

Clergy Mailing - March 2018

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Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018 supports families in crisis

The Bishop's Lent Appeal will this year raise money for a charity whose work has supported hundreds of families in crisis, including many in our city and county.

Safe Families for Children recruits volunteers, mainly from local churches, to help families work through a crisis by providing the type of support offered by a friend, neighbour or grandparent. The families are often isolated and have no one else to turn to.

Each offer is unique depending on the needs of the family; volunteers help parents and children by mentoring, befriending, helping with reading, encouraging them to attend toddler groups, planning days out and fun activities, or anything else the family have identified they need.

Some volunteers act as host families and open up their homes to look after children, sometimes for a couple of nights, other times up to two weeks.



In the three years the charity has been working in the Midlands it has supported over 500 families, and provided 1,000 bed nights in host homes for 189 children.

Money raised from the appeal will be used to recruit and train host families, who currently range from people in their early twenties to those in their 70s.

They are single, married, living in house shares, families with children or without; what they have in common is a desire to share what they have to make

space for a child who needs a safe place.

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Church grows as it reaches out to community

“When we first started we thought we would get 15 to 20 people, now we are getting 70 to 90 every week and we are still growing.”

So said C of E pioneer minister Chris Easton when talking about Bestop Kitchen, a social eating venture launched at Bestwood Park Church only last summer.

“We have served a total of 3,350 meals to more than 290 people from our community. They are mainly elderly people but we get families as well, especially during the holidays. We started it because we were mainly concerned about isolation, it is a huge issue in our community.”

Bestop Kitchen serves Bestwood Park and Top Valley and is open on Tuesdays, from noon until 2pm. It is supported by the Church Urban Fund through its Near Neighbours project, Bestwood Partnership, Nottingham City Council and the Bishop’s lent Appeal among others.

The food that is cooked and served comes from Fareshare, a charity which collects surplus food from supermarkets and



redistributes it and, in the case of Bestop Kitchen, from the local Co-op stores.

“The secret is that we host it at the church but people from the community, our volunteers, play a vital role in running it,” said Chris.

There are plans to expand the work being done at the church; a grant from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust means a part-time volunteer co-ordinator can be employed, enabling the

kitchen to offer an evening meal once a month and possibly a breakfast club during the school holidays.

Debt and employment advisers are already on hand to help people in difficulties, and the hope is that a thriving community hub will be built around the church.

The “fringe of the church is growing” and some people who have eaten at the kitchen have started attending services. Springing from this will be the launch of an Alpha course for seniors after Easter.

And there are also plans for a weekend of celebration at Pentecost as part of the international Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative that starts in May. The weekend will include a meal, a gospel concert and a Pentecost service.



Staff in the kitchen serving guests at last year's launch of Bestop Kitchen

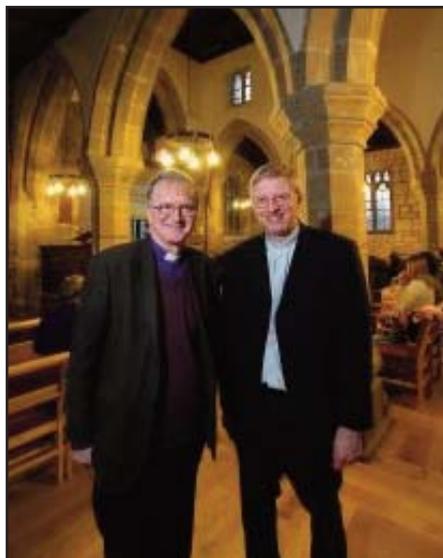
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Church opens after £180,000 renovation project

St Helen's Church, Trowell, has reopened after a major renovation scheme designed to make it a focal point of the local community.

The church was packed for the opening service, welcoming many people from the local community.

The Rector, Revd Dr Andy Lord, said: "There has been outstanding generosity from those involved at St Helen's. We are grateful to everyone who has pulled together to make this happen, and to the charities that have given so much finance to support it.



"It is a real encouragement to continue developing our sense of community. The challenges have brought us back to the heart of Christian faith: Jesus who came to care for all and to bring hope.

"We are so grateful for the generations who have sustained the building over the centuries and hope this sensitive re-ordering will serve church and community for many decades to come."

The improvements were four years in the planning and were initially driven by a desire to install a modern heating system to keep the church warm in the coldest winter weather.

The scheme grew and the church now also has a newly insulated floor which runs at one level right through to the communion rail, giving full disabled access. Pews have been replaced with chairs, a new glazed oak outer door at the porch has replaced the old iron gate, a new audio/music system has been installed with an induction loop for hearing aid users, and the new video/data projection system is unique in the village for community use.

Phases three and four of the scheme will follow to tackle issues involving power and lighting, the vestry/crèche, some internal stonework, cleaning of the nave walls and the restoration of historical and heritage features.

