

Niftynotes

news & information from the Diocese

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Bishops backing mission

More than 15 Bishops from the Northern Province have so far signed up for the One Life mission in Southwell & Nottingham.

Led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, and working with Bishops Paul and Tony, they will be active in every deanery, working alongside local churches to take the Good News of Jesus to communities across Nottinghamshire.

Bishop Tony has been on previous missions with the Archbishop, taking teams to Sheffield, Durham, Blackburn, Carlisle and Newcastle.

“It is a marvellous opportunity for churches to look at new ways of reaching out to people on the fringes,” said Bishop Tony. “It doesn’t have to be a major event, something simple, well thought out and sustainable is often the best option.

“Lucille and I have led 39 ‘Seed Scattering’ weekends across the diocese, and have seen fantastic energy from parishes organising



events, always with a simple Gospel testimony appropriate for the parish.

“We’ve enjoyed open mic nights, pub quizzes, a photographic exhibition, Bingo and Buns, Paws for Thought, a Scalextric evening, and beetle drives.”

In the spring there will be training evenings for those wanting to run an enquirers' course. Each PCC is encouraged to nominate people from each church to attend so that we are ready to help people on their spiritual journey.

The mission takes place from Thursday 12th September to Sunday 15th September. Watch this space as we will soon be adding details of training events designed to help parishes publicise events and services in their communities.

A prayer for One LIFE

We pray for the One LIFE Mission with the Archbishop of York and all the northern Bishops. Father God, help us to reach out in faith and love and witness to all. By your Spirit help us grow in unity, grow as followers of Jesus Christ, and grow your Kingdom in Southwell & Nottingham.

Amen

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Wider Younger Deeper

www.growingdisciples.co.uk

Nurture course training offered to support mission

Ahead of the Northern Bishops' Mission to the Diocese in September, training is being offered to lay people who are interested in running nurture courses.

Nurture courses will be an important part of the follow-up work taking place across the diocese after the mission; the aim is to have 100 nurture groups and events planned for the autumn.

It is hoped that at least four lay people from each benefice will attend a 'OneLIFE: Connect' training session, which will focus on belonging, invitation and nurture. Information will be provided on the materials that are available, and the opportunity provided to share wisdom on what works in different contexts.

The sessions will be led by Archdeacon David Picken and the diocesan Church Growth & Planting Enabler, Victoria Ramsey.

"Nurture courses are an important part of the diocesan vision for Growing Disciples," said David.

"The training will help to equip our churches to encourage and work with those people who show an interest in learning more about Christianity during the mission."



People are asked to contact their Deanery Administrator if they want to attend a session, stating their preferred date and the number in the group.

The dates currently planned are as follows:

4 February 2019 (7.00pm-9.00pm at Nottingham St Anne with Emmanuel)

2 March 2019 (10.00am-12noon at St Giles Community Hall, Balderton)

13 March 2019 (7.00pm-9.00pm at Christ Church Worksop)

25 March 2019 (7.00pm-9.00pm at St Wilfrid's Calverton)

The mission takes place from Thursday 12th September to Sunday 15th September. More details and resources will be available soon.



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New Diocesan Director of Ordinands

The Revd Craig Hunt has been appointed as the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands for Southwell & Nottingham. He is currently Associate Vicar at St. Mary's Bredin in the centre of Canterbury, as well as Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands for the Diocese of Canterbury. Prior to ordination, Craig was a Youth Worker at All Saint's Church, Peckham working in an urban parish with a diverse ethnic community. He trained for ordination at St. Mellitus College, London during which time he was responsible for the provision of youth and community work at St. Luke's Church, Redcliffe Gardens near Earl's Court.



"I'm really looking forward to playing my part to raise up vocations across the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham to see people come to faith in Christ Jesus and the church grow," said Craig, "Over the last few years I have grown increasingly passionate about seeing disciples of Christ realise that God has a call on their life, and love seeing people step into this call."

Bishop Paul said, "I am delighted that Craig has discerned with us God's calling into this important role in the life of the diocese as we seek to train and equip many more people to serve in lay and ordained ministries across all our churches. I know he will be wonderfully supported by our wider vocations team who bring different gifts and experiences, as well as all clergy who in a very real sense share this ministry in all they do."

