

Niftynotes

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How are you?

As we move into 2018, the response to the gentle, innocent question is often, "I'm busy". The response saddens me, and it concerns me. Not only does the response suggest that we no longer have time for people, it's also not very healthy. Turning up late for appointments, leaving early, rushing meals, getting to bed late seems to be a badge of honour. The problem is that this leads to burnout and breakdown.

Elijah got into a dreadful mess after the triumph of Mount Carmel recorded in 1 Kings 18. He was overstrained mentally: he had been living off his nerves for too long. He was physically exhausted. A messy head and physical exhaustion make a healthy walk with God very difficult. Elijah experienced what we now call a breakdown. "I've had enough Lord ...take my life" (1Kings 19:4). If this had been 2017, Elijah would have been all work and no play, certain he was indispensable, judgemental of anyone who has done the job before him, unbearably short-tempered, endlessly boring everyone about his busy diary.

Happily, 1 Kings 19 reveals how God responds. He dealt with his body (v.v. 5 & 7), his mind (v.v. 9 & 13), and only then comes the "gentle whisper", the "still small voice of calm" (v.12).

The way God responded to Elijah is a pattern for how we respond when people are worn-out and stressed. In our family it would be a trip to the Curry Mile, or in my case the Fish 'n Chip Shop. Someone with a messy head doesn't need judgement or blame, but an opportunity to off-load. It's only when in a calmer place, affirmed and supported, that we can seek to help them restore their relationship with God. God gave Elijah a vision of his power, glory and tenderness, resulting in a worn-out servant of God being restored to full fellowship. The story about Elijah is desperate at the beginning, but once restored, body, mind, spirit (in that order), God directs Elijah, "Go back anoint Hazael King". Personally restored, his ministry was restored.

Can I encourage you not to wear being "busy" on a badge of



honour, but build in enjoyable rhythms of rest. Why? God cares about you.

+Tony Porter

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Julie loves growing disciples

Julie Cotterill loves what she's been doing as a Fresh Expressions Lay Minister at New Cross Community Church, Sutton in Ashfield, for the past four years - and once a month she and her team run Messy Church in Hillocks Primary School.

"I enjoy seeing people being transformed from non-churched to waking up to faith and seeing them become disciples and serving God," says Julie. "It's really challenging but so rewarding to be able to walk alongside people who are struggling to manage on very little money, but also emotionally and psychologically too."

Apart from a few teenage years in America when her family emigrated to California, but didn't settle, fifty-three-year-old Julie has always lived in Mansfield. As a child she lived opposite St John's Church and attended Sunday School there. Upon returning to the UK she continued at St John's and joined a CYFA Youth Group, where on a holiday to the Isle of Man, she gave her life to Christ.

Julie met her husband, Steve – who is curate at Annesley – through a college friend when she

was 18 and they got married at St John's in 1986. They have three children, Rebekah (27); Matthew (25) and Bethany (17).

She completed the Diocesan Certificate and for a while worked as a teaching assistant at Sutton Centre Secondary School, which dovetailed into her position as Children's and Family Worker at New Cross.

"I felt God leading me along a path, accompanied by people like the Revd Tim Mitchell and others who encouraged me to pursue Fresh Expressions Ministry."

Around 50 children come to Messy Church and enjoy making things, scripture, prayer and interactive talks, having tea together and singing songs. Currently winter woollies, hats, gloves and scarves are being provided through Sharewear in Nottingham.



Julie says: "I'm grateful for the Growing Disciples Mission Fund as we don't have much money and without it we couldn't do what we are doing." The fund recently provided a freezer for food donated by Tesco for the Messy Church teas.

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Refresh in Lent 2018 with Bishop Paul

I am increasingly aware that sustaining momentum in ‘Growing Disciples wider, younger and deeper’ is dependent on the spiritual vitality of those who serve and lead across our churches. Some have borne the heat through intense and uncertain seasons of ministry, others have carried the burden of leadership in some area of church life or in their day to day working world. That is why I am going to be hosting a series called Refresh in Lent, open to all but especially for anyone who exercises some aspect of leadership in their church, workplace, or wider community.

Refresh will take place over two consecutive weeks in six locations around the diocese.

I will be joined by some of the younger leaders we are nurturing who will contribute in different ways to the evenings, all you need to do is come along open to receive and be refreshed. Further publicity will be coming out to parishes in the New Year, though it may help to have the dates now if you would like to integrate these evenings into other plans during Lent.

