

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

Winter 2023



Derby City Deanery
*Rooted in Prayer,
Serving Derby,
Sharing the Gospel*

From Archdeacon Matthew Trick;

Seeing the stars in the city's night sky might be increasingly difficult with current levels of light pollution but imagine the possibility of gazing up at the expanses of sky and your ears hearing God's praise. As we approach Advent, Christmas singing is still a central part of seasonal celebrations. Missionally, for the unchurched, there still seems to be a desire to sing carols at Christmas. There is something deeply evocative about singing the story of Jesus' birth and the hope that His birth brings to the world, and to Derby.



Across the diocese and Derby City deanery we are seeing the power of song to connect people with God and the Gospel story. In Derby's West End at St Anne's, children are being encouraged to join in their local church choirs. Derby Cathedral's Music for School's programme is expanding with increasing numbers of schools in Derby taking part and seeing new generations discover the richness of the Anglican choral tradition.

Singing, along with sport, is one of those great levellers in society which traverses socio-economic divides. The invitation and invocation of the Psalmist is to '*Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day*' (Psalm 96:1-2). Singing is a missional and discipling act when done with this intent.

Carols as a means of singing God's praise and bringing people into the presence of Jesus, is the focus of this year's *Follow the Star* campaign entitled '*Join the Song*'. Churches and communities are being encouraged to join in singing a new version of the popular carol, the First Noel. There are resources aplenty available on the Church of England website for both churches and for schools. Wouldn't it be glorious if across our city this December could be heard churches and schools singing God's praise in the same way that the Shepherds did after hearing of the incarnation for the first time through the words of an angel?

The Venerable Matthew Trick
(Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire)

DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES:

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Upcoming Deanery Synods

7pm for a 7.30 start

Thursday 8th February - Alvaston Parish Church

Wednesday 22nd May – St Alkmunds, Kedleston Road

Tuesday 1st October – Venue to be confirmed

Deadline for Newsletter Articles: 22nd February 2024

It is such a pleasure to be able to share the fantastic things going on around our deanery, please do keep the stories coming. If you are interested in writing an article for this newsletter, contact Kelly Martin via email at: kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org

In between newsletters, another way of advertising your event to the Deanery is via our Facebook page. The Facebook page is a means to advertise events far more quickly, leaving space in the newsletters shine a spotlight on stories from around the Deanery in more detail. Again, send any event information/flyers to Kelly Martin at the above address.

Introducing the Parish Support Office

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Introduction by Will Hagger, Diocesan Secretary



"The Parish Support Office (PSO), based at Derby Church House, provides support to our parishes across the Diocese of Derby. We have a wide range of skills that combine to deliver prayer, guidance and support. Our parishes, church leaders and communities are at the very heart of everything we do. I hope this overview provides a greater understanding of the services we provide along with some key contact details. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the Parish Support Office".

Archdeacons

The archdeacons report directly to Bishop Libby and help oversee and shape ministry within the diocese. They have significant responsibilities for the welfare and appointment of clergy, and the maintenance and upkeep of church buildings. The three archdeaconries reflect the significant missional contexts of our diocese, serving our rural, urban, and emerging post-industrial communities. The statutory responsibilities of the archdeacons are delivered within their geographical boundaries.

Deanery Administrators

Deanery administrators are primarily based remotely across our diocese, working directly to support the area deans and being a contact for every parish in each deanery and with the parish support office. They are often our "contact on the ground", communicating and sharing stories with their deaneries through different means, including Deanery Synod, deanery newsletters and social media.

Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)

The DAC is a statutory body set up under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, which provides advice and guidance on the care of churches and churchyards. Making changes to church buildings, contents or grounds requires submission of a faculty application (a request for permission) to the chancellor of the diocese. Faculties are issued by the chancellor or the archdeacons, taking the DAC's advice into account.

The members and advisers of the DAC have expertise in a wide variety of specialist fields including architecture, art, archaeology, bells, heating, organs, clocks, sound and audio systems, liturgy and the environment. They serve in a voluntary capacity and can be called on to provide advice.

