HARDWICK DEANERY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023



A Greener Diocese



No mow May to support the bees at Holy Cross Upper Langwith.



Welcome to our summer newsletter. Summer seemed to be late arriving this year but when it did arrive, it arrived with a bang in all its glory with sunshine, high temperatures and thunderstorms. Wet gardens soaked up the sun and flowers bloomed, then parched gardens soaked up the rain and the weeds ran amuck.

We are all acutely aware of the damage that has been done to our planet – a planet that was God's gift to us, and we are now looking for ways to make up for our neglect. As long ago as 2018 the Diocese of Derby agreed to adopt a motion proposed at Synod that said:

'This Synod agrees to implement the process of becoming an Eco Diocese through the efforts of parishes, deaneries, and diocesan officers and offices as it moves towards applying the gospel mission of caring for God's Earth for the sake of God's creatures. This is agreed to be reported, shared and celebrated at deanery and diocesan level'.

As a diocese we are very much sticking to this motion and there are many churches that are working towards being an eco-church to help the environment and support our bees – in the UK alone many species of bee are declining, with two bumblebee species already known to be extinct.

In our own deanery we have churches that are applying for their eco bronze award – and Holy Cross Morton already has theirs! To support eco-church, we have beehives in church yards (holy honey to follow), churches adopted no-mow May, the environment is embedded into ministry, church schools are following the Forest Schools programme, an outdoor education programme where students visit natural spaces to learn personal, social and technical skills, and we are all hooked on programmes that encourage us to reuse, recycle, upcycle, reimagine and repair.

The vision of Eco Church is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully. You can find out more about Eco Church at:

https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/



Revd John Wood – Return to Kumi in Uganda 31st July 2023

After 3 years of disruption from the Covid pandemic Mission Direct have been able to start sending teams to different parts of the World again. A few teams were able to go last year, and this year has seen a return to teams travelling to most of the regular countries.

Chrissie and I have been to Kumi a number of times and have seen the huge value and enjoyment in meeting the people who live in Kumi and the surrounding villages.

In the past they suffered greatly from two armed groups who severely affected their lives. Since then, they have been rebuilding their community and the Church has grown dramatically over the last 20 years. It still remains one of the poorest parts of Uganda and the involvement of Mission Direct has enabled invaluable support to a number of schools throughout the District. Classrooms have been built, houses for teachers in the schools and several houses for homeless families. In a number of schools toilet facilities have been provided which has enabled the older girls to remain at school with provision for their particular needs.

I will be spending part of the time with the building projects and also meeting up with the Church leaders to share with them some of the challenges of Ministry. A number of years ago Chrissie and I together with another priest from the UK provided training for around 20 of the Church leaders. On my last visit I met up with around 40 of the leaders during the fortnight. I hope to do the same again.

I have already contributed the total amount to cover all my expenses towards the visit. In order to complete the planned projects, the 3 teams going to Kumi this year are looking to raise £24,000. I would like to invite you to share with me in raising £500 towards reaching this target. I would be delighted if you can make any contribution you feel able. There are three main ways you can do this. By cash, by cheque payable to Mission Direct or through a Just Giving page 'Mission Direct – Kumi Primary School Classrooms 2023'. (I can send you the Just Giving details on request)

Many thanks for reading this and I look forward to sharing more with you, both before I travel, and after I return.

John

Our 2023 Ordinands

This year the Diocese is ordaining six deacons and eight priests. Please remember in your prayers our deacons and priests as they prepare for their ordinations on Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July 2023.



Advice for older adults staying safe in hot weather

- When at home cool down by using a damp cloth, and drink cold drinks that have been kept in fridge – you can keep the cloth in the fridge too
- Keep blinds down and windows closed when it is cooler inside than outside
- Drink Plenty of water keep a bottle of water nearby, to promote use
- Keep eating even if you do not feel hungry, try small meals
- Try to eat more cold food than hot
- Remember to store food correctly, it will go off faster on the kitchen surface compared with in a fridge
- Think about using freezer bags after shopping, as heat inside a car can start food deterioration and reduce quality of food
- KNOW the signs of dehydration and heat exhaustion and how to treat them You can find further information from the links below:

Advice for older adults staying safe in hot weather AgeUK

https://www.ageuk.org.uk/derbyandderbyshire/



Thank You for Remembering.....

Thank you very much for entering your return of parish finance data. We are all done now – until next year!

Did you know?

There are around 75% more wild bees on organic farms - organic farming can improve the numbers of bees found in habitats surrounding the farm. This is because organic farmers use fewer pesticides, and have a higher amount of bee-friendly habitats, like wildflower margins.