Canon Richard Kellett, said: "It is great to have someone who is passionate about the vocation of all God's people to be joining us at this time. Craig brings a wealth of insights and experience that will help us especially around nurturing vocations amongst younger people and those from BAME backgrounds."

Craig is married to Becky and expecting their second child in March. He will take up his post from 10th June. Over the forthcoming interim months, all enquiries related to vocations should be directed in the first instance to our Vocations Advisor, Revd Naomi Hill at naomi.hill@southwell.anglican.org

The Bible! The One-Man Jukebox Musical with Paul Kerensa

2nd February, 7.30pm
at
St Mark's Woodthorpe
NG5 4PH

The British Comedy Award-winning writer of Miranda, Not Going Out and Top Gear brings the Bible to the stage in a whole new way - stories you know (and some you don't) via songs you know. From Adam & Eve to Revelation, including biblical takes on Gloria Gaynor, Bohemian Rhapsody and Frozen.

Come away knowing the Good Book a whole lot better, plus tapping your feet to a few top tunes.

Contact: stmarks.woodthorpe@ntlworld.com

Tackling loneliness and isolation

Does your church open up each week to the local community offering a coffee morning/ support group/ activities? Transforming Notts Together is looking to raise the profile of what churches are doing to tackle loneliness and isolation across the county, partly through mapping what activities are already going on. If you are running an activity, please let us know the details! Contact Hannah at Hannah.Buck@transformingnottstogether.org.uk or call 07734994637.

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Were Jesus, Mary and Joseph refugees?

In Matthew chapter 2 we read the story of the ‘Flight into Egypt’ in which, after the birth of Jesus and the visit from the Magi, an “angel of the Lord” comes to Joseph in a dream and warns him to leave Bethlehem for Egypt (Mt 2:12-15). Why? Because King Herod was planning to “seek out the child to destroy him”. Mary and Joseph do leave, along with Jesus, and, according to Matthew, make their way into Egypt.

Afterward, King Herod slaughters all the male children in Bethlehem under two years of age. So, what is going on? A family is forced to flee their homeland for fear of persecution. This is the classic modern-day definition of a refugee. In fact, the UN defines that group of people as follows:

A refugee is someone forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.

The Holy Family was fleeing because of a “well-founded fear of persecution” because of their “membership in a particular social group,” in this case people with young children living in Bethlehem. Did Joseph and Mary apply for official refugee status? Of course not. Those kinds of regulations were most likely not in effect. Egypt, which came



under Roman control in 30 B.C., was outside the jurisdiction of Herod. Egypt had been the traditional place of refuge for Jews in biblical times (see 1 Kgs 11:40; Jer 26:21)

So, we see a family fleeing to a foreign country out of fear of persecution. The word to focus on is pheuge, “flee,” from which derives the word “refugee,” the one who flees. The angel identifies the Holy Family as refugees.

We should be ready to care for modern-day refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Why? Not only because the Holy Family were refugees, but also because Jesus asks us to. Later in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that any time we “welcome the stranger” we welcome Jesus himself (Mt 25). Refugees and asylum seekers are our brothers and sisters.

For further details about how churches are supporting refugees and asylum seekers contact

Partnerships Officer:
liam.o’boyle@southwell.
anglican.org

If your parish is supporting refugees and asylum seekers you might be eligible for a grant from the Bishop’s Welcome Fund.
<http://southwell.anglican.org/mission-ministry/seeking-justice/bishops-welcome-fund/>

Follow this link
<https://www.youtube.com/user/diocesesofsouthwell/videos> to hear how one woman fled to Nottingham to escape persecution in Iran.

Racial Justice Sunday

The Racial Justice Sunday Service will take place on 10th February at Calvary Family Church, 273 Vernon Road, Nottingham, NG6 0BD and will be led by Pastor Thipa and Bishop Tony.

For more information please contact: Liam.O’Boyle@southwell.anglican.org

Prayerdiary

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In March we pray for. . .