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Discipleship, Mission and Ministry (DM&M)

DM&M is concerned with the recruitment, selection, and training for both ordained and lay ministries (readers and pastoral workers) for mission and ministry in the diocese. They provide a variety of training and development activities as well as vocational courses for those considering full- or part-time stipendiary or lay roles within the diocese:

- Vocations (selecting people for licensed ministry), lay training, training for licensed lay ministry, clergy training & ministerial development, Living Generously programme, families, children and young people, buildings for mission (community engagement), reader community.
- Supporting clergy wellbeing, ministerial development reviews, new models of ministry, and central church grant funding.
- Responsibility for diocesan environment programme, mission planning, new worshipping communities, statistics for mission, lay ministry development, social justice and action.

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The Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry, is available to support parishes ongoing ministries with children and young people, and to help develop strategies to develop a Growing Faith culture in your communities. Growing Faith encompasses schools, households and congregations and provides resources and encouragement to develop connection points between them so that young discipleship is nurtured.

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Executive and Governance

The diocesan secretary (DS) is the chief executive of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF), the corporate entity of the Diocese of Derby, heading up a team of dedicated professionals, providing support and leadership within the diocesan structure, for its assets and resources. A member of the Bishop's Senior Staff, the DS works closely with the bishop to implement strategy and policy ensuring that the DBF provides the best possible service and support to the parishes of the diocese. The executive assistant is responsible for all governance matters including preparation and minutes of the Diocesan Synod, maintaining key data and supporting the DS.

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Training Events in Derby City

Renewing Minds Mental Health Training Day

St. Alkmund's Church, 40 Kedleston Road, Derby, DE22 1GU

Saturday 18th November 2023 10:00am



All are welcome to attend this informal day seminar. We will equip you with some knowledge and practical skills in the field of mental wellbeing.

This day will be of particular interest to Christians who would like to develop their understanding of mental health and personal trauma in relation to their own spiritual journey. It is also suitable for those involved in all forms of church ministry and outreach. This session will incorporate interactive learning and personal reflection, all set in the context of prayer and Christian scripture.

Please book in via the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/renewing-minds/t-moqegag>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY:

Shoulder 2 Shoulder

In a previous edition of the Deanery newsletter, there was a great article about this brilliant initiative that sets out to help people in need in the deanery practically. From painting/decorating to Gardening and clearing rubbish, this group aims to make a real difference in people's lives around Derby City. If you would like to get involved, please email s2s@stalkmunds.org.uk

Everyday Faith

Do you want to explore more about what it means to live out your faith day by day?

Do you have a sense that God might be calling you, but you have no idea to what?

Do you want to explore faith and living it out with others on a similar journey?

Then this module is for you. Part of the Derby Diocese Discipleship Training Course this stand-alone module enables participants to explore what faith means in their everyday life, what God might be calling them to be and to do.

With a mixture of online study days, individual study and group tutorials the ten sessions build week by week, focusing on a particular area of our call to be the people of God. Beginning with a study day on 9am-1pm on 13th January and costing just £25 this is a great way to start the new year.

For more information:

<https://www.discipleship-training.org>

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In Remembrance

When I worked in France for a year teaching English as part of my degree course, I never realised that I had three family war graves within one hour's drive of the city of Lille where I was based. Just across the Belgian border, my nan's first husband, Sidney Dormer, is buried at the Huts Cemetery near Ypres, while in the Paris direction, my great uncle Sgt Edwin Smith MM lies in a green meadow beside the now tranquil river Somme. Slightly to the north, near the former mining villages around Lens, my wife's great uncle 2nd Lt George Morrison lies in Lapugnoy cemetery surrounded by bluebell woods.

These cemeteries are moving: their design gives them a very British feel and the thing that strikes the visitor is not vast fields of headstones but just how many of these small graveyards there are. No matter where they are located, the grounds are immaculately tended by the Commonwealth War Graves commission; their website at <https://www.cwgc.org/> makes it very easy to find any particular grave.



La Chapelette Cemetery at Péronne on the Somme: my great uncle Sgt Edwin Smith MM is buried here. He died of his wounds on 28 April 1917 aged 26.

Given that so many years have passed, it's now unlikely that you will get veterans even from WWII attending your service of remembrance. But with so many of our churches having war memorials, and indeed war graves, within their buildings and churchyards, it's now even more important than ever to actively remember the war dead. We must cherish these memorials: the peers of the fallen are no longer here to keep the memory alive, so we who benefit from their sacrifice must make it our duty to do so.

