

HARDWICK DEANERY SPRING NEWSLETTER



Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. This news letter runs through both Lent and Easter. I hope it is a time when you grow in faith through a Lent Course or personal prayer and that this will lead you through to a very blessed Easter.

Included in this edition are special events such as Spring Fayres etc. If details of a church event have not reached the Deanery Office in time, to go in this newsletter, they can still be advertised on our new "Twitter " account. Please send the details to Ailsa at the usual email address or by phone.

If you have had a Lent Course that has challenged you or a Lent study book that has blessed you then please send those details too.

God Bless,
Gill

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Learning in Faith

Learning in Faith is the new Diocesan programme of learning opportunities for 2019. There is a huge range of courses and training events in venues across the Diocese. The courses offered are divided into categories on the Derby Diocese website where you can also download the full Learning in Faith brochure. Courses are offered in the following categories:

Mission, Evangelism and Discipleship
Spirituality and Prayer
Community
Stewardship
Leadership and Management
Vocations
Churchwarden and Officer training

Children's and Youth work
Education
Good to go – tools and resources e.g. leading your church into growth
Courses in development e.g. social media and churches

You can find further details about the training opportunities and book onto a course via the Derby Diocese website <https://derby.anglican.org> You can also download the full Learning in Faith 2019 brochure from the website. Events are for the most part free of charge. The courses are taking place throughout the Diocese with a number of them being held in the Deanery at St Barnabas Danesmoor and St John the Baptist Tibshelf.

DEANERY NEWS



At the recent Deanery Synod meeting a presentation was given by David on the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) a modern planned giving scheme by standing order, direct debit or numbered weekly envelope. Giftaid can be claimed on the amount given and is paid monthly to the parish by direct debit.

What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** is a facility originally developed by the Diocese of Gloucester. It provides an effective donation system to support parishes in funding their mission and ministry.

- Donations made through this scheme use a **DIRECT DEBIT** and can be made **MONTHLY, QUARTERLY** or **ANNUALLY**.
- Each donation is restricted to a parish church.
- Gift Aid is reclaimed **EVERY MONTH** and passed onto the parish directly.
- Each donor is given a token to place in the offertory to show they are giving through this scheme.

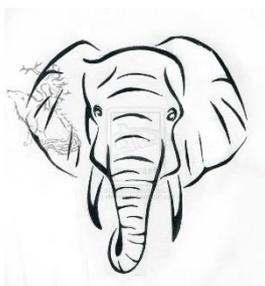


Donors can remain anonymous if they wish.

Why is the Parish Giving Scheme a good thing?

- It helps our treasurers and planned giving/Gift Aid officers and it reduces administration in the parish and helps to reduce costs, e.g. the cost of weekly envelopes etc.
- All the publicity for the scheme is free for parishes to use
- It offers donors the option to increase their donation by inflation each year, thus 'future-proofing' income and they can remain anonymous if they want to
- The income from PGS is delivered locally but administered centrally
- Donations are returned in 10 days and Gift Aid is claimed in the **same month** thus improving cash flow
- Eases local book-keeping and banking as there is less cash to deal with.

REMEMBER! The Parish Giving Scheme:



- takes some of the administration away from the treasurer & planned giving/Gift Aid officers
- helps to reduce costs (cost of weekly envelopes etc)
- Gift Aid is claimed **EVERY MONTH**
- Less cash to deal with and bank every week

NO MONEY GOES TO THE DIOCESE

Further help and information is available from A Simple Giving Programme at

www.parishresources.org.uk/spg

Preparing the new Electoral Roll

Kat Alldread has written this helpful article on preparing a new Electoral Roll

- Must be done every six years (including 2019)
- Notice displayed near the main door of every Church in the Parish
- At least two months before the APCM
- Notice must stay up for at least 14 days
- Announcements made in Church during the 14 days that the notice is up to say that the Roll is being prepared
- PCC must ensure that reasonable efforts are made to let everyone on the old Roll know that a new Roll is being prepared
- Exception is anyone no longer qualified to be on the Roll (e.g. someone who no longer worships regularly in the Parish and lives outside the Parish)
- Members of the previous Roll need to fill in applications (no one is automatically included)
- New people may also apply by filling in an application for enrolment
- New Roll must be complete on a fixed date between 15 and 28 days before the APCM
- Completed new Roll is posted near the main church door at least 14 days before the APCM
- During this time corrections may be made (e.g. correcting a misspelling) but no new names added or removed
- **Annually after the APCM:**
 - Electoral Roll Certificate (SG7) completed and signed
 - Copy sent to Diocese (Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR or enquiries@derby.anglican.org)
 - Copy posted near the principal door of the church for 14 days
 - Copies also posted at doors of any daughter churches for 14 days

Swimming the English Channel – in a Pool



**Revd
Stephen
Potter**

I recently took part in a sponsored swim. Let me tell how it came about as I usually avoid sponsored events. I began to swim regularly at Alfreton pool last summer as part of my sabbatical. I committed to swim at least three times a week, at first all I could do was about ten lengths which soon developed and became 30. Then I learned 63 would be a mile, the target was set.