- Fri 01 Mar** **ST DAVID'S DAY: The East Trent Group of Parishes - Besthorpe, Holy Trinity; Collingham, St John the Baptist; Collingham, All Saints; Girton & Spalford, St Cecilia; South Scarle, St Helena, Winthorpe, All Saints; Langford, St Bartholomew; Holme, St Giles, Harby (with Swinethorpe), All Saints; North & South Clifton, St George the Martyr; Thorney with Wigsley, St Helen (Mandy Cartwright)**
 Manchester (England) The Rt Revd David Walker (Diocesan Bishop) Manchester (England) The Rt Revd Mark Ashcroft Manchester (England) The Rt Revd Mark Davies Torit (South Sudan) The Most Revd Bernard Balmoi (Diocesan Bishop) Torit (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Martin Abuni (Assistant Bishop) Torit (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Isaac Chon (Assistant Bishop)
- Sat 02 Mar** **East Stoke, St Oswald; Syerston, All Saints; Elston, All Saints (Liz Murray)**
 Mandalay (Myanmar) The Rt Revd David Naing (Diocesan Bishop) Toronto (Canada) The Rt Revd Jennifer Andison Toronto (Canada) The Rt Revd Peter Fenty Toronto (Canada) The Rt Revd Kevin Robertson Toronto (Canada) The Rt Revd Riscylla Shaw Toronto (Canada) The Most Revd Colin Johnson (Diocesan Bishop) Toronto (Canada) The Very Revd Andrew Asbil
- Sun 03 Mar** **The Chancellor of the Diocese (Mark Ockelton)**
 Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz -Bishop of Santiago & Primate
- Mon 04 Mar** **Edingley, St Giles; Halam, St Michael the Archangel (Vacant: Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Lay Pastor: Anne Godfrey; Churchwardens: Diana Poole, Chris Clay, Glenys Herbert, Penni Wells)**
 Manicaland (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Erick (Diocesan Bishop) Toungoo (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Saw Wilme (Diocesan Bishop) Hawaii (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert Fitzpatrick (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 05 Mar** **Egmanton, St Mary Our Lady of Egmanton; Kirton; Holy Trinity Walesby, St Edmund (Zoe Burton, Anna Alls)**
 Maper (South Sudan) The Rt Revd William Machar (Diocesan Bishop) Trichy-Tanjore (India) The Rt Revd Dr D Chandrasekaran (Diocesan Bishop)
- Wed 06 Mar** **Farndon, St Peter, Farndon; Hawton with Cotham, All Saints; Thorpe, St Laurence (Liz Murray)**
 Mara (Tanzania) The Rt Revd George Okoth (Diocesan Bishop) Trinidad & Tobago (West Indies) The Rt Revd Claude Berkley (Diocesan Bishop) Truro (England) The Revd Christopher Goldsmith
- Thu 07 Mar** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: John Eastwood Hospice (Vacant)**
 Maralal (Kenya) The Rt Revd Jacob Lesuuda (Diocesan Bishop) Tuam, Killala & Achonry (Ireland) The Rt Revd Patrick Rooke (Diocesan Bishop)
- Fri 08 Mar** **Kilvington, St Mary; Flawborough, St Peter (Liz Murray)**
 Marathwada (North India) The Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab (Diocesan Bishop) Twik East (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Malangdit (Diocesan Bishop) Hereford (England) The Rt Revd Richard Frith (Diocesan Bishop) Hereford (England) The Rt Revd Alistair Magowan



