

Clergy Mailing - April 2020

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Minster service postponed but you can still watch Bishop Tony's farewell video

The planned farewell service for Bishop Tony at Southwell Minster had to be postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic; it should have been held on Sunday 22nd March but will now hopefully take place at some point in the autumn.

Instead of the service, the diocese filmed a video* of Bishop Tony and his wife Lucille in conversation with Bishop Paul, talking about life, faith and their work in the diocese.

The Dean of Southwell, the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, prayed for them, thanking the Lord for their ministry and praying that He would bless them in the days ahead.

Bishop Tony then explained how prayer had undergirded their married life: "From the very first day of our marriage, at 7am, we read morning prayer and we pray together."

Lucille read from Mark 4, the Parable of the Sower, which was the inspiration for the Seed Scattering weekends the couple initiated in parishes across the diocese.

Bishop Tony said they had taken



part in 39 of them after he decided in 2010 that they should do something to help churches to share the gospel in their communities.

They would stay in a parish for the weekend and take part in community activities organised by the church; the gospel would be introduced, said Bishop Tony, "in a gentle way, never abrasive", and afterwards a nurture course would be run for those interested in finding out more.

Lucille spoke about faith in anxious times and how to maintain a healthy emotional bank account by making regular deposits – if you want to hear more about that, watch the full interview on the diocesan

YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/dioceofsouthwell/videos>

Bishop Tony and Lucille are retiring to Leyland, Lancashire.

Details will follow at some point on the new date for the Minster service.

***The video was made before the latest coronavirus advice from the Government ordering people to stay at home.**

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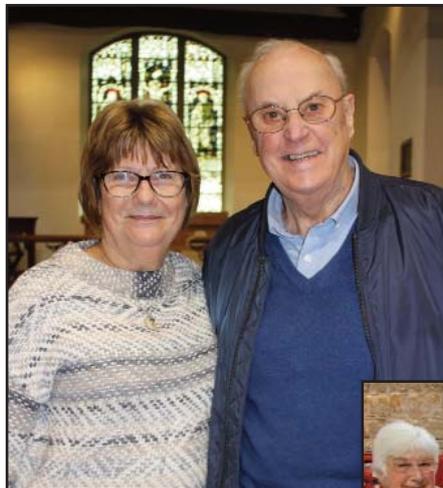
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Living with Loss and growing in faith

The Living with Loss cafe at St Wilfrid's Church in Calverton began life a few years ago as a bereavement group and has been developed with money from the 2019 Bishop's Fund for Addressing Loneliness. Carole Park has been instrumental in the group's success. Having been asked by the previous vicar, the Rev'd Pat Hemstock, to help with the church's bereavement group she started delivering contact and information cards to people's doors but soon found herself chatting over cups of tea giving invitations to join the group in church, which meets on a Thursday lunchtime. From there it was a case of following what she felt God was leading her to do, and now St Mary's Church in Lowdham want to start a similar group.

"We changed the shape of the group and re-launched it as the Living with Loss cafe with tea, cake and conversations, trained a new team to run it and re-advertised it across the community and beyond," says current vicar, the Rev'd Sam Hustwayte.

The cafe has now grown from five to about 20 people, who support each other and have built good relationships. Unfortunately, in view of the Corona virus restrictions, they have cancelled all meetings and other activities at present. However, the group are supported through frequent phone calls, and a number of them have their shopping and prescriptions



brought to them. They also cheer each other up by chatting on the phone and trying to keep positive!

It's also for people who are on their own through divorce and people who need new friendships, and the social element of the group - which used to meet fortnightly at Carol's home - helps with this. "We've never pushed religion but there's a ripple effect leading to different things at church," says Carole, "and when folk start coming to church they tell others about it so it's grown organically."

The group are looking forward to restarting their monthly meals and weekends away together. Such activities have drawn people into the wider church family. "We have had two people baptised and a confirmation with many coming regularly to church on a Sunday," adds Carole.

The grant money was used to develop other things around Living with Loss so that community could be built beyond the cafe. They held 'holiday at

home' events - a little like a holiday club for those who are older - and a monthly film club where older and younger join together.