The whole scheme will cost about £180,000, of which a significant portion is being raised by the congregation through direct giving and fundraising, with the rest coming from grants, particularly from

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All volunteers go through a safe recruitment process and receive ongoing support and training throughout their time as a volunteer. It costs on average £320 to recruit and train each host family, and around £1,250 to put a holistic package of support around a family, providing hosting for the children and friendship and practical help for the parents.

Bishop Paul said: "I am delighted we can support the tremendous work Safe Families are engaged in across the city and county. Jesus placed great emphasis on the importance of caring for children and the most vulnerable in our society"

How charity helped a struggling mum

Safe Families for Children supported a mum who was eight months pregnant with her first child. Mum was struggling with severe nerve pain through her left side and weakness and there were concerns about whether she would be able to care for her child once she was born. The charity provided a complete package of support, both family friends and host families. Twelve months on and both mum and daughter are thriving. Mum is an active part of the church community that her volunteers went to; she helps with the children's work and had her daughter dedicated there. The case is now completely closed to children's services and to Safe Families.

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Enable

Seeking to transform the churches of the diocese to enable people with a health issue, impairment or disability to be fully involved in the life of the church community.

Enable sees the image of God in all people.

Enable will encourage:

- Increased awareness
- Change of attitude
- Empowerment
- Equal vocational opportunities
- Practical actions

Enable will offer:

- Information
- Signposting
- Training

Pete Edwards, the Chair of Enable, led an informative disability awareness workshop for the staff of Jubilee House in the autumn. The group hope to offer both a shorter version of this to deaneries in the coming year, and a repeat of the full day workshop for church leaders.

The group is also trying to gather stories from our parishes about groups, activities, and opportunities where children and adults with a health issue, impairment or disability are fully involved in the local church community.

If you have stories or wish to know more about the awareness workshop please contact enable@southwell.anglican.org

Refresh in Lent 2018 with Bishop Paul

“I am increasingly aware that sustaining momentum in ‘Growing Disciples wider, younger and deeper’ is dependent on the spiritual vitality of those who serve and lead across our churches,” writes Bishop Paul.

“Some have borne the heat through intense and uncertain seasons of ministry, others have carried the burden of leadership in some area of church life or in their day to day working world. That is why I am going to be hosting a series called Refresh in Lent, open to all but especially for anyone who exercises some aspect of leadership in their church, workplace, or wider community.”

Refresh will take place over two weeks in six locations and will feature some of the younger leaders from the diocese.

St Swithun’s Retford
Monday 26 February and
Monday 5 March;
St John’s Mansfield
Tuesday 27th February and
Tuesday 6th March;
St Mark’s Woodthorpe
Thursday 1st March and
Thursday 8th March;
St Mary’s Newark
Monday 12th March and
Monday 19th March;
St Giles’ West Bridgford
Tuesday 13th March and
Tuesday 20th March;
St Margaret’s Aspley
Thursday 15th March and
Thursday 22nd March.
Each evening will start at
7.30pm with refreshments.



Prayerdiary

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In April we pray for. . .

- Sun 01 Apr** **EASTER DAY - Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Funen, Bishop Tine Lindhardt
- Mon 02 Apr** **BANK HOLIDAY – pray for the Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our communities, and love to our hearts.**
 Butare - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Nathan Gasatura
- Tue 03 Apr** **Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid (Neil Popham, Kevin Charles)**
 Butere - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Wambunya
- Wed 04 Apr** **Linby, St Michael; Papplewick, St James (Trevor Raff)**
 Buye - (Burundi) The Rt Revd Sixbert Macumi
- Thu 05 Apr** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Rampton Hospital Retford (Tim Pownall-Jones)**
 Byumba - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ngendahayo
- Fri 06 Apr** **Ravenshead, St Peter; Newstead Abbey, St Mary (Kate Byrom)**
 Calabar - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Tunde Adeleye
- Sat 07 Apr** **Selston, St Helen; Westwood, St Mary (Fiona Shouler, Mina Munns, Adrian Dempster)**
 Calcutta - (North India) The Rt Revd Ashoke Biswas
- Sun 08 Apr** **The Nottingham Arimathea Trust (Carolyn Gilmore & Trustees)**
 PRAY for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Revd James Wong Yin Song Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala, Archbishop Antje Jackelén, Bishop Ragnar Persenius
- Mon 09 Apr** **Skegby, St Andrew; Stanton Hill, All Saints; Teversal, St Katherine (Vacant: Area Dean: Fiona Shouler: Lay Chair: Liz Marshall; Churchwardens: Roy Allin, Mary Whitbread, Eleanor Greaves, Philip Osborne, John Caunt, Rosemary Singleton)**
 Caledonia - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) The Revd David TJ Lehmann
 Calgary - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Most Revd Gregory Kerr-Wilson



In April we pray for. . .