The average hive produces about 11kg of honey during a season! That's the equivalent of about 24 jars. Bees must fly about 55,000 miles just to make one pound of honey (which is less than half a kilo!

Maypole Dancing



Revd Karen Bradley enjoying the Maypole dance.

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May.....

St Michael's Church Pleasley had their summer fayre on 20th May and the main feature was a traditional Maypole dance, Revd Karen Bradley and some willing children performed the dance to help raise money for the church.

You can see from the photographs that they had a lot of fun and managed to avoid getting tied up in the ribbons. Once the Maypole was completed, the dancers then had to do the dance in reverse to undo the ribbons.



What is Pink?

What is pink? a rose is pink By the fountain's brink. What is red? a poppy's red In its barley bed. What is blue? the sky is blue Where the clouds float thro'. What is white? a swan is white Sailing in the light. What is yellow? pears are yellow, Rich and ripe and mellow. What is green? the grass is green, With small flowers between. What is violet? clouds are violet In the summer twilight. What is orange? why, an orange, Just an orange!

By Christina Rosetti

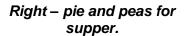
St Bartholomew's Ringers Ring for the King



On Coronation Day the bell ringers at St Bartholomew's Church in Clay Cross 'rang for the King'. In the evening the church held a pie & pea supper and invited the churches in the North Wingfield Team to join them.

After supper everyone enjoyed a live performance from The Royal Albert Hall where the All Souls Orchestra performed a Coronation Prom.

Left – St Bartholomew's Bellringers.





What's On

Saturday 1st July 3pm All Saints Church South Wingfield – there
will be a Summer Band Concert with Shirland Brass Band. Tickets are
£7. Further details can be found at:
concert@allsaintssouthwingfield.org.uk



- Saturday 1st July 2pm Holy Cross Morton Garden Party at the Rectory Room.
- Tuesday 4th July 7.30pm Christ Church Ironville Swearing in of Church Wardens at the Visitation.
- Wednesday 5th July 6pm St Leonard Scarcliffe Confirmation Service.
- Saturday 8th Sunday 9th July St Martin Alfreton Flower Festival.
- Saturday 8th July 11am 1pm St Mary & St Laurence Bolsover Macmillan coffee morning.
- Saturday 8th July 12pm St Mary Crich Well Dressing. Blessing of the well at 12pm in the Market Place and at 2pm at the church. Follow the trail of 8 well dressings, maps £1 from the post office or at the well blessings.
- Saturday 8th July 7pm 10.30pm a summer evening soiree at Old Bolsover Yard, Castle Street Saturday 8 July 7pm-10.30pm. Member £12, non-members £14.
- Saturday 15th July 10am 6pm Tibshelf Open Gardens.
 Wristbands £5 (children free) available from St John the Baptist Church on the day.



- **Sunday 16th July 3pm 6pm –** Summer Fun event for all ages, Bassett Rooms, Church Street, Ashover
- Wednesday 19th July 7pm Deanery Synod Morton Village Hall
- Saturday 22nd July 11am 3pm St Bartholomew Clay Cross Summer Fayre. Stalls and BBQ. All funds will go towards the repairs to the Bell Tower.
- Saturday 29th July (and always the last Saturday of the month) 10am 12 noon Wessington Pop up shop, Christ Church Wessington.
- Saturday 19th August 3pm Raise the Roof Concert at St Leonard Shirland to fund repairs to the roof. Entry by donation.

A wide variety of musicians including solo singer, saxophonist, pianist and organist.... featuring the Ukeladies who will conclude the concert with a singalong. Bells will be rung and tower tours available on request to the tower captain on the

day. Refreshments and raffle during the interval.

St Werburgh's Coronation Celebration



On 8th May St Werburgh's Blackwell, hosted an open day for community groups to celebrate the Coronation. It included a local history display, face painting, have a go craft tables, Newton WI, a cake and crown competition (some of which were very interesting) and of course a raffle. Tea and delicious cake were also available.

The event was very well attended, in fact at times it was difficult to get in and it was wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate.

Luke Evans bakers did 10 special cakes to be donated to worthy events and we were very lucky to win one.

All dressed up for the Coronation.

On the right is a photo of David, with the cake, Church Warden Barbara Sainsbury, and Tony Mellors who put on the history display as it was delivered whilst we were putting up the bunting.

Our thanks also go to County Councillor James Barron and Blackwell Parish Council for their financial help and David Purdy our Parish Town Crier.





On the left is one of the delicious cakes donated by Luke Evans – it looks delicious and tasted delicious too!