It wasn't long before I saw others wearing a blue wrist band as they swam, research led me to discover these were called 'SWIMTAG'. Once registered I could collect one at reception on each visit and leave it at the end of the session and by the time I arrived home an email would arrive letting me know how far, fast I had been swimming.

The next step was to learn that the app allowed swimmers to enter challenges such as swim the distance to cross the English Channel (21 miles). To do this over several weeks in the pool. So, no need to dodge ferry's and jelly fish or even get cold. I began on 11th November and completed the challenge 25 days later. I'm delighted that I was sponsored and well supported by many people, as I was raising cash for a church hall project. I am surprised how much I have enjoyed this and also by how many people have shown interest. Perhaps I'll have to swim the channel for real!

The Next Challenge – Swimathon 2019

Swimathon is the world's biggest annual fundraising swim and it has raised a staggering £50 million in the 30 years since it began. The 2019 event takes place over 3 days from 29th – 31st March. The joint charity partners of Swimathon 2019 are Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie, Cancer Research UK the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research will be involved in the Swimathon for the first time this year. Marie Curie the UK's leading charity for people with any terminal illness and their families, has been Swimathon's charity partner 10 times since it launched and has raised over £17 million through the event during this time.

Stephen's next swimming challenge will be the Swimathon on the 30th March and he will be swimming 5km in one swim. To join Stephen and thousands of other swimmers you can register for Swimathon 2019 at **Swimathon.org**.

Of the challenge Stephen said 'I am looking forward to taking part in this event and meeting other likeminded people'.





Hi, I am to be the new Vicar of Crich and South Wingfield coming from Anslow, Rolleston & Tutbury in Staffordshire. Unlike other new in-comers to the Diocese [+Libby] I can't claim any roots, soil or Derbyshire coal dust in my background but there is Warwickshire Coal Dust in my blood coming originally from a mining family in Bedworth near Coventry where I had been a Factory Worker.

Chris & I are looking forward to moving to Derbyshire with our grown-up daughter, Amy, to be Licensed to Crich and South Wingfield in April. We are especially looking forward to joining the people of Crich & South Wingfield in finding out where the Holy Spirit is inviting us to join in ways of Prayer, Play & Praise! We would welcome your prayers as we complete 19 years in our present place to come and join you all, pray for good endings and good beginnings.



Ian and Chris Whitehead

Father Jacko's Gozo Stories

By Martyn Offord

'Father Jacko's Gozo Stories' are tales of sunshine and God's love. When 40 years ago Martyn first visited Gozo, the small island off the north of Malta, he found priests everywhere. He imagined the life of one of these in a series of short stories written largely in the 1980s and 90s, then filed away in the garage and discovered 20 years later. Over the next year Martyn divided his time between being church warden at St. Mary's, Crich and editing. Now they have been published as a book by Faraxa of Malta. Priests in fiction nowadays are so often unwholesome, but the 'Father Jacko's Gozo Stories' show a priest who is scruffy, distracted and accident prone, who nevertheless demonstrates God's love working through ways that are quirky, humorous, compassionate and usually chaotic.

'Father Jacko's Gozo Stories' are available on Amazon or from the author on 01773 853722.



The Bishops' Harvest Appeal Update



The 2018 Harvest Appeal was in aid of the Khristiya Seva Niketan a 125 bed hospital in Sarenga Durgapur in the Diocese of Durapur Northern India.

The name in Bengali means 'The house of Christian service'. A really amazing amount of £13,600 has been donated so far but there is still time to give.

Churches of Hardwick – the New Social Media Accounts

Did you know that Twitter is an effective way of reaching new people? Facebook may be an old favourite for many but twitter is where it's at. Hardwick Deanery now has a new Twitter account and a new Facebook page both called **Churches of Hardwick**. You can like us, share us, follow us or just look at us.

Both accounts are great for sharing forthcoming events. If you have a Facebook page you can invite us to be your friend and we can then share events



Events and Activities around the Deanery



Upcoming events...

St Helen's Pinxton – Saturday 10th March 10am – 11.30am Jesus and Me (Mary and Martha)

St John the Baptist Tibshelf – Thursday 14th March 9.30am coffee morning

St Werburgh's Blackwell – Saturday 30th March 10am – 12pm Spring Fayre to be held in Newton Community Centre

St John the Baptist Ault Hucknall – Saturday 30th March 11am – 2pm A Spring Celebration. Activities, stories, food, friendship. Suitable for all age groups, we welcome you.

St Helen's Pinxton – Saturday 6th April 10am – 11.30 Jesus and Me (The Last Supper)

St Peter's Church Stonebroom – Wednesday 10th April, games evening in church at 7pm. £3 entry includes refreshments

Holy Cross Morton – a display of paintings

St Helen's Pinxton – Saturday 4th May 10am – 11.30am Jesus and Me (The Road to Emmaus)

Holy Trinity Church Brackenfield – 25th – 27th May there will be a flower festival in church and an art and embroidery exhibition and sale in the church hall. Refreshments available.

St James Riddings – 21st – 23rd June Flower Festival 'Customs and Celebrations of Great Britain', church open 11am – 4pm. Refreshments available.

St James Riddings – Sunday 23rd June afternoon concert in the church. Everyone welcome.