- Tue 10 Apr** **Sutton-in-Ashfield, St Mary Magdalene (Andy Nicolls)**
California - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Marc Andrus
- Wed 11 Apr** **Sutton-in-Ashfield, New Cross Community Church (Julie Cotterill)**
Cameroon - (West Africa, West Africa) The Rt Revd Dibo Elango
- Thu 12 Apr** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Director of Communications for the Diocese and Cathedral, Richard Ellis and his colleagues**
Canberra & Goulburn - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Stuart Robinson
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Canberra & Goulburn - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Trevor Edwards
- Fri 13 Apr** **EAST BINGHAM DEANERY (Area Dean: Bronwen Gamble, Lay Chair: Steve Gelsthorpe)**
The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury
Canterbury - Dover - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott
Canterbury - Ebbsfleet - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Jonathan Goodall
Canterbury - Maidstone - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Roderick Howell Thomas
Canterbury - Richborough - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Norman Banks
- Sat 14 Apr** **Bingham, St Mary & All Saints (Jon Wright)**
Cape Coast - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Victor Atta-Baffoe
- Sun 15 Apr** **St John's College, Nottingham (Principal: David Hilborn)**
PRAY for The Church of Ireland The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aalborg, Bishop Henning Toft Bro
- Mon 16 Apr** **Car Colston, St Mary; Screveton, St Wilfrid; Flintham, St Augustine of Canterbury (Oliver Learmont)**
Carlisle - (York, England) The Rt Revd James Newcome
Carlisle - (York, England) The Rt Revd Robert Freeman
- Tue 17 Apr** **Cotgrave, All Saints; Owthorpe, St Margaret (Paul Massey)**
Cashel & Ossory - (Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd Michael Andrew Burrows
- Wed 18 Apr** **East Bridgford, St Peter; Kneeton, St Helen (Oliver Learmont)**
Central Buganda - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Michael Lubowa
- Thu 19 Apr** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Trinity Hospital Retford (Richard Lewis)**
The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa
Cape Town - Table Bay - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Garth Counsell
- Fri 20 Apr** **Broughton Sulney, St Luke; Hickling, St Luke; Kinoulton, St Luke; (Paul Massey, Maggie Woodward)**
Central Busoga - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Wakula

In April we pray for. . .

- Sat 21 Apr** **Bunny, St Mary the Virgin; Keyworth, St Mary Magdalene; Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Saints (Tom Meyrick)**
Central Ecuador - (XI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury
- Sun 22 Apr** **Mothers Union (Pat Brewin: Diocesan President, Kate McNish: Diocesan Secretary)**
PRAY for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido
The Lutheran Church in Great Britain: Bishop Martin Lind
- Mon 23 Apr** **ST GEORGE'S DAY: Plumtree, St Mary (Trevor Kirkman)**
Central Florida - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory Brewer
Central Gulf Coast - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Russell Kendrick
- Tue 24 Apr** **Radcliffe-on-Trent, St Mary; Shelford, St Peter & St Paul (Mark Tanner, Rachel Mitchell)**
Central Newfoundland - (Canada, Canada) The Rt Revd John Watton
- Wed 25 Apr** **Tollerton, St Peter (Alan Howe)**
Central Philippines - (Philippines) The Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao
- Thu 26 Apr** **The Cranmer Group (Vacant: Area Dean: Bronwen Gamble, Lay Chair: Steve Gelsthorpe; Churchwardens: Mike Senior, Sarah Hadfield, Phil Morris, Jean Smeeton, Julian Humpheson, Nick Finlay, Esther Sheardown, Roger Coulter, David Banks)**
Central New York - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd DeDe Duncan-Probe
- Fri 27 Apr** **Widmerpool, St Peter; Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, St Mary & All Saints; Wysall, Holy Trinity (Stephen Hippisley-Cox)**
Central Solomons - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Ben Seka
- Sat 28 Apr** **Wiverton in the Vale (Bronwen Gamble)**
Central Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Dickson Chilongani
- Sun 29 Apr** **The Archdeacon of Newark (David Picken)**
PRAY for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East The Most Revd Suheil Dawani Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Gothenburg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann
- Mon 30 Apr** **GEDLING DEANERY (Area Dean: Anthony Giles, Lay Chair: Tony Mellor)**
Central Zambia - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Derek Gary Kamukwamba
Central Zimbabwe - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Ishmael Mukuwanda

World links news - Natal

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Diocese to welcome a guest from Christ Church Addington in Durban

Barbara Holbrook, Link Officer for Natal writes:

This summer we are welcoming into the Diocese a guest from Natal.