Paul Smith
Churchwarden
St Edmund's Allestree

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

Prayer Spaces in Schools Training Derby

Tuesday 16th Jan 2024

Starts: 9.00am **Ends:** 3.00pm

Sinfin Moor Church, Derby

Tickets Free

Prayer spaces in schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore faith, prayer, and life's big questions in a safe, creative and interactive way. They enable church and schools working together to create a fantastic, experiential opportunity for spiritual development for both primary and secondary school pupils.

This training will cover all you need to know to get started in hosting your first prayer space in school; fresh ideas for experienced prayer space practitioners, practical ideas for sourcing materials and gathering a great team; best practice guidelines; theology and values underpinning prayer spaces AND a real-life prayer space for you to see and experience.

Please bring your own lunch, free parking is available on site and nearby.

[Prayer Spaces in Schools Training Derby - Prayer Spaces In Schools](#)

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY



Figure 1 <https://stphilip.co.uk/about-us>

Heatwaves, storms, floods, wildfires, and earthquakes – what more evidence could we need to see that Planet Earth is in trouble – threatened by the very beings tasked to be its guardian? Too late we have realised that we cannot sit and wait for someone else to find a solution, we need to take action ourselves.

With this in mind, the PCC of St Philip's, Chaddesden took the decision to put their house in order and enrolled onto the Eco Church scheme. This gave us a structure which would provide clear evidence of progress and challenge us to improve.

We decided to involve the local community right from the start and so, on 30th September, we held a small Eco Fair. This enabled us to share our aims with local residents and community partners. We also took the bold/foolhardy decision to announce that a much bigger Eco Fair would take place in May 2024. Hopefully D-Day (or E-Day) will focus our attention!

Central to the event were several information boards including a large board with all the Eco Church questions displayed, each one colour-coded to show where our church is at the moment (an embarrassing number of red dots!) As we manage to change our practice, the dots will change through amber to green by which time we hope good practice will be embedded.

A range of free activities encouraged our visitors to think about local wildlife and included a bug hunt. Intrepid hunters armed with nets and viewing jars bagged grasshoppers, a fly, spiders, a millipede, and a worm! All were very carefully released back where they were discovered.

Plastic milk bottles and dried plant materials were re-purposed into Des. Res. bug houses and were carried home to meet the needs of insects in gardens across the parish.

Large fir cones were stuffed with fat, bird seed and nuts to make hanging birdfeeders and, at the last minute, we remembered to replace plastic bags with newspaper for wrapping the feeders for taking home.

With an emphasis on insects, pebbles were transformed in ladybirds and bees while younger children stencilled insects and produced bug window stickers.

As the emphasis was on fun and active involvement, there were only three stalls; a book stall with Eco Books for sale, a craft stall selling knitted wild bird finger puppets, knitted sunflowers and

crocheted bees and ladybirds, and a produce stall selling jams, pickles and chutneys made from local produce where possible.

St Philip's Café provided two vegan lunch dishes and some filled rolls – very little meat in sight.

The Fair was fun and made a good starting point. It enabled us to consult with the local community on our plans to start a Community Garden with raised beds for wheelchair users.

The more ambitious Fair in May will allow people to check our progress on the Eco Board, look at the gardens, and see if we have been able to increase the biodiversity of the site. No pressure then!!



Figure 2 <https://stphilip.co.uk/eco-church> Advert used for the event.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: Serving Derby

Community cafes in Mickleover

The Mickleover parishes, All Saints' and St John's working together as Mickleover Anglicans

(<https://mickleoveranglicans.org.uk/>)

both run cafes welcoming church members and the wider community. These started during a break in lock down in the spring of 2021 which allowed outdoor gatherings and enabled us to reconnect with our congregations and welcome others looking for company.

All Saints Cafe operates on Wednesdays 10am-12 and started from a gazebo on a small grassy patch at the bottom of the car park next to the church. Passers-by as well as church members popped in for a drink and a chat and many said it was just good to be speaking to people again.



St John's Cafe celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

Once Covid restrictions were removed we were able to move into the warm space of the Church Centre for the winter. As we had got to know some of the dog walkers it was decided that dogs would be welcome into this space too! Our numbers are now up to around twenty-five and we envisage that more will join us as we go into the winter months.