Each evening will start at 7.30pm with refreshments and finish by 9.30pm, doors open from 7.15pm.



- St Swithun’s Retford**
Monday 26 February and Monday 5 March
- St John’s Mansfield**
Tuesday 27th February and Tuesday 6th March
- St Mark’s Woodthorpe**
Thursday 1st March and Thursday 8th March
- St Mary’s Newark**
Monday 12th March and Monday 19th March
- St Giles’ West Bridgford**
Tuesday 13th March and Tuesday 20th March
- St Margaret’s Aspley**
Thursday 15th March and Thursday 22nd March

This is a mini-series so it is hoped that people attend both weeks, though it would be possible to attend a ‘second’ evening in another venue.

'When I was homeless, did you shelter me....?'

Jesus did not start life at home or in a hospital. He was born in a stable and his crib was an eating trough for animals. That's how his life began, as a homeless baby, born to parents who were sleeping rough. He had hardly come into the world when Mary and Joseph took him across the border to escape the murderous intentions of King Herod the Great. Jesus became a baby on the run, a homeless asylum-seeker in Egypt.

Later in his public ministry Jesus taught and challenged people through his parables. The picture of the last judgment (Matt 25:31-46) puts before us six kinds of people: the hungry, the thirsty, aliens, the naked, the sick, and prisoners. The distress they suffer involves most of them in being homeless.

In the two great parables The Good Samaritan and The Rich Man and Lazarus, Jesus did not say: 'I was lying robbed and wounded by the side of the road and you took care of me', or, 'I was covered with sores and begging for food at the entrance to your home, and you fed me and cleaned my sores'. In speaking of the last judgment, however, Jesus goes beyond the two parables and identifies himself with those in terrible distress. He is the asylum seeker, he is the wounded traveller, he is the beggar covered with sores. Such people bring us the very face of Jesus.



The Old Testament prophets vigorously reminded their audiences to care for widows, aliens, orphans and other people in distress. But none of them took the further step that Jesus did. He identified himself with the homeless and all others in terrible need.

In Nottingham in November 2017, 43 people (36 males/7 females) were rough sleeping (this doesn't include those in hostels etc or elsewhere in the county). There are also an increasing number of families in B&Bs. There is an increasing concern of the number of people with mental health needs. Once again a number of churches and volunteers from many others are living out their discipleship by responding to the needs of homeless people. The Nottingham Winter Shelter opened on 13th November and took in 25 people and will continue at different venues until the end of April.

We can all respond by praying, by giving money, by volunteering, by campaigning to end homelessness in this country, by focusing on Homeless Sunday on 28th January.

To find out more about Nottingham Winter Shelter contact Liam O'Boyle on Liam.O'Boyle@southwell.anglican.org

More information on Homelessness Sunday at: www.housingjustice.org.uk/Event/homeless-sunday-2018

Prayerdiary

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In February we pray for. . .

- Wed 01 Feb** **Clipstone, All Saints (Vacant: Area Dean: Angela Fletcher; Lay Chair: Peter Edwards; Churchwardens: Andrew Bede-Allsop, David Marriott)**
Argyll & The Isles - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson
- Thu 02 Feb** **The Presentation of our Lord: Candlemas**
SECTOR MINISTRIES: Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust Kings Mill Hospital (Ruth Lambert)
Arizona - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Kirk Smith
Arkansas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Larry Benfield
- Fri 03 Feb** **Edwinstowe, St Mary (Vacant: Area Dean: Angela Fletcher; Lay Chair: Peter Edwards; Churchwardens: Richard Neely, Graham Harley)**
Armidale - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Richard Lewers
- Sat 04 Feb** **Forest Town, St Alban; Mansfield Oak Tree Lane, Worship in Community Centre (Philip Stead)**
PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Revd Martin Nyaboho Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba
- Sun 05 Feb** **The Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Peace and the High Sheriff**
Arochukwu/Ohafia - (Aba, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Johnson Onuoha
- Mon 06 Feb** **Mansfield, St Augustine, Pleasley Hill, St Barnabas (Caroline Phillips, Matthew Arnold)**
Aru - (Congo) The Rt Revd Georges Titre Ande
- Tue 07 Feb** **Mansfield, St John; Ladybrook, St Mary (Vacant: Area Dean: Angela Fletcher; Lay Chair: Peter Edwards; Churchwardens: Geoff Godfrey, Averil Wilkinson, Carole Partridge)**
Asaba - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Justus Moge kwu



In February we pray for. . .

