

# Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



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

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## From Ben Martin, Diocesan Lay Ministries Officer

Friends, while most of you probably already know who I am through my presence on deanery synod, I am pleased to introduce myself in the context of my new role as Lay Ministries Officer for the Diocese of Derby. I would like to spend a little time telling you a bit about what this means, and what I'm here to do.



As a diocese, we are committed to deepening relationships with God, making new disciples, serving local contexts, and challenging injustice as we seek the Kingdom of God, which is good news for all. These four priorities are fundamental to our life as the church historic, current, and future; and most importantly to the discipleship, vocation, and ministry of both clergy and laity. I am here to champion, encourage, and develop ministries amongst the laity – that's all of us who are not ordained, the majority of the church!

I wonder what you think of when you hear the phrase 'lay ministry'? In my nearly 14 years in the diocese, I have come across a huge number of variations, and I'm sure you have too. All of us who are baptised are called to follow Jesus, and that means being confident disciples with a sense of vocation which leads to mission, ministry, and evangelism. That is going to look different for each of us wherever we find ourselves. I am keen to bring energy and imagination into shaping the future of all lay ministries within the diocese. This includes theologically trained lay ministers who hold a license from the bishop as they lead publicly as well as other lay ministries as they are expressed locally from pastoral care teams to chaplaincy to warm hub teams and beyond!

When we gather to worship, we pray 'your kingdom come, your will be done,' and often talk about what it means to be part of that. We want to see people come to know Jesus, walking alongside them as we discover together what it means to be a

disciple of him. This is something that all of us, through confident faith empowered by the Holy Spirit can do as all are called to be ambassadors for Christ.

The diocese has a fantastic, highly accessible training resource in

[www.discipleship-training.org](http://www.discipleship-training.org)

for those interested in growing faith and developing ministry across a wide variety of areas. I would highly recommend checking it out!

You can contact Ben via [fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org](mailto:fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org)

## **DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES:**

*Kelly Martin, Deanery Administrator: [kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org](mailto:kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org)*

### **Upcoming Deanery Synods**

7pm for a 7.30 start.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ St Alkmunds Church, Kedleston Road

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ St Philips, Chaddesden

### **Deadline for Newsletter Articles**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June for Summer Newsletter

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October for Winter Newsletter

## 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](mailto:s2s@stalkmunds.org.uk)

### Shoulder to Shoulder dates 2024:

11 May

8 June

13 July

10 August

7 September

12 October

## Rise Up Campaign – Emily Brailsford

On the Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of February I spoke at a fringe event at the General Synod all about the RISE UP campaign. Things started off a bit worryingly as my colleague Jeanette and I were told we couldn't take our bags upstairs to our allocated room. We then went up three flights of stairs with laptops in hand only to be told our room was back down on the ground floor! I did get to see the ceiling at the very top of the Assembly Hall but sadly didn't enter the Hall. We had asked those who were planning on attending to let us know beforehand. We were expecting only about 5 or 6 people. We had 25 people attend! Funnily enough, I was less nervous than when I give a sermon at Evensong. Maybe it's because I knew Bishop Libby was there cheering me on from the sidelines. As part of my talk, I mentioned that the statistics on domestic abuse have not improved at all since 2014. When I said this, there was a definite air of disappointment. You could tell that people were frustrated that nothing had improved. I hope those who attended felt uplifted when they heard what Mothers' Union is doing to combat abuse and support victims. Everyone who attended was really receptive to the RISE UP campaign and very supportive of Mothers Union. We held a short Q&A session after my talk which again was really positive. Bishop Libby helped me to plug Mini MU which we are developing here in Derbyshire!!! All in all, it was a really enjoyable few hours doing something that I love, flying the flag for Mothers' Union. For more information about the RISE UP campaign and how to get involved please do not hesitate to contact me: [emily.brailsford@mothersunion.org](mailto:emily.brailsford@mothersunion.org)



## DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

**Lord Have Mercy – A prayer for peace from the Iona Community**

**Found at - [Prayers for Israel/Palestine - Iona Community](#)**

God of mercy,  
we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies  
of all those suffering from violence  
in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel.  
Shower upon all the people of this holy land  
the spirit of justice and reconciliation.  
And so we pray: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
In you, Lord, all life is connected  
and all the Earth and its land are to be cherished, not controlled.  
Your gifts are for all.  
Yet as we see the violence and hatred in the land called Holy,  
and see the signs of climate breakdown,  
help us all to work to live in communion.  
And so we pray: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
As people of many religions remind us:  
All humanity is connected, no one is really free until all are free.  
Help us to pray for all in Israel  
and all in the Palestinian  
territories.  
We pray for those who live in  
fear of the other;  
For all who consider violence to  
be the way forward.  
We pray for all who by acting in  
hate dehumanise themselves.  
And so we pray: Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy, Lord have  
mercy.



An icon on the separation barrier in the West Bank, between Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Credit: Iona Community/Mike M

## DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

### Be Smart and Stay Safe on Your Phone or PC

**Doesn't it make your blood boil when you hear of someone being ripped off because they've fallen into a scammer's trap? And did you know that we, as churchgoers, may be especially at risk? Here we set out some simple practical tips which will help protect you and yours.**

You get an email (or a text, or a WhatsApp message) from a fellow parishioner and it's a tale of woe. Their phone is broken (or lost, or stolen) so you can't call them, but they urgently need money, and they suggest you buy a gift card and send them the code. But it's a scam: the person you know has had their account hacked and they never sent that message, and if you reply with a gift card code, your friend will never get it; instead, your money will be snatched away by a scammer, probably not even in the UK. Some of us fell victim to exactly this scam last year, and as nice people who would always want to help a fellow church member, we may well be especially vulnerable.

### Now the Good News

These scams are easy to avoid if you maintain a healthy suspicion and recognise them for what they are: a con. Sadly, we now have to see any situation in which people ask us for money (even if the person appears to be a member of our own family) as a potential scam.

Often little details give the scammer away. Recently, Kate and I had a message purporting to be from one of our sons, and, yes, you've guessed it, asking for money. But the language was all wrong: we know that neither of them would speak to us like that or make those errors of spelling and punctuation. If it feels wrong, it probably is.

Recently, I was standing in the queue in the bank, ready to pay in the church collection. I couldn't help hearing the man in front explain to the cashier how 'his bank' had called him, warning him that his money was at risk and pestering him to move it to 'a safe account'. Everyone who, like me, was eavesdropping could see where this was heading. But in the end, we heard that this elderly gentleman did not become yet another scam victim, because, as he explained to the cashier "I suddenly realised that you wouldn't speak to me like that, and that it was all a con".

### Get Help

Every high street bank now has free information on avoiding scams. You'll find it on their website, or if you'd prefer, they have leaflets you can pick up when visiting your branch.

Charities and advice bodies can also help. For example, Age UK has details on its website on many scams, including those that come via phone, email, and doorstep callers. Go to <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/scams-fraud> to find out more. They also have a helpline (0800 678 1602) and can advise you if you think you've been scammed, or you are otherwise worried about fraud. You can also get help from Citizen's Advice (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>) – look in their A-Z under 'scams'.

Another reliable source is the government's own National Cyber Security Centre, go to <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>. Here you'll find information aimed at individuals, but there is also advice for anyone who runs a business, club, or any other kind of organisation.

### **Action Points**

With so much available, it can be hard to keep track, so here are some practical tips:

- Be sceptical about cold calls: it's very easy to get drawn into giving out personal information that can be used to scam you. Just say "we don't take cold calls, thank you" and put the phone down.
- Remember: fraudsters will often pretend to be someone you trust (police, bank) and will often try to scare you into immediate action by using words such as 'suspect', 'fraudulent' or 'unauthorised'. They may even tell you they are your bank's fraud team. Don't get taken in.
- Never give out passwords or access codes for any bank account. Even your own bank won't ask you for them (they'll usually just want selected letters or numbers), nor will the Police ever ask you for this info. So, if someone says they are your bank, or the police, and they ask for your full password or PIN, it's a scam.
- Sometimes people will try to get you to let them put software on your computer, perhaps to "help you solve a problem". It won't, but it could cause a massive one when they get into your online banking and empty any accounts they can find. Don't let them!
- When dealing with your bank, always contact them by going to their website direct (not via a link you've been sent) or by calling them on a number you know is safe (such as the contact details given on your bank statement).



