

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024



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

Introducing Our New Assistant Area Dean - Revd Susie Curtis

Susie writes

It is a great honour to take up the role to serve as an Assistant Area Dean to Derby City Deanery. I was Ordained in Durham Cathedral and served for ten years in the Diocese including as Interim Minister of Billingham during a period of pastoral reorganisation. I moved to Derby nearly six years ago after getting married to Andy and was privileged to be Interim Minister at St Alkmund's during a time of pastoral need.



For the past three years the focus of my vocation has been our two children, whilst acting as Deputy Director for lay training in the diocese and as an Assistant DDO as well offering cover.

The main focus of my work as an AAD will be to offer pastoral support to churches in vacancy, especially to Church Wardens and Readers a role I have carried out at St John the Evangelist and St Mary's Boulton.

I have been truly blessed since moving to Derby to have made such wonderful friends and I enjoy doing park run, gardening (we have chickens) and trying to finish the latest book club book before we meet. We live nearer to the Cathedral than any other cleric and love to hear the bells.

DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES:

Kelly Martin Deanery Administrator kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org

Upcoming Deanery Synods

7pm for a 7.30 start.

1st October – St Philip Church, Chaddesden

Deadline for Newsletter Articles

15th October 2024

Deadline for Energy Footprint Tool

31st July 2024

Deadline for Finance Returns

31st July 2024

Message from Derbyshire Constabulary

Dear resident,

Police and Crime Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni has launched a consultation on the Police and Crime Plan for Derbyshire. The responses to this consultation will directly feed into the Plan and help us to tackle the challenges that will make Derbyshire safer.

Nicolle understands that to do this, the Plan needs to truly reflect the needs of our communities throughout Derbyshire. To help achieve this, Nicolle has asked if you could do just 2 things:

1. Please complete the survey yourself.
2. Please share it with your residents, family, friends, community groups, workplaces and anywhere you can so that no voice or community is left behind.

The survey can be accessed here:

<https://qrco.de/PoliceAndCrimePlanSurvey>

The consultation is running until the 1st September.

If you would like any further information regarding the consultation, please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Communications and Engagement Team

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire

pccoffice@derbyshire.police.uk

Stephen Powell

Communications & Engagement Manager

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

Shoulder to Shoulder dates 2024:

7th September

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

Take a moment to listen to the still small voice of God within the bustle of the day which has begun. Find a quiet place where you can enjoy precious moments of peace in God's presence. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the world around you, both outside and in the place where you are. Breathe slowly and rest in God's presence.....

The heavens declare your glory,
the skies exalt your name,
and though no anthems are sung,
no sermons written
or candles lit,
within the beauty
of dawn's breaking chorus,
sun rising,
stars at night,
lies more theology
than any hymn that we could sing.
So we behold your glory,
and in our hearts
join with the heavens
in rejoicing.

Spend a moment or two to reflect on God's impact on your life. The things you say and do today will have an impact on all those you meet, it's unavoidable! How is that fact going to influence how you approach this day?

You have called us
to be your people,
to follow where you lead,
be obedient to your word
and bring your Good News
wherever we might go.
Forgive the impatience
and lack of faith
which causes us to stumble;
when we prefer our way
to yours.
Draw us back into your arms,
as prodigals to their Father
and grant us patience
and perseverance
in our journeying with you.

Consider these words and how they apply to your experience of God:

Because you are sons,
God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,
the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'

(Galatians 4:6)

And how this picture talks of our Salvation:

"I was like a stone lying deep in mud,
but he that is mighty lifted me up
and placed me on top of the wall."

Patrick (c.360-c.461)

Journey into this day knowing that whatever should happen we can never be separated from the love of God, that when we are low, He raises us, and when we are on the mountain top, He rejoices with us.

Remind us often, Lord
that we are chosen
to share the good news,
and point the way to you.

Remind us often, Lord
that in our labours
we can show your love
in everything we do

Remind us often, Lord
that through your power
we can do all things,
your Spirit sets us free.

Remind us often, Lord
that we are chosen
to live by your Word
and reveal your glory!

This prayer comes from [Daily Prayer for Tuesday from Faith and Worship](#) and was the daily prayer when I was compiling the newsletter and I wanted to share this prayer with all of you, may it bless you as it blessed me.

- Kelly Martin – Deanery Administrator

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

Welcoming Samuel Ojok.

Samuel has recently started working for the DBF as part of the Parish Support Office. His role is Diocesan Environmental Engagement Officer. Samuel has over 8 years of experience in managing both agriculture, environment and agribusiness programmes in the African context. Now with us at the Parish Support Office, he will be focused on championing the Eco Church Scheme with churches and schools, to become greener and carbon free by 2030 with support from the National Church of England in partnership with A Rocha UK.



He will provide overall coordination and leadership on the A Rocha Eco Diocese Award Scheme; promote and develop the A Rocha Eco Church and School Award Scheme to achieve bronze, silver and gold awards; establish a team of volunteer environmental advisors and advocates to further the work of the diocesan environmental action; lead, develop and manage the Caring of God's Acre work which supports groups and individuals to investigate and care for burial grounds; lead develop and manage the annual collection of data through the Energy Footprint Tool; advocate and champion for environmental issues across the diocese, keeping to date with the work of national environmental organisations and charities; speak and teach in churches and church groups to encourage a practical response to the call to cherish creation, cut carbon and speak up and finally to work with others to develop prayer, worship and other resources for local church communities and groups.

