we do expect churches to have stopped using old stocks of declarations and Gift Aid envelopes and to now be using forms and envelopes that contain the updated wording explaining the types of income tax that can be used to cover a donor's Gift Aid declarations."

If you have any queries regarding this information please contact Jill Stanforth on 01636 817201 or jillstanforth@southwell.anglican.org



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