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- Sat 09 Mar** **Kneesall, St Bartholomew; Laxton, St Michael and Archangel; Moorhouse, Moorhouse Chantry Chapel; Wellow; St Swithin (Zoe Burton, Anna Alls)**
Maridi (South Sudan) The Most Revd Justin Arama (Primate) Udi (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chjioko Aneke (Diocesan Bishop) Highveld (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Charles May (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sun 10 Mar** **Our Link Diocese of Natal, Bishop Dino, the Clergy and People**
Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda -Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Karlstad, Bishop Sören Dalevi
- Mon 11 Mar** **Norwell, St Laurence; Ossington, Holy Rood; Cromwell, St Giles; Caunton, St Andrew; Sutton-upon-Trent, All Saints; Carlton-on-Trent, St Mary (Mark Adams)**
Maridi (Uganda) The Rt Revd Moses Zungu (Diocesan Bishop) Ughelli (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Cyril Odutemu (Diocesan Bishop) Ho (West Africa) The Rt Revd Matthias Mededues-Badohu (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 12 Mar** **Boughton, St Matthew; Ollerton, St Giles; Ollerton, St Paulinus (Zoe Burton, Anna Alls, Phil Howson)**
Marsabit (Kenya) The Rt Revd Daniel Qampicha (Diocesan Bishop) Ukhahlamba (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Moses Madywabe (Diocesan Bishop)
- Wed 13 Mar** **West Trent Benefice: Bleasby, St Mary; Halloughton, St James; Hoveringham, St Michael; Morton, St Denis; Rolleston, Holy Trinity; Thurgarton, St Peter; Upton, St Peter & St Paul (Phil White)**
Maryland (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Eugene Sutton (Diocesan Bishop) Maryland (The Episcopal Church) Vacant Ukwa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Samuel Eze (Diocesan Bishop) Umuahia (Nigeria) The Most Revd Ikechi Nwosu (Diocesan Bishop)
- Thu 14 Mar** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Director of Education for the Diocese, Claire Meese and her colleagues**
Masasi (Tanzania) The Rt Revd James Almasi (Diocesan Bishop) Upper Shire (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Brighton Malasa (Diocesan Bishop)
- Fri 15 Mar** **Shelton, St Mary & All Saints; Sibthorpe, St Peter (Liz Murray)**
Maseno East (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joshua Owiti (Diocesan Bishop) Upper South Carolina (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Andrew Waldo (Diocesan Bishop) Hokkaido (Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Uematsu (Primate)
- Sat 16 Mar** **Southwell, Holy Trinity (Andrew Porter, Cathy Porter)**
Maseno North (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Asilutwa (Diocesan Bishop) Utah (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Scott Hayashi (Diocesan Bishop) Honduras (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Lloyd Allen (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sun 17 Mar** **ST PATRICK'S DAY**
Retired Clergy (Reg Walton, Chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Widows' Officer)
Pray for the Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby -Archbishop of Canterbury
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia: Archbishop Jānis Vanags, Bishop Einārs Alpe, Bishop Hanss Martins Jensons
- Mon 18 Mar** **Southwell, St Mary the Virgin (Nicola Sullivan, Nigel Coates, Matthew Askey, the Chapter and all who serve the ministry and mission of the Cathedral)**
Maseno South (Kenya) The Rt Revd Francis Abiero (Diocesan Bishop) Uyo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Prince Antai (Diocesan Bishop) Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong) The Most Revd Paul Kwong (Primate)
- Tue 19 Mar** **Staunton, St Mary (Liz Murray)**
Maseno West (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga (Diocesan Bishop) Valparaiso (Chile) The Rt Revd Samuel Morrison (Diocesan Bishop)
- Wed 20 Mar** **Markham Clinton, All Saints; Tuxford, St Nicholas; Weston, All Saints; Normanton-upon-Trent, St Matthew; Marnham, St Wilfrid; (Greg Price)**
Masindi-Kitara (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Kasangaki (Diocesan Bishop) Vanuatu (Melanesia) The Revd James Tama (Diocesan Bishop) Vermont (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Thomas Ely

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(Diocesan Bishop)