Stan Grice, who is 85, was baptised in July last year and has been coming to the café for two and a half years, said: "It's the



best thing I've done. I've met a lot of people from the village as when I worked I was never here, who think and feel the same as me following the loss of loved ones - and make me realise I'm not 'losing it'."

Sam said: "The Living with Loss cafe has brought people together in companionship, with widows supporting one another, a couple finding love again and some discovering faith leading to baptism and confirmation in older age.

"I believe these and other events are truly transforming our community and growing disciples wider, younger and deeper."



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Dean of pioneering training college to be new Bishop of Sherwood

It has been announced that the Revd Dr Andrew Emerton, Dean of St Mellitus College, has been appointed as the next Bishop of Sherwood in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

St Mellitus College is one of the largest of the Church of England's theological training institutions with a growing reputation for pioneering approaches to training. Andy has been involved with St Mellitus since its earliest days, joining the staff team as Assistant Dean in 2008 and becoming Dean in 2015.

As Suffragan Bishop, Andy will work closely with the Diocesan Bishop, the Right Revd Paul Williams, in overseeing the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

“It is a huge privilege to be called to serve as a bishop in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham,” said Andy. “It will be a delight to work with Bishop Paul and the clergy and lay leaders of the diocese to contribute to the vision for Growing Disciples and to help build confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ across a diverse range of churches and local communities. I am excited and hopeful about this next stage of ministry.”

Bishop Paul said: “I am very

pleased that Andy Emerton will be joining us to serve alongside dedicated clergy and congregations making the good news of Jesus known in every community around the Diocese. As a fellow bishop sharing in the leadership of the diocese, we can be hopeful and confident that across our 300-plus churches and 75 church schools, in collaboration with other churches and partners, we may continue to make a bigger difference for the benefit of all who live and work in our great county and city of Nottingham.”

“Andy brings with him considerable experience from twelve years supporting the nurture and development of hundreds of women and men of all ages called to ordained and lay leadership within a diversity of church contexts and traditions. His gifts in shaping and releasing vocations and new models of ministry, of formation and training, and his support in the wellbeing and flourishing of all leaders and their people will be a great blessing across our diocese. I know Andy will receive a very warm welcome to the East Midlands where he will find there is a creative and dynamic culture bringing growth and new opportunity to an exciting and expanding region of the country.”

Andy grew up in the North West near Chester and was educated at York University, and Queen's College, Oxford and has a



background in scientific consultancy and youth ministry prior to training for ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. He served his title curacy at Holy Trinity Brompton in the Diocese of London and was ordained Priest in 2006.

Alongside his role at St Mellitus College, Andy exercises his priestly ministry within his local church congregation as part of the leadership at St Jude's Courtfield Gardens, one of the HTB family of congregations which has grown from an initial core group of 40 at the launch in 2012 to approximately 250 currently. He is married to Liz, who is Assistant-Head with responsibility for safeguarding at Kensington Park School London, and they have three school age children.

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Andy will succeed the Right Revd Tony Porter.

It is hoped that Andy will be consecrated as bishop by the Archbishop of York on Ascension Day 21st May 2020 at 11am in York Minster. He will continue to serve St Mellitus College until the end of the academic year while also preparing to engage in the life and ministry of the diocese from July, prior to the family moving to Nottinghamshire over the summer.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, said: “It is a great joy and delight to welcome Andy Emerton as the next Suffragan Bishop of Sherwood in the Northern Province. His gifts in mission, strategic leadership, creativity in teaching the faith, equipping clergy and laity for ministry across diverse parts of the country, and his infectious love for our Lord Jesus will be a

tremendous blessing to Southwell & Nottingham, the Province of York and the wider church.”

Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London and Co-Chair of St Mellitus College, said: “Through Andy’s time at St Mellitus, the College has delivered so much to the life and ministry of the Church in London. Now, of course, St Mellitus’ work is felt daily right across the Church of England, and that is in no small part a testament to Andy’s drive, energy and vision. While he will be greatly missed, especially in West London, I look forward to continuing my partnership with Andy amongst the Bishops.”