The Revd David Goldstone is a priest who is planning on taking a sabbatical between May and August. He will be travelling by himself, although he hopes that his wife Marilyn will be able to join him for July, and maybe August. They have two children. David was ordained 10 years ago after working in industry, latterly as a manager for Engen Refinery.

David's churchmanship is from an evangelical tradition, although he is happy to work in different traditional settings. He brings experience of working in urban churches and involvement in work with young people, he has been chaplain to the Diocesan Youth Committee and involved in training and developing their young leaders.

He is currently the Rector of Christ Church Addington, a parish within Durban, close to the beach area. The church is involved in a soup kitchen, runs bible study groups and is involved with the local Elderly Care Home. It also has active youth work. They see their work



as clearly involved in Evangelism and Discipleship.

David says 'This sabbatical appears to be an exciting opportunity for my development, refocus and rest from my pastoral oversight at Christ Church, Addington. It prompted me to look forward to 2018 with great joy and excitement.'

We look forward to his sharing in our life here and getting to know him better.



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

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Citizens holding national gathering at city church

The Citizens campaign group is holding a national symposium at St Nic's Church, Nottingham, on Monday 5th March. Entitled 'Contributing as the national Church to the common good', it runs from 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Following the successful first symposium on Community Organising and Church Growth, this second event in a series of three will focus on how community organising is being used to fulfil the Church's second Quinquennial goal – contributing to the Common Good.



Inspirational stories will be shared along with the latest expertise on how Anglican churches are speaking with a prophetic voice and helping bring about justice. This will include parish-level, city-wide and national examples, and will also examine how, in working for the common good, congregations are developing leaders and enhancing the Church's position.

Bishop Paul will be at the event, which is being facilitated by The Rt Revd Adrian Newman, Bishop of Stepney and Trustee of Citizens UK; Canon Dr Angus Ritchie, Director of the Centre for Theology and Community; Matthew Bolton, Deputy Director of Citizens UK.

The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham has an ongoing partnership with Citizens UK. Here in Nottinghamshire, the broad-based alliances of Nottingham Citizens and Maun Valley Citizens, which between them have over 50 member institutions, have for the past few years offered many of our churches opportunity to be an active force for change, working for justice and the common good of our communities. This engagement with society is integral to our 'growing disciples' agenda.

If you would like to attend, go to www.southwell.anglican.org/citizens-holding-national-gathering-city-church and follow the Eventbrite link

Everyone is welcome, especially those who would like to know more about community organising and church growth.

Fostering Sunday

Save the date - 13th May 2018
A coalition of churches across Greater Nottingham are continuing to work together with Nottingham City Council to find more foster carers. A number of events are being planned for this year starting with Fostering Sunday on 13th May, which is at the beginning of Foster Care Fortnight. Please make a note of this date. Resources and more information will be available soon.

More information contact:
Catriona Gundlach 01636 817232, email:
catriona@southwell.anglican.org

Germinate Lecture 2018

Examining the ground under our feet

with the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester

Wednesday, 9th May 2018,
10.30am-2.30pm

The Council Chamber,
The Arthur Rank Centre,
Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth,
Warks, CV8 2LG

£10 until 22nd April, then £15
(including refreshments & lunch)

Book online by going to germinate.net and searching 'Germinate Lecture'.