- Thu 21 Mar** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust (Simon Russell, Joseph Aylookunnel, Mark Burns)**
 Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Alan McIntosh Gates (Diocesan Bishop)
 Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gayle Nyanza (Tanzania) Vacant (Diocesan Bishop)
- Fri 22 Mar** **Blidworth, St Mary of the Purification; Rainworth, St Simon and St Jude (Hazel Robinson)**
 Masvingo (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Godfrey Tawonezwi (Diocesan Bishop) Virgin Islands
 (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Ambrose Gumbs (Diocesan Bishop) Hpa-an (Myanmar)
 The Rt Revd Saw Doe (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sat 23 Mar** **The Potting Shed Church (Alison Jones)**
 Matabeleland (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga (Diocesan Bishop) Virginia (The
 Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Shannon Johnston (Diocesan Bishop) Virginia (The Episcopal Church)
 The Rt Revd Susan Huron (Canada) The Rt Revd Linda Nicholls (Diocesan Bishop) Huron (Canada) The
 Rt Revd Terrance Dance
- Sun 24 Mar** **The Nottingham Arimathea Trust (Carolyn Gilmore & Trustees)**
 Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Most Revd Paul Kwong -Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng
 Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Lund, Bishop Johan Tyrberg
- Mon 25 Mar** **Annunciation BVM, Lady Day**
NEWSTEAD DEANERY (Area Dean: Fiona Shouler, Lay Chair: Liz Marshall)
 Matana (Burundi) The Rt Revd Seth Ndayirukiye (Diocesan Bishop) Wad Medani (Sudan) The Rt Revd
 Saman Mahdi (Diocesan Bishop) Hyderabad (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Kaleem John (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 26 Mar** **Annesley, All Saints; Newstead Village, St Mary the Virgin; Kirkby Woodhouse, St John the
 Evangelist (Vacant: Area Dean: Fiona Shouler, Lay Chair: Liz Marshall; Clergy: Steven Cotterill;
 Churchwardens: Carol Ward, Daphne Cantrill, Paul Bradbury, Rosemary Shatloff, Ann Leaver)**
 Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Diseko (Diocesan Bishop)
 Waiapu (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Andrew Hedge (Diocesan Bishop)
- Wed 27 Mar** **Brinsley, St James the Great; Underwood, St Michael and All Angels (David Stevenson)**
 Mauritius (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Ian Ernest (Diocesan Bishop) Waikato & Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ &
 Polynesia) The Most Revd Philip Richardson (Primate) Waikato & Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)
 Vacant (Diocesan Bishop) Wangaratta (Australia) The Rt Revd John Parkes (Diocesan Bishop)
- Thu 28 Mar** **Eastwood, St Mary (David Stevenson)**
 Mbaise (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chamberlain Ogunedo (Diocesan Bishop) Warri (Nigeria) The Rt
 Revd Christian Ideh (Diocesan Bishop)
- Fri 29 Mar** **Greasley, St Mary (David Marvin)**
 Mbale (Uganda) The Rt Revd Patrick Gidudu (Diocesan Bishop) Washington (The Episcopal
 Church) The Rt Revd Mariann Budde (Diocesan Bishop) Ibadan (Nigeria) The Most Revd Joseph
 Akinfenwa (Diocesan Bishop) Ibadan North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Segun Okubadejo (Diocesan
 Bishop) Ibadan South (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Akintunde Popoola (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sat 30 Mar** **Hucknall Team Ministry: St Mary Magdalene; St Peter & St Paul; St John the Evangelist
 (Jo Stephens)**
 Mbamili (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Henry Okeke (Diocesan Bishop) Wau (South Sudan) The Most
 Revd Moses Bol (Diocesan Bishop) Ibba (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Wilson Kamani (Diocesan
 Bishop)
- Sun 31 Mar** **MOTHERING SUNDAY - we pray for all mothers and carers**
 Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Revd James Wong Yin Song -
 Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Funen, Bishop Tine Lindhardt

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St Mellitus College announce appointment of Director and Asst Director for the new East Midlands centre

St Mellitus College have today announced the appointment of Revd Dr David Emerton as Director of their new teaching centre in the East Midlands. The Revd Jitesh Patel has also been appointed as Assistant Director.

David is presently Principal of the School of Discipleship in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. He will join the St Mellitus team from 1st March on a 0.6fte basis, moving to 0.8 from 1st September. This will mean he is able to continue to play a strategic role in the further development of the School of Discipleship, following a very fruitful first term of the RealLIFE course attended by 250 people in three centres across the diocese.

Plans for term two is well under way with over 180 signed up. David will also continue to oversee the development of the new Licensed Lay Ministry/Reader course. Working closely with Canon Richard Kellett, Director of Discipleship & Ministry, and the wider team, he will help support the other strands of training that will enable the formation of lay and ordained ministry across the diocese.

Within St Mellitus College, East Midlands centre, David will be working closely with Revd Jitesh Patel as he prepares to take up the position of Assistant Director from August 2019. Jitesh is



The Revd Dr David Emerton and the Revd Jitesh Patel

presently Associate Vicar (Training & Development) at Holy Trinity Leicester, a position he combines with being Diocesan Director of Contextual Training in the Diocese of Leicester.

Bishop Paul said, "I am delighted that St Mellitus College have been able to make two excellent appointments to lead the new teaching centre in the East Midlands. We have already experienced the benefit of David's teaching and leadership within our new School of Discipleship, and know that Jitesh will also bring valuable teaching gifts and insights into ministerial formation as the centre establishes itself to help resource mission in parishes and communities across the region."