St Mellitus College was formed in 2007 by the Bishops of London and Chelmsford, in partnership with St Paul’s Theological Centre (Holy Trinity Brompton). Now a national College with five centres across the UK – London, Chelmsford, the North West (Liverpool), the South West

(Plymouth), and the East Midlands (Nottingham), it seeks to provide vibrant, innovative, and rigorous theological education and missional leadership training. The College currently has 750 students accessing its various programmes, including over 300 who are undertaking ordination training from 33 dioceses across the country.

Dr Jane Williams and Revd Dr Lincoln Harvey, Assistant-Deans of St Mellitus College, said: “Andy has led St Mellitus College through a season of extraordinary growth and flourishing. His personal and strategic skills have been key to the college’s successful partnership with dioceses across the country. He will be very much missed, but we rejoice at what he will bring to the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and the wider Church of England”

Coronavirus advice and guidance

For up-to-date advice on the coronavirus pandemic please refer to the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org

The site is being updated on a daily basis and contains information on livestreaming worship, prayer and liturgy resources, guidance on funerals and weddings, and a useful list of FAQs.

There is also a section devoted to mental health resources, video content that churches can use, and Easter reflections.

A prayer for all those affected by #coronavirus (#COVID19)

A range of prayers and other resources for churches and individuals to use has been published by the Church of England: <http://cofe.io/CVLiturg>

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus



Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Prayerdiary

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In May we pray for. . .

- Fri 01 May Tollerton, St Peter (Alan Howe)**
Mthatha (formerly St John's) (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Hummingfield Ndwandwe; Yei (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Luate
- Sat 02 May SECTOR MINISTRIES: Nottingham Prison (Steven Clark, Martin Tyack)**
Muhabura (Uganda) The Rt Revd Cranmer Mugisha; Yeri (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Nyari; Ijumu (Nigeria) The Ven Paul Ojo
- Sun 03 May The Interim Assistant Archdeacon of Newark (Mark Adams)**
Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan); The Most Revd Nathaniel Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai Bishop of Hokkaido
Church of Norway: Diocese of Björgvin, Bishop Halvor Nordhaug
- Mon 04 May The Cranmer Group (Tim Chambers)**
Mukono (Uganda) The Rt Revd James Ssebagala; Yewa (form. Egbado) (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Michael Oluwarohunbi; Ikara (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Yusuf Janfalan
- Tue 05 May Widmerpool, St Peter; Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, St Mary & All Saints; Wysall, Holy Trinity (Stephen Hippisley-Cox)**
Multan (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Leo Paul; Yirol (South Sudan) The Rt Revd David Angong; Nyang (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Paul Lual; Aluakluak (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Isaac Aleth; Ikeduru (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Maduwike
- Wed 06 May Wiverton in the Vale (Rachel Mitchell)**
Mumbai (Formerly Bombay) (North India) The Rt Revd Prakash Patole; Yokohama (Japan) The Revd Ignatius Irie
- Thu 07 May DIOCESAN STAFF: Director of Parish Support for the Diocese, Fraser McNish and his colleagues**
Mumias (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wandera; Yola (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim; York (England) The Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu
- Fri 08 May BANK HOLIDAY**
Mundri (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Bismark Azumu; Ysabel (Melanesia) The Revd Ellison Quity
- Sat 09 May GEDLING DEANERY (Area Dean: Anthony Giles, Lay Chair: Tony Mellor)**
Mundu Area (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Samuel Eluzai; Yukon (Canada) The Rt Revd Larry Robertson; Ikka (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godfrey Ekpenisi
- Sun 10 May The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham (Paul Williams)**
Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya; The Most Revd Jackson Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren



In May we pray for. . .