- Wed 08 Feb** **Mansfield, St Lawrence (Philip Stead)**
Asante-Mampong - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Cyril Ben-Smith
- Thu 09 Feb** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Department Discipleship & Ministry for the Diocese, Director of Discipleship & Ministry, Richard Kellett and Director of Partnerships & Mission, David McCoulough and their colleagues**
Athabasca - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Fraser Lawton
- Fri 10 Feb** **Mansfield, St Mark (James Curry)**
Atlanta - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert C Wright
- Sat 11 Feb** **Mansfield, St Peter and St Paul (James Curry)**
PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
- Sun 12 Feb** **Diocesan Synod (Michael Wilson: Chair of the House of Laity and Mark Adams: Chair of the House of Clergy)**
Attooch - (Upper Nile, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Moses Anur
- Mon 13 Feb** **Mansfield Woodhouse, St Edmund King and Martyr (Vacant: Area Dean: Angela Fletcher; Lay Chair: Peter Edwards; Churchwardens: Colleen Coyle, Janeen Burrows)**
Auckland - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Ross Bay
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- Tue 14 Feb** **Perlethorpe, St John the Evangelist (Vacant: Area Dean: Angela Fletcher; Lay Chair: Peter Edwards; Churchwardens: Stephen Shakespeare, Kenneth Clark)**
Aweil - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Abraham Yel Nhial
Aweil - Abyeil Area - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Michael Deng
Awerial - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd David Akau Kuol
- Wed 15 Feb** **Warsop, St Peter & St Paul Sookholme, St Augustine (Angela Fletcher, Jennie Sharpe)**
Awgu / Aninri - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ugwu
- Thu 16 Feb** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Newark Hospital (Ruth Lambert)**
Awka - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Alexander Ibezim
Awori - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd J Akin Atere
- Fri 17 Feb** **NEWARK & SOUTHWELL DEANERY – (Area Dean: Mark Adams, Lay Chair: Michael Wilson)**
Badagry - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Adeyemi
- Sat 18 Feb** **The Riverside Group of Parishes - Averham, St Michael and All Angels; Kelham, St Wilfrid; Balderton, St Giles; Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints (Georgie Hadley, Louise Holliday)**
PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

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- Sun 19 Feb** **Southwell Cursillo (Tony Tucker)**
Ballarat - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Garry Weatherill
- Mon 20 Feb** **The Northern Lights Cluster - Bilsthorpe, St Margaret; Eakring, St Andrew; Farnsfield, St Michael; Kirklington, St Swithin; Hockerton, St Nicholas; Maplebeck, St Radegund; Winkburn, St John of Jerusalem; (Peter Jones, Margaret Groves)**
Bangor - (Wales) The Rt Revd Andrew John
- Tue 21 Feb** **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)**
Banks & Torres - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Alfred Patterson Worek
- Wed 22 Feb** **East Stoke, St Oswald; Syerston, All Saints; Elston, All Saints (Liz Murray)**
Bari - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Idris Zubairu
- Thu 23 Feb** **Edingley, St Giles; Halam, St Michael the Archangel (Vacant: Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Lay Pastor: Anne Godfrey; Churchwardens: Churchwardens: Diana Poole, Christopher Clay, Glenys Herbert, Penni Wells)**
Barisal - (Bangladesh) The Rt Revd Shourabh Pholia
- Fri 24 Feb** **Egmanton, St Mary Our Lady of Egmanton; Kirton, Holy Trinity (Vacant: Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Churchwardens: Graham Laughton, Jean Wright)**
Barrackpore - (North India) The Rt Revd Brojen Malakar
- Sat 25 Feb** **Cotham, St Michael; Farndon, St Peter, Farndon; Hawton, All Saints; Thorpe, St Laurence (Vacant: Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Churchwardens: David Britton, Helen Tyrer, John Walker, Mary Cherry-Downes, Jessica Colson, Keith Elliott)**
PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America The Most Revd Sturdie Downs Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua
- Sun 26 Feb** **The Chancellor of the Diocese (Mark Ockelton)**
Bath & Wells - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Peter Hancock
Bath & Wells - Taunton - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley
- Mon 27 Feb** **Kilvington, St Mary; Flawborough, St Peter (Liz Murray)**
Bathurst - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Ian Palmer
- Tue 28 Feb** **Kneesall, St Bartholomew; Laxton, St Michael and Archangel; Moorhouse, Moorhouse Chantry Chapel; Wellow; St Swithin (Vacant: Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Churchwardens: Ian Thorne, Brenda Noble, Simon Hill, Benjamin Wells, Jean Crofts)**
Bauchi - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Musa Tula