St Mellitus had already announced that the centre will be based in Nottingham at Trinity Church starting in September 2019. As with St Mellitus

College's other regional centres, the East Midlands centre will be supported by a local advisory board chaired by the Bishop of Leicester, Rt Revd Martyn Snow.

Parish Safeguarding Coordination Network meeting

Donna Bernard-Carlin, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, invites all Parish Safeguarding Coordinators to a Network meeting at 6.30pm-8.30pm on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at Jubilee House, Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JH.

Light refreshments will be provided.

**To book a place please contact:
email: safeguardingtraining@southwell.anglican.org
or telephone 01636 817200**

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Quiet Days at Sacrista Prebend for 2019



The 2019 programme of Quiet Days at Sacrista Prebend, Southwell, is now published and can be picked up from Sacrista Prebend, Southwell Minster or on line (sacristaprebend.wordpress.com)

All are welcome but please note that some are booking up quickly now. The first two are...

9th February The Revd Canon Valerie Rampton
Loving God has four elements: 'Rest, Reverence, Obedience, Delight'

The quotation comes from John Owen, a 17th Century Puritan. Most will have heard plenty about obedience, and perhaps a bit about reverence, but probably very little about rest and delight. In this day attendees will learn a bit about John Owen, explore rest, reverence and delight as ways of loving God, and have a nod at obedience.

Tues 12th March Canon Angela Ashwin
Roots and Fruits: Trust, Vulnerability and Gift in the Christian Life

Jesus often uses the imagery of plants, seeds and fruitfulness when speaking about discipleship. This Quiet Day will explore what it means to be 'rooted and grounded in love' (Ephesians 3), abiding in Jesus and being pruned in order to bear his fruit (John 15)

**Please contact the warden: The Revd Canon Tony Evans
01636 816833 for more details or help in planning your own day or evening at Sacrista Prebend.**

Lunchtime at the Cathedral

**Just William
(readings and
music)**

**15 February 2019
12:15pm – 1:00pm
The Nave, Southwell
Minster**

Home-made sandwiches (£2) and hot and cold drinks (£1) are available before the concert in the south transept.

Admission is free and the concerts last approximately 45 minutes. There is a retiring collection towards the cost of the concert series. Pick up a free programme upon your arrival.

Alpha for Seniors

If you would like to explore running an alpha course or other nurture courses such as START aimed at older people please contact Paul Howard.

Over the past few months Paul has led or assisted courses in several parishes and is now booking time in 2019.

**For more information please
contact:
Paul.howard@southwell.
anglican.org
07827 291725**

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Racial Justice Sunday Service at Calvary Family Church, 273 Vernon Road, Nottingham, NG6 0BD and will be led by Pastor Thipa and Bishop Tony.

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Minster Society of SS Wilfred & Hilda Diocesan Festival. Bishop Glyn of Beverley to preside & preach. 10.30am, Southwell Minster.

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Ride + Stride

The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust makes grants for the repair and maintenance of churches in the county that are over 30 years old. Over the lifetime of the Trust it has awarded well over £1 million and last year alone made grants totalling £38,700.

One of the ways in which it raises money is through the Ride + Stride event which is held on the second Saturday in September. Cyclists and walkers are sponsored to visit as many churches as they can and half of the amount raised is refunded to the sponsored person's own church. You don't even have to be affiliated to a particular Church – cycling or striding is open to everyone.

Last year Ride + Stride had competition as the UK Tour of Britain was in Nottinghamshire on the same day, which meant that many of the rural Churches

were not able to participate due to local roads being closed.

However a great effort was made by those who took part and they managed to raise nearly £16,000. Well done to all.

The format is very flexible and churches and participants are free to decide how they organise the day. Some cyclists pride themselves on visiting as many churches as they can, concentrating particularly on out of the way churches. Other churches treat it as an annual church outing with a large group of people walking or cycling.

Even those who sit in the church and provide that all important welcome can be sponsored. All denominations take part, from cathedrals to small village churches. However sometimes it is not possible for a church to be kept open but it can still take part by pinning a signing in form on the door for cyclists and walkers

to register their visit.