- Mon 11 May Arnold, St Mary (Margaret Caunt)**
Muranga South (Kenya) The Rt Revd Julius Gicheru; Zaki-Biam (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jezreel Vande; Ikwerre (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Blessing Enyindah
- Tue 12 May Calverton, St Wilfrid (Sam Hustwayte)**
Muyinga (Burundi) The Rt Revd Paisible Ndacayisaba; Zanzibar (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Michael Hafidh; Ikwo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Kenneth Ifemene
- Wed 13 May Carlton, St John the Baptist (Amanda Digman, Deborah Moyo)**
Zaria (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Abiodun Bello
- Thu 14 May SECTOR MINISTRIES: Lowdham Grange Prison (Dave Clarke)**
Myitkyina (Myanmar) The Rt Revd John Li; Zonkwa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Kwashi; Zululand (Southern Africa) Vacant
- Fri 15 May Carlton-in-the-Willows, St Paul (Wendy Murphy)**
Nagpur (North India) The Rt Revd Paul Dupare; Aba (Nigeria) Vacant
- Sat 16 May Colwick, St John the Baptist (Amanda Digman, Deborah Moyo)**
Nairobi (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joel Mwangi; Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathan Kanu Ikwuano (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chigozirim Onyegbule
- Sun 17 May The Bishop of Sherwood (Vacant)**
Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea; The Most Revd Moses Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer
- Mon 18 May Daybrook, St Paul (Sally Baylis)**
Nakuru (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Muchai; Abakaliki (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Monday Nkwoagu Ilaje (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Fredrick Olugbemi
- Tue 19 May Epperstone, Holy Cross; Gonalston, St Laurence; Oxtou, St Peter & St Paul; Woodborough, St Swithun; (Anthony Giles)**
Nambale (Kenya) The Rt Revd Robert Magina Barasa; Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland) The Rt Revd Anne Dyer; Ile - Oluji (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Abel Ajibodu
- Wed 20 May Gedling, All Hallows; Gedling (Michael Johnson, Jean Lamb)**
Namibia (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Luke Pato; Abuja (Nigeria) The Most Revd Henry Ndukuba (Primate)
- Thu 21 May ASCENSION DAY – Prayer for the start of ‘Thy Kingdom Come 2019’ - 10 days of prayer across the world for the witness and evangelism of The Church**
Namirembe (Uganda) The Rt Revd Wilberforce Luwalira; Abyei (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Michael Bol; Accra (West Africa) The Rt Revd Daniel Torto
- Fri 22 May TKC Day 2 - Prayer for the witness and evangelism through our Church Lambley, Holy Trinity (Michael Johnson)**
Nandyal (South India) The Rt Revd Eggoni Pushpalalitha; Adelaide (Australia) The Most Revd Geoffrey Smith
- Sat 23 May TKC Day 3 - Prayer for the witness and evangelism through our prison, hospital, university and workplace Chaplains**
Netherfield, St George (Vacant: Area Dean: Anthony Giles, Lay Chair: Tony Mellor; Churchwardens: Lillian Barnett, Patricia Bird)
Nasik (North India) Vacant; Afikpo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Paul Udogu; Ilesa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Samuel Sowale; Ilesa South West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Samuel Egbeunmi

In May we pray for. . .