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Purpose and hope for the future

Twenty young women aged between 18 and 32. gather to share and support each other.

Their common bond is that they are all victims of some form of gender based violence.

One member of the group aged 31 stands to tell her story. She was married when aged 17 to a man she didn't love or know well and was forced to have a relationship with him. She was tortured and mistreated.

Eventually she was left with three children while her husband found another woman in another town. It was very difficult to care for the children. Another man took her and she became pregnant but he refused to accept responsibility for the pregnancy. She wanted the foetus to die and she wanted to die. Now she thanks God that they both lived. The group has restored her hope. She is able to care for her children. She has found happiness and joy that she shares with her family. She gives thanks for all that she has received from the group.

The Gender Based Violence Support Group to which she belongs is the first of its kind in the diocese of Buye in northern Burundi and is facilitated by Mothers' Union. It provides a



safe place for problems and experiences to be shared and discussed. In addition group members can submit proposals for small loans, refundable in six months, with which to start a project. These vary from buying and selling second-hand clothes, selling bananas, selling food items such as donuts, and selling charcoal.

A visit to the local market reveals one business in full swing. Second-hand handbags are for sale. As many as twenty bags can be sold each week. After all expenses that include care of the family and education for the children a profit is cleared. This small project has restored the self-esteem and dignity of one group member and given her a

sense of purpose and hope for the future.

Southwell and Nottingham Diocese's Mothers' Union is linked to Buye diocese through the MU Wave of Prayer. The GBV Support Group is just one area of Buye diocese's outreach to those suffering in the community for which they ask for prayer.

For further details about the Burundi link contact: the Ven Sarah Clark, email: archd-nottm@southwell.anglican.org

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Learning more about dementia

Over the past couple of years a number of parishes in the Diocese have taken advantage of an opportunity to learn more about Dementia through a talk approved by the Alzheimer's Society. This has proved to be very helpful to those caring for someone living with Dementia, those diagnosed with the disease and anyone looking to a future where they might be called upon to be a carer or when they, or their friends or family, suspect they have the disease.

The talk is followed by a question and answer session. The Society's long-term aim is to make all communities more aware and to become 'Dementia Friendly' as the numbers of people affected continues to rise.

Dates are available in the new year. The talks can be held during the day or in the evening at a church, church hall or other suitable venue. They are open to church members, their invited guests and the local community.

There are more than 850,000 people in the UK living with dementia and it is suspected that there are a large number of reluctant people who should be seeking to confirm whether they have dementia or a treatable and reversible condition. Early diagnosis is key.

Currently there is no cure for dementia which is a progressive and difficult disease for everyone involved.

To arrange a discussion in your parish please contact Paul Howard, Older Persons Advisor, on 07827291725 or Email paul.howard@southwell.anglican.org

Racial Justice Sunday Service Sunday 11th February 2018

There will be a service held in the evening (time to be confirmed) at God's Vineyard, 292 Derby Road Nottingham, NG7 1QF by kind permission of Pastor Ezekial Alawale

The Rt Revd Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood, will preach

Racial Justice Sunday resources for parishes will be made available in due course

Quiet Days at Sacrista Prebend Retreat House



Thursday 1st February 2018: the Eve of the Presentation led by Graham Pigott

Seeing Consolation: Praying with Simeon and Anna
Four meditative talks with periods of silence for personal reflection and prayer.

Saturday 3rd February 2018 A Quiet Day for Beginners led by Sally Smith

If you wonder what happens on a quiet day, then this is the day for you. There will be opportunities to ask questions as well as spending some of the day with God in the company of others seeking to find out more.