For more information email: leadership@germinate.net or tel. 024 7685 3060

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 March

- Until 21** Crossing Exhibition Part 1: 'Crucifixion Now'. Free entry, no booking needed.
- 2** Women's World Day of Prayer service at Southwell Methodist Church 2pm. Service prepared by the women of Suriname. The Speaker is Rev. Peter Hibberts.
- 3** Quiet Day Crucifixion Now – Sacrista Prebend – with Crossings artists Iain McKillop and Matthew Askey (£20). Please book in advance via Sacrista Prebend on 01636 816833, or email: sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com
- 3** 'Anything Goes' in concert. 7.30pm, St Luke's Church, Shireoaks. The theme of the concert is 'Strife' and pieces range from well-known spirituals such as 'Nobody knows the trouble I've seen' to Simon & Garfunkel's 'Bridge over troubled water' to the anti-apartheid song 'Something inside so strong'. Tickets £5, concessions £3.
- 4** Lent Lecture 2 – Dr Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian (free) – 5pm, Southwell Minster. How to Defeat Evil: Atonement in The Lord of the Rings.
- 5** Bella Italia, Nottingham City Centre, 7pm. The Sports Quiz. 6 rounds of fun sports quiz action, pizza and a half-time introduction to the Christian faith, tailored for a sporty audience. Tickets £5. For more info call Rob on 07775 687682 or see ministryofsport.org.uk
- 9** Mellish Rugby Club, Mapperley, 7pm. The Sports Quiz. Arnold Churches Together invite you to 6 rounds of fun sports quiz action, pie & peas and a half-time interview with Paul Bedford, church leader and serial marathon runner. Tickets £5. For more info call Rob on 07775 687682 or see ministryofsport.org.uk
- 9** 'Medieval Church Graffiti Talk', 7pm, Thoroton Church. Speaker, Nigel Wood from the Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Medieval Graffiti Survey. Admission free, light refreshments provided. You may remember Nigel from the Open Churches Weekend last year when he gave guided tours of the medieval graffiti recently discovered around the church.
- 10** Jazz café with Cool Jazz. 2pm – 4pm, St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church Bulwell. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of tea, cakes and cool jazz. Tickets £3 or pay on the door (Includes refreshments. More details: the Revd Andrew Fisher 0115 9161787 a.j.fisher@outlook.com or Wendy Smith 0775 312 2139 wendysmith@totalise.co.uk
- 10** Day Conference/Study Day: The Spirit in Art Now (£20) – State Chamber, Archbishop's Palace, Southwell. Book via the Cathedral Shop: 01636 812933, email: cathedralshop@hotmail.co.uk
- 14** Bilborough Local History Group - Evening Talks 2018 - Bestwood Lakes by Stephen Walker. 7.30pm, St Martin's Church. Admission £2 / £1 concessions. Everyone welcome – no need to book. [@stmartinsbilb www.stmartinsbilborough.org.uk](http://stmartinsbilb.org.uk) Supported by the Friends of St Martin's Bilborough. For more information please email: info@stmartinsbilborough.org.uk
- 15** Southwell Minster Mothers' Union 2 pm in Sacrista Prebend. A talk by The Very Revd Nicola Sullivan (The Dean) on "Lent disciplines and the meaning of Lent". All welcome
- 17** St Matthew Passion Nottingham Harmonic Choir – 7pm, Southwell Minster. Tickets £15–£18 from: www.nottinghamharmonic.org
- 19** Heat Indian restaurant, East Leake, 7pm. The Sports Quiz. St Mary's East Leake invite you to 6 rounds of fun sports quiz action, great curry and a half-time introduction to the Christian faith, tailored for a sporty audience. Tickets £10. For more info call Rob on 07775 687682 or

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 The Big Snore. West Nottinghamshire College, Mansfield NG18 5BH. Sleep out so that others don't have to. Raise funds to support work by Framework to tackle homelessness in the Mansfield area. For more information and to sign up visit www.frameworkha.org/mansfieldbigsnore or call 0115 970 9558.

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- 2** Siku 'Manga' Painting Performance: Resurrection Now Chapter House passage, Southwell Minster(free). 10am–4pm, drop-in to watch at any time.
- 10-13** National Academy, Hucknall. Football Holiday Club, 9.30am-2.30pm. Hucknall Churches invite boys and girls in Y2-Y6 to 4 days of football fun. Includes coaching, team games, daily World Cups and half-time Bible-based activities. £8/day. For more info call Rob on 07775 687682.
- 11** Bilborough Local History Group - Evening Talks 2018 - Lost Churches of Nottingham by Doug Fletcher. 7.30pm, St Martin's Church. Admission £2 / £1 concessions. Everyone welcome – no need to book. @stmartinsbilb www.stmartinsbilborough.org.uk Supported by the Friends of St Martin's Bilborough. For more information please email: info@stmartinsbilborough.org.uk
- 14** Art Workshop: Basic Linoprint and Bookmaking (£30). 10am–4pm, Trebeck Hall, Southwell with Crossings artist Shaeron Caton-Rose. Book via the Cathedral Shop: 01636 812933 or email: cathedralshop@hotmail.co.uk
- 20** The Long Room, Trent Bridge. Game On Season One, 7pm. The launch night of a major brand new 5-part Friday night series exploring the claims of Christianity, made accessible for sports fans. Who could you invite to the historic setting of The Long Room at Trent Bridge to really get to grips with what Christianity is about, and why it's worth exploring. Free entry. For more info call Rob on 07775 687682 or see ministryofsport.org.uk
- 21** Ramsdale Park Golf Club, Calverton, 3pm. Par 3 Golf Afternoon. 9 holes, hot meal and entertaining after-dinner talk from Sheffield-based sports chaplain Baz Gascoyne. Ideal for the occasional or beginner golfer. £16 for golf and food. For more info call Rob on 07775 687682 or see ministryofsport.org.uk
- 22** The Crossings Easter Lecture – Dr Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian: Narrating the Resurrection (free) – 5pm in the Nave of Southwell Minster.
- 27** St Wilfrid's Church Calverton. The Sports Quiz, 7pm. St Wilfrid's invite you to 6 rounds of fun sports quiz action, pie, chips & mushy peas and a half-time interview with former Notts Co and Derby Co defender Michael Johnson. Tickets £6. For more info call Rob on 07775 687682 or see ministryofsport.org.uk
- 28** Quiet Day Resurrection Now – Sacrista Prebend – with Crossings artists Iain McKillop and Matthew Askey (£20). Please book in advance. Sacrista Prebend 01636 816833, or email: sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com

Please note the deadline for the APRIL 2018 issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH MARCH 2018

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

The Reverend Brenda Brown at present Associate Minister in the Trowell, Awsworth and Cossall benefice in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to retire with effect from 1 April 2018.