· If you get a message asking for money that says “you can’t phone me just now” that’s a red flag. Always contact your friend or family member by some other method before parting with any money.

· Be suspicious of delivery scams, where there’s a small charge to deliver something stated to be a prize or a gift, or that you don’t remember ordering. When you pay the charge by card, scammers will use the details to extract far more from your account.

Finally, be aware of your own vulnerability, especially if you’re worried, you’ve been ill or you’re grieving. A few years ago, son Ollie was seriously ill in St Thomas’s London. Kate and I had a hotel room at Waterloo to be near him, although we were rarely there together. One day, I got an email from British Gas, saying our account was in debit and requesting an immediate payment. I hate owing money, so I clicked on the link and went through to a website which looked just like the British Gas one.

Just as I was about to enter all my card details, I remembered that we pay this account by Direct Debit: the details about the money owed were fake, as was the email, and the website I was on. I nearly fell for it, because I felt very low at the time, and I’d let my guard down! Sadly, we need to remember those words from the Bible: “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents”. Stay safe!

**Paul Smith**

# DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

## Faith Roots

Hi, my name is Jacqueline Haywood and I'm a LLM in the City Deanery. I've been working in schools for the last 13 years and I'm looking to launch a new initiative to help churches deliver Christian RE curriculum workshops to the schools in their parishes.

If you are a vicar, children's worker, or someone keen to explore meeting primary age children in their own learning environment, I'd love to hear from you!

Many churches already have good school connections and relationships through assemblies and out-of-school activities. Working within the curriculum gives an added level of meaningful connection; it enables opportunities for table talk discussions as the children engage with thoughtful crafts and activities; and it facilitates being able to address real life topics such as 'how do we decide right or wrong?' and 'what does religion say when life gets hard?'



Faith Roots is about creating opportunities for church teams to share in teaching Christian curriculum RE by training and equipping volunteers to meet primary school children in their own learning environment; helping them to explore the Christian faith in this uniquely valuable area of school-day curriculum visits.

Faith Roots has a large variety of ready-made resources, including bible story scripts, craft activities, Q&A frameworks, etc. plus structured lesson plans for teachers and volunteers. It does not require a huge team of people and the level of commitment can be made to suit your church's circumstances. It is particularly ideal for training up new volunteers, less experienced in children/schools' work; and for supplementing the resources of clergy or children's workers with limited hours available.

If you'd like to know more, please contact me at [faithroots2.7@gmail.com](mailto:faithroots2.7@gmail.com)

## Meet the new Deanery Leadership Team

**Area Dean – Revd Sarah Watson**

**Assistant Area Dean – Mina Munns**

**Lay Chair – Madelaine Thomas-Goddard**



I am a member of the Bishop's Council & also represent it on the Business Committee. I was one of the Lay Representatives on the previous General Synod & served on its Fees Advisory Commission.

For six years I was Diocesan Mothers Union President and on its national Finance & Administrative committee which is concerned with work & mission in this country & overseas.

I am also Trustee of a small national charity which benefits vulnerable women & children.

After University I worked in the NHS, industry & education. I am widowed with two adult children.

**Treasurer – Hugh Craig**

**Clergy Rep – Brother Ally Kay**

Alasdair (Ally) Kay was ordained in this Diocese 10 years ago from a background of foreign missions work in Calais France working among refugees and asylum seekers.

He returned to the Diocese this Summer to take up his post as Community Minister in Normanton. Brother Ally has 12 years' experience of ministry in the City, having been CEO of Derby City Mission and Chair of Derby City Vision. He has been a member of Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council and currently chairs the Normanton Church Leaders, is a governor to three church schools and a trustee of St James Trust, Jacobs Well (Restore) trust, the board of Youth with a Mission Derby.



He is a professed Franciscan and founder of the Anglican Greyfriars, a Franciscan Fellowship working in deprived communities. His areas of interest are Contemplative, Catholic and Charismatic spirituality, Evangelism and Social Justice.