Many churches open their doors and provide welcome refreshments for the participants. Ride + Stride shares the weekend with the Heritage Open Days initiative and this is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the publicity and open your church to show neighbours and visitors something of its life and achievements.

It is particularly hoped that churches which have been in receipt of grants from the Trust will show their appreciation by taking part this year.

Please see the website www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk for further details, or contact the Ride + Stride Administrator margaret.lowe@nottshistoricchurchtrust.com or speak to Margaret direct, tel 07757 800919.



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'A Nativity for a New Year' and other paintings

An exhibition by artist Jennifer Bell

2-28 February 2019

The North Transept, Southwell Minster



Nativity Triptych by Jennifer Bell

Jennifer Bell writes...

I am a fine artist by training (a degree in sculpture) and a freelance mural painter by profession, via advertising and book illustration; I enjoy the commercial challenge of combining imaginative painting with interior design – and making clients happy. I have won two prestigious interior design competitions, and have worked in some beautiful houses, hotels and churches as well as Heritage Visitor Centres around the world.

I also have a passion for equestrian art... having been pony mad as a child and never really grown out of it. I have tutored live-horse painting workshops, and written three books on how to draw horses.

But there's another side... the bit of me that wants to explore the crossover between the real world and the spiritual, and delights in thinking in metaphor; preferring to imagine situations and narratives (particularly Scripture) in pictures.

I came to faith quite dramatically over the summer of 1989, and going to the first New Wine summer conference had quite a lot to do with the direction my faith (and art!) took. Painting a 5ft x 40ft long series of Advent panels that autumn – as an over-the-top new Christian – at my local church not only taught me a lot about theology, and the amazing potential of art in the church, but gave me the confidence to start offering murals commercially. The panels are still going up every Advent,

nearly 30 years later!

I believe that we are all visionary – that God can speak to us powerfully through our visual imagination as well as through spoken truths. In fact, visualising spiritual concepts can be more compelling to a world that thrives on the visual; conveying emotion, posing questions, introducing tricky themes with metaphor... allowing personal discovery and revelation without being formulaic or clichéd.

I like to paint fairly realistically and I appreciate beautiful things – I don't set out to be an artistic ground breaker or 'edgy'. What I do is tell a story (or a bit of one) in each painting, introduce the viewer to it, and invite them to continue the thought for themselves.

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“Hidden in plain sight in our communities”

One of ‘The Clewer Initiatives’ strap-lines is: “Hidden in plain sight in our communities”. Jesus was all about noticing people who haven’t been noticed - caring, and setting them free from anything or anyone who imprisoned or oppressed them.

His powerful words (quoting the Prophet Isaiah) in Luke Chapter 4 should be at the heart of our mission and ministry especially as God’s given us (the Church of England) a unique presence in every neighbourhood across the country and through our networks we can notice when suspicious activity may be going on.

Victims of Modern Day Slavery and trafficking live in our suburban, urban and rural neighbourhoods. Some victims may paint your nails, some wash your car, some pick the fruit and veg we eat, some are ‘live-in household help’, and some are even forced to sell their bodies for sex.

Churches are often seen as places of safety and refuge to vulnerable people in crisis, regardless of their faith background, when they do not know where to turn or who to trust.

We’re in the business of noticing things and challenging injustices, especially when we live in “a culture of indifference” where the dominant culture is “you get on with your life, I’ll get on with mine”. So it’s vital that we are able to recognise the signs of Modern Day Slavery and know what to do about it as this may be the only chance a vulnerable individual has of being rescued.

The Clewer Initiative offers resources and ongoing training to churches and faith-led projects on how to notice, spot the signs and care for victims of a most abhorrent crime which robs men, women and children of their God given dignity and value.

The Clewer Initiative enables Church of England dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies for detecting modern slavery in their communities.

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Come and Sing: Haydn’s Creation (excerpts)

9th February 2019
10:30am – 5:00pm
Southwell Minster

Ever wondered what its like to sing in the Minster?

Come along to find out, in a workshop led by Neil Page.

The day will end with a performance to showcase to family and friends what you have learnt throughout the day.

The day costs £12 for singers (£5 for under 18-year-olds).
 The performance is free to attend.

For more information and to register, please ring Erik Sharman on 01636 817280 or email: litmus@southwellminster.org.uk