At St John's our Rest Stop Cafe is open Friday mornings, also 10am-12. We started having noticed that a greengrocer and fishmonger had begun operating stalls on the Robin pub car park opposite and thought people might welcome the opportunity to enjoy a hot drink and cake having done their shopping. So, we began with a few tables and chairs on the church forecourt. Volunteers came forward to bake cakes and serve. Numbers grew quickly and we were fortunate that further volunteer helpers joined us both from our congregation and the community. New helpers included our retired local postmistress who was missing her customers and was very happy to meet up with many of them again while serving coffee. We now have around fifty customers and half a dozen helpers every week, roughly 25% from our congregation and everyone else from the wider community. As at All Saints with growing numbers and the coming of winter we moved inside to our Community Link social area.

Both cafes clearly meet multiple needs, providing a warm welcoming space for those who want somewhere to catch up with friends and for those living on their own who value a regular weekly meeting. We see new people all the time and have found our cafes have been a great support to recently bereaved people and others looking for friendship and relief from loneliness. Involvement of our clergy and readers has been essential in welcoming and supporting people. The Mickleover Derby City Council Local Coordinator is a regular and very welcome visitor to both cafes and from time to time introduces clients to us.

The cafes have both developed as real social get togethers. We enjoy celebrating special birthdays and anniversaries and have marked national events including this year's Coronation of King Charles. From time to time, we have a charity theme and pass donations that week to charities including the Padley Centre, Macmillan Cancer Support and the Disasters Emergency Committee. At St John's we occasionally boost charity donations with a raffle and our friendly greengrocer donates prizes.

Even though we are not primarily about evangelising and growing our congregations we are finding that those who join us have questions about what is going on in our churches and a few are joining us in Sunday worship. At St John's we have extended the cafe session by inviting people to bring sandwiches and share lunch and have recently followed this with a simple bible study led by one of our readers.

We definitely feel that we are loving our neighbours as ourselves and have created a warm welcoming environment for anyone who wishes to join us. So, if you are around in Mickleover do look in and see us either at All Saints' Etwall Road on Wednesday mornings, or St John's, Devonshire Drive on Friday mornings.

Lindsay & Ian Nicklin, All Saints' Mickleover

Alun Rowlands & Richard Finch, St John's Mickleover

NOTICEBOARD

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Deadline for the next issue: 22nd February 2024

Items to: kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org.

Every Thursday	Team Talk - Men's Group In partnership with Derby County Community Trust. Team Talk is a men's health initiative aimed to give males a safe space to speak who are experiencing feelings of anxiety and depression. Aged 18+. Lunch at 1pm (free), group runs from 1.30pm - 3.30pm	St Philips Church, Chaddesden
Every Wednesday	10.30am – 2.30pm Community Living Room - Free Breakfast, Lunch and Hot Drinks, games to play, craft and chat. All Welcome	West End Community Centre, Mackworth Road
12/11/23	2 – 4pm Cathedral Messy Church	Derby Cathedral
18/11/23	Renewing Minds Mental Health Training Day	St Alkmund Church, Kedleston Road
25/11/23	11am Christmas Fair	Alvaston Parish Church
03/12/23	4.30pm Advent Carol Service	St John the Evangelist, Mill Street
10/12/23	10am Christingle Service 4.00pm Messy Church 2 – 4pm Cathedral Messy Church	St Alkmund Church, Kedleston Road St Mary Church, Boulton Derby Cathedral
17/12/24	10.45am Carol Service	St Peters in the City
24/12/23	2,4 & 6pm Family Carol Service	All Saints Church, Mickleover
05/01/24	3.30pm Messy Church	St Werburgh, Spondon
16/01/24	9am-3pm Prayer in Schools Training Day	Sinfin Moor Church

St John's Church,
Mill/Bridge Street.



Advent Sunday
December 3rd
4.30pm Advent Carol
Service.

All are welcome.

Join us for refreshments after the service



The Parish of St Edmund,
Allestree



Saturday 18 November

St Edmund's Church Hall,
Kings Croft, Allestree,
DE22 2FN

11 am to 1 pm

Refreshments available

The proceeds will go towards the fabric of
St Edmund's Church