The Revd Andrew John Nicolls, at present Assistant Curate (known as Interim Minister) (full time stipendiary) at St Mary Magdalene, Sutton in Ashfield in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Sutton in Ashfield in the said Diocese.

Visitations 2018

NOTTINGHAM:

Nottingham North & South
14 May 2018, St Mary's Lace
Market

**East Bingham, West Bingham
& Gedling**
16 May 2018, St Wilfrids,
Wilford

NEWARK:

Bassetlaw & Bawtry
3 May 2018, All Saints Mattersey

Newark & Southwell
8 May 2018, St Nicholas'
Tuxford

Mansfield & Newstead
23 May 2018, in St Mary's
Church, Eastwood

All commence at 7.30pm

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WREN, a not for profit business that awards grants to community, environmental and heritage projects across the UK.

Events that could now take place in the church, freeing up space in the church hall, include school activities, midweek meetings, the Village Coffee Pot, charity events, youth and children's work, arts and flowers festivals, music and drama events.

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Tony Porter, led the service to celebrate the completion of the project's first two phases.

An open day was held in the week following, offering people the opportunity to drop in to view the new-look interior. It also featured an informal music concert with a musical group from Trowell CofE Primary School, worship band from Bluecoat CofE Secondary School and local flute, saxophone and piano/organ players.



Practical Training through
CHIPPS:

Churches in Pastoral Partnership
in partnership with
Pilgrims' Friend Society

Faith in Seniors What's Age Got To Do With It?

Saturday 3rd March 2018
10am-4pm

St Helen's Church Hall,
Stapleford NG9 8FN
Cost £15

Bring your own lunch

9.30am Registration & Coffee
10am Welcome & Worship
10.15am Session 1: Setting the
Scene: Pilgrim Friends Society
10.30am: Session 2: Faith in
Seniors/The Challenges of
Ageing
11.15am Coffee
11.30am Session 3: God's
purpose for seniors—and how to
live it
12.30pm Lunch
1.15pm Session 4: Brain and
Soul Boosting For Seniors:
1.40pm Practical example of a
Brain and Soul Boosting
session.
2.40pm Comfort break
2. 50pm Discussion: What can
we do?
3.45pm: Final worship & prayer
For enquiries and registration
contact: Sue 0115 973 2130
email: sgoring@hotmail.com



Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Joining together in the transforming mission of God

MINISTRY VACANCIES

March 2018

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

Bestwood Rise Park, Emmanuel and St Mark – Vicar designate	<p>The Bestwood area is undergoing pastoral reorganisation and when this is complete the newly formed 3-parish benefice of Bestwood Rise Park, Emmanuel and St Mark will have a vacancy for a full time incumbent. We are looking for a Spiritual Leader and Enabler in Mission for the three different worshipping communities <i>to grow disciples of Jesus Christ</i> in number, confidence in God, depth and younger age profile. It is an exciting opportunity to build on great community relationships, strong lay leadership and good co-operation with the churches of the wider Bestwood area.</p> <p>Closing date 28 February 2018</p> <p>For informal discussion and further information, please contact Sarah Clark, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07917 693285 or email archd-nottm@southwell.anglican.org.</p>
Burton Joyce, Bulcote and Stoke Bardolph, with Lowdham, Caythorpe and Gunthorpe - Vicar	<p>There are outstanding opportunities for growth in a new benefice with two parish churches and four smaller worshipping communities, situated in these beautiful, vibrant, commuter/rural communities of the Trent Valley between Nottingham and Southwell. We are praying for someone of energy and vision to build on all that is good while releasing the untapped potential there is.</p> <p>We are looking for someone who:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a confident and prayerful faith as a disciple of Christ • Enjoys people of all ages, inside and outside the church • Has experience of leadership in a growing church, especially with younger people, families and children • Is a gifted communicator, teacher and preacher • Is a collaborative leader able to release the gifts of members and train a curate <p>For informal discussion and further information, please contact Sarah Clark, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07917 693285 or email archd-nottm@southwell.anglican.org.</p>
<p>Carrington – 0.5 Vicar</p>	<p>St John the Evangelist is an Anglo-Catholic and inclusive Church serving a socially diverse inner city parish. We also provide a focal point for people in and around Nottingham who express and explore their faith through this tradition. We are committed to the Diocesan ambition of growing disciples ‘wider, younger and deeper’.</p> <p>The profile is currently being shaped and will be available very soon. Informal queries welcome. For informal discussion and further information, please contact Sarah Clark, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07917 693285 or email archd-nottm@southwell.anglican.org</p>
<p>Clifton Team Ministry - Team Vicar</p>	<p>Clifton is a significant parish of some 23,000 people on the outskirts of the City of Nottingham. It is situated on the excellent A453 which connects the City to the M1. The people of Clifton have their own sense of identity and are served by good shops, schools and public transport, including the new tram route into the City. Two churches serve the parish; St. Mary’s in the village and Holy Trinity with St. Francis in the estate. Clifton is a hard-pressed area with many joys and challenges and is a fulfilling place to serve.</p> <p>We are praying for someone who is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An evangelist who will help us grow in number, making disciples and seeing new worshipping communities established • A Team player who has commitment to mission and is excited by discipleship • Has resilience • Able to celebrate and respect difference • A deep pastoral heart <p>For informal discussion and further information, please contact Revd Owen Page, Team Rector on 01158469399 or email ramblingrector@virginmedia.com</p>