### Lay Rep – Alex Dann



I'm Alex Dann, I work for and attend St Werburgh's Church in Derby City centre. I've come to know Jesus after the birth of my daughter almost 12 years ago and I'm passionate about mission and creating opportunities to tell people about Jesus. I was a primary school teacher for 14 years prior to joining the Werb's team and I have been volunteering with Girlguiding for over 20 years. I currently run a Rainbow Unit and group of Young Leaders but have also held the role of District Commissioner and supported the team of volunteers that run the 16 units in my

locality. I have a can-do attitude and enjoy a challenge. As the Church Operations Manager and PSO, I understand Church of England structures and some of the challenges churches face. I'd love to find out more about churches in other parishes and the work they are doing and explore ways that the Deanery can support them in their mission to grow the Kingdom of God. I think it's important that churches work together to share knowledge, resources and good practice and the Deanery feels like a place that this can happen. I would love to support the Deanery Leadership Team in fostering this.



learn to sing with

## st anne's CHORISTERS

The **St Anne's Choristers** is a new choir for children between the ages of 7 and 14.

Led by director Elin Heron and accompanied by Tom Corfield, the choir aims to offer musical education, community and fun for children in a traditional church setting. Repertoire will include sacred music as well as songs and activities to help children become confident singers. There will be regular opportunities to perform as well as the chance to participate in church services and social activities.

Rehearsals begin on **Tuesday 7th November** and take place at St Anne's Church, Whitecross Street, Derby on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 5pm - 6:15pm** during term time.

Membership of St Anne's Choristers is **free of charge** to all children. We are funded generously by the *Ouseley Church Music Trust* and the *Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament* and St Anne's Church.

Visit [www.stanneschoristers.co.uk](http://www.stanneschoristers.co.uk) to find out more  
For inquiries call 07551 393283.  
or email [stanneschoristers@gmail.com](mailto:stanneschoristers@gmail.com).



Going to where the children are, and meeting them there.

Keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him, become stronger in your faith, as you were taught, And be filled with thanksgiving. Colossians 2:7

**Working in partnership with schools and churches**



Resourcing churches in providing curriculum based teaching and contact with the schools in their parishes.



A wide range of creative crafts and interactive activities ready to use, accessible for all abilities, learning styles and those of any faith or none.



Following the national curriculum but remaining rooted in Christ, trusting that volunteers can be the light of Jesus in primary schools.



Building the Kingdom of God together—sharing and being Good News for all.



While holding onto Christian perspectives we are careful to not exclude those of different or no faith in our workshops.



Enabling Christians to go into the learning environment of children and demonstrate the love of God to pupils and staff alike.

We believe that all children should have the opportunity to explore faith and ask questions in a safe environment.



Hundreds of resources to offer: puppet sketches, bible story scripts, craft activities, colouring sheets, Q&A frameworks, safeguarding protocols, insurance suggestions.

Providing churches & children's workers with a great resource, supported and approved by teachers, headteachers and children from across Derby & Derbyshire.

Walking step by step with churches as they navigate building community with local schools—transforming children's lives, one class at a time.



Every workshop delivered has a structured lesson plan to guide both teacher and volunteer team, perfect for church-meets-school at a point of statutory requirement.

Ideal for training up those less experienced in children/schools work and for supplementing the resources of those with limited hours available.

Working to include all abilities and learning styles of school children, with interactive storytelling and creative response activities, to make RE lessons fun and memorable.

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With 13 years of schools-work experience, Faith Roots is able to support and equip children's workers, clergy and volunteers in meaningfully connecting with their local schools in this uniquely valuable area of school-day curriculum visits.



We can guide and assist in making contact and forming relationships between churches and the primary schools in their parishes.

We are able to train up those with little or no experience; and resource or supplement the work of those with limited available hours.



**RISE UP**  
against domestic abuse

# Does your partner:

- Control who you see and where you go
- Monitor your social media
- Criticise you and put you down
- Humiliate you
- Punch walls or break things
- Take out loans or credit cards in your name

Your local helpline number is:-

08000 198 668

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>	<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>	<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>	<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>	<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>	<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>	<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>	<p><b>Help is available.</b> The freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b></p>
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