- Sun 24 May** **TKC Day 4 - Prayer for the witness and evangelism of our diocesan link churches**
The Ascended Jesus prays for his followers. He prays for the Unity of the Church and we commit ourselves in our diocesan vision to be one Church ‘contending for the gospel’. We pray for all Christian people in our diocese for our common witness and the gift of our different traditions.
Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world
For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops
For members of the Anglican Consultative Council
For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon,
For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York
Church of Norway: Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Olav Øygard
- Mon 25 May** **TKC Day 5 - Prayer for the witness and evangelism of our local partner churches**
BANK HOLIDAY - As we are encouraged to take a rest day we remember those who cannot. Those who work to care for us and respond to our emergencies. Those who serve us as we shop and enjoy our leisure time. Lord, thank you for those who serve and thank you for our Servant King, Jesus.
 Nasir (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Simon Jal; Agra (North India) The Rt Revd Prem Habil; Indianapolis (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows
- Tue 26 May** **TKC Day 6 - Prayer for the witness and evangelism in our outer estates**
 Nottingham St Jude (John Allister, Anthony Dixon); Natal (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Dino Gabriel; Aguata (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Samuel Ezeofor
- Wed 27 May** **TKC Day 7 - Prayer for the witness and evangelism in our rural communities**
Porchester, St James (Vacant: Area Dean: Anthony Giles, Lay Chair: Tony Mellor; Churchwardens: Patrick Wallis, Steve Harrison)
 National Indigenous Archbishop (Canada) The Most Revd Mark MacDonald; Ahoada (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Clement Ekpeye
- Thu 28 May** **TKC Day 8 - Pray for the witness and evangelism through our market town centre churches**
 Navajoland Area Mission (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd David Bailey; Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Nathan Ingen; Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olugbenga Oduntan
- Fri 29 May** **TKC Day 9 - Pray for the witness and evangelism of Christians in civic life**
Woodthorpe, St Mark (Matthew Roberts, Jack Bull)
 Ndokwa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd David Obiosa; Akobo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Chol
- Sat 30 May** **TKC Day 10 - Prayer for the witness and evangelism of our Cathedral**
NOTTINGHAM NORTH DEANERY (Area Dean: Peter Huxtable; Lay Chairs: Anne Walters & Sue Dunster)
 Nebbi (Uganda) The Rt Revd Alphonse Watho-kudi; Akoko (Nigeria) The Most Revd Gabriel Akinbiyi; Akoko Edo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jolly Oyekpen; Iowa (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Alan Scarfe
- Sun 31 May** **PENTECOST - Prayer for the witness and evangelism of our local worshipping communities**
The Spirit of the Living God falls upon the Church and she is renewed. Today we pray at Pentecost for the revival of our witness to Christ and our Personal commitment to grow deeper in our faith. ‘Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love’.
 Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia
 The Most Revd Leonard Dawea - Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Temotu
The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad: Archbishop Lauma Zušēvica

Worldwide links from across the diocese - Burundi

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Ways of justice and peace

Rosemary Cottingham of St Mark's, Woodthorpe writes:

In many parts of the world elections can be difficult and painful times marked by fear and violence. Reports of manipulation and the rigging of results circulate. Candidates can be subject to intimidation and may even disappear or have to flee to another country. Voters may fear reprisals for voting in a certain way.

In Burundi local and national elections will take place between May and July leading to inevitable concerns about how they will go. On 20th May the election of a new President will inevitably mark a period of change in the country.

The Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi is at the forefront of work to prepare people in parishes and the wider community. NGOs and other partners along with the Government are seeking to network with Church leaders to pave the way for the elections to take place in a safe and peaceful environment. Seminars that consider the role of faith-based organisations in the process of fair, peaceful, transparent and credible elections are providing an important contribution.



The Church is helping people to look at a Christian response before, during and after the elections while continuing to encourage peace building and reconciliation throughout the country.

There is a desire to impart new hope especially among the young people for an inclusive and fair society. To that end youth are being taught to recognise exploitation and manipulation in the context of purposeful and positive life-styles. They are being urged to be examples to their peers of those who promote and keep peace.

As the elections get under way and voters stand for long hours in the hot sun waiting to put their mark on a ballot paper, may this be our prayer for them and for Burundi:



“Give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that people may honour one another, and seek the common good” (Church of England liturgy for Holy Communion)

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Heart-warming lunches at St Paul's

The Fellowship Lunches at St Paul's have been a real success, with around fifty people enjoying the monthly meals every second Wednesday.

Church warden Pat Spruyt runs the lunches at St Paul's Church, Carlton, along with PCC member Judith Beardsmore, under the guidance of vicar, the Revd Wendy Murphy.

"We started with 28 participants and five volunteers but both groups are growing, as people spread the word of what a joyful occasion it is," says Pat. "There are some heart-warming stories, such as a lady whose husband had recently died and was feeling very alone. She saw our poster in the Age Concern shop and was delighted to meet up with an old school friend whom she had not met for years."

"Unfortunately, the church is currently closed until further notice because of the corona virus, but we have just over fifty phone numbers of people who have agreed that Judith and I can phone them. The purpose of the phone calls is to relieve loneliness of those living alone and ask if they need anything."