Should you wish to find out more, please do get in touch with Samuel at:

Samuel.ojok@derby.anglican.org or 01332 423368

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

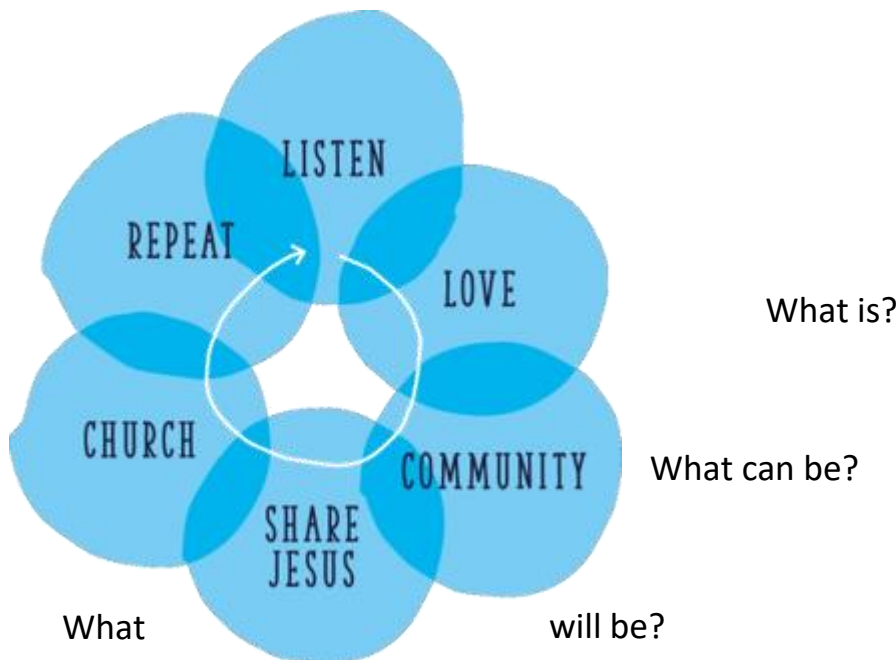
Derby City Greenhouse

The missional purpose

To support anyone who feels called to establish and grow new, robust Christian communities among people who don't yet know Jesus where they live, work and have friends.



The missional journey that Greenhouse supports.



Greenhouse in the Diocese

There are currently two Deaneries in the Diocese which have Greenhouses, Mercia and Derby City. The aim is to have one in every Deanery in the Diocese to make the most of the relationships in each one. Further supporting this through occasional Diocesan Greenhouse gatherings like the Mission in the Mixed Ecology conversation with Michael Moynagh in October 2023.

For Derby City Greenhouse, it first met in August 2023 at 'Space on Sunday' in Allenton. Then again in May 2024 at 'Gather' in the Infinity Garden Village when the

teams met for an informal afternoon tea. Messy Church, Warm welcome, over 55's residential, monastic community, new housing, meals with friends and foodbank spaces all participating in missional journeys connecting with new people who do not know Jesus. The teams sharing with each other, generating new ideas, reinforcing sustainable ones and growing their respective spaces and the opportunity for new people to find and follow Jesus. Our next meeting is in September and you are welcome.

Please do get in contact if you have a seedling of an idea or looking to grow what you are already doing. You will both be able to receive and to give, to connect and to develop encouraging new people.

Keep in touch with Derby City Greenhouse

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Next Diocesan and City gathering times – save the dates

Derby City Greenhouse: September 14th 10.00am 5 Glentress Drive. Sinfin, Derby DE24 3GT with 'Gather'

Some helpful websites

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/fresh-expressions/what-greenhouse>

<https://godsend.cloud/#go-top>

<https://freshexpressions.org.uk/>

NOTICEBOARD

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Deadline for the next issue: 15th October 2024

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

18 th -20 th October	Derby multi-arts Retreat	St Alkmund's Church, Kedleston Road
7 th September	Shoulder2Shoulder	Meet at St Alkmund Church Car Park, Kedleston Road
21 st September 10am-4pm	Signs of God Workshop	St Giles Church, Derby

Signs of God
WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER **10 AM - 4 PM**
ST. GILES' DERBY

A day to learn, practise and build confidence together. There will be workshops for all abilities from no BSL to Level 3 and above, with a particular focus on signing in Christian settings

Book Tickets Here : Derby Workshop



Multi-Arts Retreat

18-20 October
St Alkmund's Church
40 Kedleston Rd, Darley Abbey, Derby DE22 1GU
£50/person (3 meals included)

Calling all creatives - songwriters, visual artists, writers and those who love the arts - to join us for a retreat designed for you to pray, reflect, create, collaborate, and build community with other creatives

Register today and join us as we:

- UNITE** - Connect and collaborate with other artists
- CREATE** - Engage with the Holy Spirit and create art that is meaningful to you and your community
- ADORE** - Spend time with God and grow together within a community of artists

Our theme for the retreat is **JOY**

Artists of all ages and artistic experience levels are welcome



Scan the QR code to register today!

hosted by United Adoration, on mission to revitalize the creativity of the local church