Update from Deanery Synod February 2023

Our guests at Synod in February were Hannah Hogg Deanery Safeguarding Advisor and Sue Griffin Safeguarding Coordinator.

Hannah outlined that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we should all be vigilant. It is the responsibility of parish officers to ensure that appropriate safeguarding training is completed by all relevant members of the parish – the role of the parish safeguarding officer is key to ensuring this.

To support the churches commitment to safeguarding contact arrangements must be kept up to date with Safeguarding information and notice boards must include a promoting a Safer Church poster, a formal statement of adoption of the House of Bishops 'promoting a safer church: Safeguarding Policy statement signed by the PCC and how to contact the DSA, Parish Safeguarding officer and how to get help outside of the church, 'Safeguarding who's who'.

The Dashboard is a useful tool to help the PSO keep track of where everyone in the parish is in respect of their safeguarding training – it has replaced the old paper Safeguarding Audit and is easy to use. It gives an overview of Safeguarding activity in the Parish.

It is not the responsibility of the PSO to ensure tasks are completed – that is the role of the PCC. The PSO uses the dashboard to log progress against minimum requirements.

The safeguarding team are there to help parishes. Their contact details are:

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor – vacant

Safeguarding Co-Ordinator and Acting Advisor

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Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors

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Cath Shipsides <u>cath.shipsides@derby.anglican.org</u>
Amanda Clarke <u>amanda.Clarke@derby.anglican.org</u>

Admin team

DBS

Judie Fogarty <u>judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org</u>

Training

Amanda Sandland amanda.sandland@derby.anglican.org

Safeguarding training is available online and via zoom and there is some in person training.

Basic and Foundations are national e-learning courses.

Domestic Abuse Awareness is available on Zoom or in-person.

Leadership and **PtO** are available on Zoom or limited in-person.

Safer Recruitment is available as a national elearning course or on Zoom

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Induction/Refresher is only available on Zoom.

Basic, Foundation and Safer Recruitment can be done by delegates individually at home. Places must be booked onto all other courses.

Each term we offer up to two 'in person' Training Days delivering Basic, Foundations and Leadership. These take place at venues across the diocese and are provided only for those unable to do e-learning or Zoom sessions. For more information on bookings please contact:

amanda.sandland@derby.anglican.org

Nick Harding delivers the training for Derby Diocese. For more information on the content of training please contact:

nick.harding@derby.anglican.org

Parish Safeguarding Officers should also see the Resources for Parish Safeguarding Officers page which has resources and support relevant to their role or that of DBS Administrators.

The safeguarding training matrix sets out all training requirements in respect of safeguarding (there is a copy at the end of this newsletter)

Required (Essential) Training

Core Training is refreshed every three years at the highest level previously taken, plus refresh of specialist modules

Only if involved in the recruitment of paid staff or volunteers * This course is for all readers and clergy with PTO (Permission to Officiate), unless specifically directed to complete the Leadership course Senior clergy are invited to additional national training. Church officers are people who have a role within the church. Church officers who meet the public in their role may include vergers, welcomers, bellringers, caretakers, refreshment teams, etc Mode of training is mandatory. The diocese does not accept national e-learning Domestic Abuse Awareness.

R - recommended

√ - essential

Faith in the Countryside

The Diocese of Derby has again put together a leaflet sharing some of the many celebrations and faith opportunities that churches and villages are hosting over the summer months. You can find details of this summer's events at:

https://derby.anglican.org/en/publications/faith-in-the-countryside-leaflet.html

Eco Church Wordsearch

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Bronze award
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Extinction
Gold award
Living world
Pollution
Renewable
Silver award

Biodegradeable
Climate change
Conservation
Eco survey
Global warming
Lifestyle
Natural resources
Recycle
Responsibility
Wildlife

Biodiversity
Community engagement
Drought
Environment
Gods earth
Living earth
Ozone layer
Reduce
Reuse
Zero carbon



What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** is an established facility developed to provide an effective donation system for one-off and direct debit giving. It is designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry, and it reduces the burden of work on church volunteers and provides a simple and secure service to givers. The service free.



The PGS makes it possible for givers to:

- Give One-Off amounts by Credit/Debit cards and Apple/Google pay wallets
- Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
- Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually
- Enhance your gift to your church by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving
- Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer

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 'futureproofing' 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
- Helps reduce costs
- Gift Aid is claimed every month
- > There is less cash to deal with

NO MONEY GOES TO THE DIOCESE

Further help and information is available from: https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/

Did you know?

Elephants are smart, emotional, self-aware and highly social creatures.

And finally.....



Bruce enjoying the beach.

Wherever you lay your beach towel have a healthy, happy summer.