"The feedback about the lunches from all concerned was overwhelmingly positive and a few of them were turning up to services, particularly to other special events. The local shops were delighted to support us in this venture together with the two retirement complexes for independent living in the parish, where we also held monthly services. We have acquired some new crockery, kitchen equipment and cutlery, as well as easy to wipe tablecloths through the Diocesan Grant for Addressing Loneliness."

The meal of a main course and a desert were free but donations were invited and often covered the cost of the food and a small contribution to the church gas bill.

"It is heart-warming to see such good relationships building between our guests and volunteers. That is our mission here at St Paul's 'developing intentional relationships within the community, in order to join in with what God is already doing, to create a sense of belonging and to reveal Jesus."

The church acquired a number of new things for the Fellowship Lunches through the Diocesan Loneliness Grant – mugs, teapots, and a new boiler for brewing large quantities. They are creating posters and leaflets to advertise in local shops, Age concern, and local residences for independent living; both social and private housing. The photocopying of colour posters is quite expensive, so they can now contribute to that monthly bill and have a Real Life fund which covers the lunches, and a special tea every three months on a Saturday. **Photos taken at a recent Fellowship Lunch, before the coronavirus restrictions were introduced.**



Gifts of Hope from St Mary's

Gifts of food kindly donated by members of St Mary's Church Attenborough have been delivered to the food bank at Hope House in Beeston.

It all started when church member, Joy Dixon-Smith had the idea of 'filling a bag for Hope' for Lent.

She said to the congregation: 'I'm not strong willed enough to give up chocolate for Lent but I will be filling up a bag for Hope Foodbank. Will you join me?'

"The response was amazing. The church members took prepared shopping lists and instead of one or two bags were soon donating 10, 14 and then more than 20 bags a week. These were taken to Hope House where the volunteers began to prepare food parcels ready for the Easter holidays when families with school age children are in need of our support.

The need will be even greater this year now schools have been closed for a longer period because of the corona virus pandemic."

Director of Hope House, Nigel Adams, said: "We are really grateful for the support from St Mary's. This time of year is often our busiest in normal circumstances, currently the need is rising rapidly. So the extra support has come just at

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The Revd Jonathan Edward Tully Strickland at present Vicar of Bawtry with Austerfield, Misson, Everton and Mattersey Benefice is to resign with effect from 12 July 2020.

Retford Town Centre Chaplain gets started

The Revd David Bean has been starting to work around Retford Town Centre over the past few months – he made his first public appearance at the Retford Christmas Market & Lights Switch-on in December last year. Now David will be out and about most days in Retford available to people of all faiths and none, to provide a listening ear that is unconditional, non-judgemental, independent and confidential, to anyone who lives in, works in, or visits the town centre.



In addition to being available on a confidential basis for people in the town centre to support their emotional and spiritual well-being, David will help to signpost people to access other local services or sources of help.

Asked why he has taken up this opportunity, David said “I am Retford, born and bred – I love the people and love the town...my aim is to reflect God’s love for all the community and to partner with others to help Retford be an even more caring, prosperous, and welcoming place.”

Rick Brand, Chair of Retford Business Forum, said “David will be an asset to the town centre and will provide yet another important benefit to Retford as a place of choice to live or visit.”

Although not specifically a workplace chaplaincy scheme, David is happy to visit local businesses, with the agreement of the owners, management, and staff, to provide a caring listening presence for anyone who needs it.

The town centre chaplain will offer a visible, caring, presence to the people of Retford Town Centre, whatever their faith or belief. **This article was written before the latest coronavirus restrictions were introduced**

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the right time. St Mary’s has been a continuous supporter of Hope for several years and we are delighted with this extra bonus”

The Revd Jonathan Smithurst and his wife, Lelage, helped out along with Tony, a volunteer and Trustee for many years and Lynne, a long term volunteer who receives St Mary's donations from Joy, and several others. Once the bags are received the volunteers pack food parcels according to need.

Photos show the volunteers unloading and delivering the bags and volunteers making up the parcels.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/southwellandnottingham/albums/72157713605497148>

This happened before the current Government restrictions in respect of Coronavirus



Please note the deadline for the MAY 2020 issue of Nifty Notes is: 10TH APRIL 2020



MINISTRY VACANCIES
April 2020

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!