<p>Nottingham St George – Priest in Charge</p>	<p>St George's in the Meadows is a new full time stipendiary opportunity for an enterprising priest to lead the parish into fresh growth. St George's is under the sacramental and pastoral care of the Bishop of Beverley.</p> <p>For informal discussion and further information, please contact Father Nicolas Spicer on (01909) 472180 or email vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk.</p>
<p>Coming soon: Porchester St James</p> <p> Whatton with Aslockton, Hawksworth, Scarrington, Orston and Thoroton (The Cranmer Group)</p>	

NEWARK ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

<p>Blyth and Scrooby with Ranskill – 0.5 Priest in Charge</p>	<p>This is an exciting opportunity to minister in an established benefice that longs to continue and improve its witness to God's love.</p> <p>We have congregations who are committed to serving God and caring for our communities. With a range of styles of worship in our services and several mission and outreach endeavors in place, we have a lot to offer both young and old, families and those on their own. Can you lead us in our growing ministry?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy pastoral ministry with a heart for growing churches - Have a collaborative working style involving a gifted group of lay leaders - Have a creative, innovative and inclusive approach to worship - Be excited about developing existing constructive relationships with our local schools - Be motivated to extend positive relationships with the wider community <p>For informal discussion and further information, please ring David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, on 07917 690576 or email David.Picken@southwell.anglican.org.</p>
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<p>Mansfield St John's with St Mary's - Vicar</p>	<p>This is an exciting appointment within the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham seeking to provide visionary leadership for a potential 'Resource Church' with a strategic role in Growing Disciples, wider, younger and deeper.</p> <p>Mansfield is a town with a population c100,000. Fifteen miles north of Nottingham it is a diverse parish, incorporating some significant deprivation. There is engaging and dynamic lay leadership fully committed to nurturing a flourishing gospel ministry.</p> <p>We seek a vicar who will lead us in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing new disciples of all ages especially developing our mission among children and young people. • Developing our public presence and voice in support of the wider local community • Spiritual renewal and numerical growth as a resource for the churches and community of Mansfield. • Drawing on our evangelical theology and spirituality, to develop, nurture and release the gifts of the whole congregation in mission. • An effective leader and bible teacher who has very good personal skills. <p>For informal discussion and further information, please ring David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, on 07917 690576 or email David.Picken@southwell.anglican.org</p>
<p>Mansfield St Peter & St Paul with St Mark's– Vicar</p>	<p>At present the parish are preparing their profile. This post is an opportunity for someone to minister in a large town centre church which historically has been something of a civic centre for the town. There are a wide range of activities and opportunities in Mansfield and we are looking for someone who will be comfortable working across boundaries with other church leaders in Mansfield.</p> <p>For informal discussion and further information, please ring David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, on 07917 690576 or email David.Picken@southwell.anglican.org</p> <p>Closing date: 9 March 2018 Discernment process: 10 April 2018</p>
<p>Skegby with Teversal</p>	<p>This is an exciting opportunity to minister in a diverse benefice. Each community has its own church ranging from the historic village of Teversal, the multiple purpose plant of Stanton Hill and the larger Skegby. The churches have engaged well with the Diocesan vision of growing disciples and there is a mature and gifted lay leadership in place.</p>

	<p>After years of a significant incumbent ministry, these churches are ready to move to the next level of realising their potential and would benefit from their next priest being someone who is excited by the prospect of working from a traditional base in ministry leading to pioneering new forms of mission and outreach.</p> <p>For informal discussion and further information, please ring David Picken, Archdeacon of Newark, on 07917 690576 or email David.Picken@southwell.anglican.org.</p>
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Coming soon:

St Saviour’s Retford, West of Retford, South-East of Retford

We are currently undergoing a pastoral reorganization in the Retford area. This will lead to a number of ministerial opportunities, both in the centre of this vibrant market town and in rural benefices around Retford town.