NOTTINGHAM ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

<p>Porchester – Vicar</p>	<p>St James, Porchester lies on the outskirts of Nottingham and is a warm and welcoming community. We are seeking a prayerful vicar who can help us to grow disciples, especially in areas of the parish and with age profiles (13-45-year olds) that we are not currently reaching. We have a desire to work collaboratively with neighbouring parishes to establish a new worshipping community in expanding housing developments on the northern boundary of the parish. We are also hoping that our new vicar will help our congregation to grow deeper in faith through preaching and teaching, and is able to nurture, motivate and affirm the gifts and contributions of others and encourage us to pray.</p> <p>For informal discussion and further information, please contact Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07850 518504 or email phil.williams@southwell.anglican.org.</p>
<p>Radford - Vicar</p>	<p>Radford parish is a vibrant multi-racial and multi-cultural community close to the centre of Nottingham. We are praying for a vicar who is enthusiastic, energetic, visionary, collaborative, prayerful, community-minded, relational and approachable. Someone who will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love living in our multi-cultural and multi-racial urban, city context. • Share the joy of God's grace with us, draw us into worship and pray with us • Be an approachable and welcoming person with a

	<p>pastoral heart and a listening ear.</p> <p>The priorities of the role are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discern and develop a fresh vision in collaboration with the PCC for the next phase of the numerical growth and discipleship rooted in Radford. • Encourage and create new ways of sharing our faith in words as well as actions. Identify, motivate, teach and mentor lay leaders • Embrace ministry to children and young families by engaging with the local schools and community. • Develop and give oversight to the many mission opportunities of our Community centre, its user groups and partner organisations <p>For informal discussion and further information, please contact Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07850 518504 or email phil.williams@southwell.anglican.org.</p>
<p>Coming soon</p>	<p>Wilford</p> <p>The parish profile will be available after Easter along with details of the discernment process.</p>

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<p>Kirkby in Ashfield St Thomas; Kirkby in Ashfield St Wilfrid</p> <p>Priest in Charge</p>	<p>The town of Kirkby in Ashfield is in the West of our Diocese and in bringing together the two parishes we are committed to bringing cohesion to our Anglican presence in the town which is one of the former mining areas in Nottinghamshire. We are looking for a Priest in Charge who will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A creative approach to enable people of all ages and backgrounds to deepen and grow their faith • Visionary qualities for ministry • The ability to recognise the diversity of styles of worship and help us create and develop alternatives • A desire to create a culture for young people and families to enable the congregation to reflect the age profile of the parish <p>For informal discussion and further information, please ring Mark Adams, Interim Assistant Archdeacon, on 07850 844809 or email mark.adams@southwell.anglican.org</p>
<p>Mansfield St Augustine and Pleasley Hill St Barnbas – Vicar</p>	<p>This joint parish is situated at the west side of Mansfield. The population is mixed with many former mining families and pensioners, two schools, a thriving business park and Mansfield Town Football club's state of the art training academy. The most recent figures showed that the parish is among the bottom 10% of most deprived parishes nationally. We believe that God is calling us to grow in faith and unity, to grow numerically – especially with children and young families – to be active in our communities, and to be financially sustainable.</p> <p>We are prayerfully seeking a priest who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has a joyful and infectious faith and is open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit - Is a strategic, collaborative leader who will help us to grow disciples in the 13-45 age group and on the new housing developments that we are not reaching and is keen to communicate the Gospel and lead worship with understanding, reverence and creativity - Has a pastoral and prayerful heart for the whole community relating well to people of all ages and backgrounds - Is a good listener who values each person and who will encourage us to grow in faith, help us to develop our gifts, and challenge us to reach outwards - Is active and visible in all aspects of the community <p>For informal discussion and further information, please ring Mark Adams, Interim Assistant Archdeacon, on 07850 844809/mark.adams@southwell.anglican.org</p>

<p>Coming soon....</p>	<p>Greasley</p> <p>Mansfield St Lawrence</p> <p>Discernment process will be announced soon. The profiles are in the process of being produced.</p>
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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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