Mansfield Woodhouse

In terms of population size this is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese. There are significant opportunities to develop ministry through occasional offices, community networks and the church café. The parish is a very distinct community, close to but outside the large town of Mansfield.

For more 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.

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Bishop's Lent Appeal 2018



Supporting Safe Families for Children

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‘ Jesus placed great emphasis on the importance of caring for children and the most vulnerable in our society ’

Bishop Paul



GROWING DISCIPLES

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Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

The Bishop's Lent Appeal will this year raise money for a charity whose work has supported hundreds of families in crisis, including many in our city and county.



Safe Families for Children recruits volunteers, mainly from local churches, to help families work through a crisis by providing the type of support offered by a friend, neighbour or grandparent. The families are often isolated and have no one else to turn to.

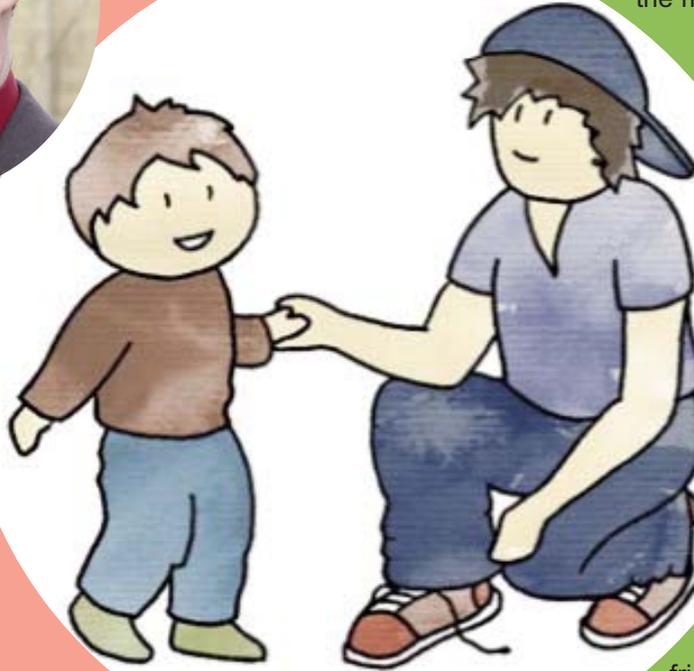
Each offer is unique depending on the needs of the family; volunteers help parents and children by mentoring, befriending, helping with reading, encouraging them to attend toddler groups, planning days out and fun activities, or anything else the family have identified they need.

Some volunteers act as host families and open up their homes to look after children, sometimes for a couple of nights, other times up to two weeks.

In the three years the charity has been working in the Midlands it has supported over 500 families, and provided 1,000 bed nights in host homes for 189 children.

Money raised from the appeal will be used to recruit and train host families, who currently range from people in their early twenties to those in their 70s. They are single, married, living in house shares, families with children or without; what they have in common is a desire to share what they have to make space for a child who needs a safe place.

All volunteers go through a safe recruitment process and receive ongoing support and training throughout their time as a volunteer. It costs on average £320 to recruit and train each host family, and around £1,250 to put a holistic package of support around a family, providing hosting for the children and friendship and practical help for the parents.



Bishop Paul said: "I am delighted we can support the tremendous work Safe Families are engaged in across the city and county. Jesus placed great emphasis on the importance of caring for children and the most vulnerable in our society"

How charity helped a struggling mum

Safe Families for Children supported a mum who was eight months pregnant with her first child. Mum was struggling with severe nerve pain through her left side and weakness and there were concerns about whether she would be able to care for her child once she was born. The charity provided a complete package of support, both family friends and host families. Twelve months on and both mum and daughter are thriving. Mum is an active part of the church community that her volunteers went to; she helps with the children's work and had her daughter dedicated there. She has friends who continue to host her daughter when her health deteriorates and she needs a break. The case is now completely closed to children's services and to Safe Families, and mum has started the volunteer process with the charity so that she can help others who are where she was 12 months earlier.

Just brilliant. So relieving to have someone to come in and help when you can't cope anymore. Somebody to support.

If it hadn't been for Safe Families I don't know where I would have been.

It was really helpful and got me out of a rut at a difficult time. I would highly recommend Safe Families!

It's been a massive support. My son has loved going to the volunteers and has met new people which is great. He is very happy to go with them and I would recommend it to anyone who needs a bit of support

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