To book a place or find out more, please contact Sacrista Prebend, 4 Westgate Southwell Notts NG25 0JH 01636 816833
sacrista_prebend@btinternet.com

Quiet days cost £20 including hot drinks throughout the day. They start with coffee at 9.45am and close with a cup of tea at 3.30pm. Please bring your own lunch.

What's On

Items to be included in What's On for Nifty Notes should be sent to Nicola Mellors at nicola@southwell.anglican.org

in January

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| 3 | Messy Minster (Trebeck Hall and Quire), 3.30-6pm |
| 6 | Epiphany Sung Eucharist (Minster Chorale – Quire) 8pm |
| 10 | Eastern Cathedrals Network Day, 9.30am-4pm, Southwell Minster |
| 13 & 27 | Another Winter with the Celts - on behalf of Newark & Southwell Deanery, but open to all, a second series of bible studies which will be Exploring Celtic Spirituality - 10.30–noon (light refreshments available from 10am) at St Peter's, Farndon. Further information from: Jane Johnson: 01636 812877, Roy Parsons 01636 673422. |
| 14 | Epiphanytide Procession, Southwell Minster, 6.30pm |
| 18 | Cathedral Ministry Training Session – Deacons (Minster), 12.15– 5.15pm; Choral Evensong attended by Deacons(Quire) 5.45pm |
| 21 | Taizé Service (Quire) 5pm |
| 24 | Guild of Vergers AGM and Supper, 7pm |
| 27 | Update on the Chapter House project and launch of public Appeal (Chapter House) 11am; Choral Evensong with Admission of Stewards, 4.30pm; College of Canons Meeting and Supper (State Chamber, Archbishop's Palace) 6pm; Burns Night Fundraiser for Framework (Trebeck Hall) 7.30pm |
| 28 | Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist and Procession (Girls & Lay Clerks - Nave) 10.30am; Patronal Festival Choral Evensong (Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks - Quire) 3.30pm |

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| 11 | Racial Justice Sunday Service, 5pm at God's Vineyard, 292 Derby Road Nottingham, NG7 1QF by kind permission of Pastor Ezekial Alawale. The Rt Revd Tony Porter, Bishop of Sherwood is preaching. |

Prosperity through economic growth

The talk at the next Nottingham Workplace Chaplaincy INSIGHT meeting on Wednesday 17th January is entitled 'Prosperity through economic growth'. The world in which Britain needs to compete and prosper is changing rapidly and to help determine local priorities for the area is the

job of the Local Enterprise Partnership - D2N2. Please join to hear Chris Pook, its Growth Hub Manager, give an INSIGHT into the strategic structures and actions that will help support local economic growth and job prosperity throughout the coming decades. 12 noon-1.30pm in the

BioCity Discovery Building - 243 Lower Parliament Street.

A buffet lunch is provided and to help with the catering arrangements please email: lensimmonds@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

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Open Churches Weekends 2018

How can we turn visitors to our church buildings into pilgrims? Once again, the Diocese would like to encourage and support parishes to open their churches over two weekends in July.

This is a great opportunity to open up new ways for visitors to encounter God and explore the Christian faith. We hope parishes will have innovative ideas that will connect with our vision of growing disciples, younger, wider and deeper – perhaps by having literature available or dvd's playing and people on hand to talk to. Further resources will be made available to those taking part in the two weekends.

The weekends for opening:

7th/8th July 2018:

Bassetlaw & Bawtry and Newark & Southwell Deaneries

21st/22nd July 2018 for:

Mansfield, Newstead, Gedling, Nottingham North, Nottingham South, and East & West Bingham Deaneries

For further information and a registration form please contact:

Kate Hurst

email: kate.hurst@southwell.anglican.org

Tel: 01636 817211

Completed registration forms must be received by Friday 26th January 2018.

Church relaunches national website

The Church of England has launched a new national website in a major drive to share the Christian faith. It will better support those who lead and go to church and crucially engage occasional visitors and those who are open to Christianity across the country.

Visit the site here <https://www.churchofengland.org>

Conference to boost Southwell Leaves Project

Southwell Minster is delighted to be working with the Heritage Lottery Fund on a project to reinterpret the medieval stone carvings in the Chapter House - The Leaves of Southwell - and to make them much more accessible.

A conference called 'After Pevsner' - on Saturday 3rd February 2018 – will discuss new research and feature leading speakers in the field of history, art and archaeology.

The conference is taking place in the State Chamber of the Archbishop's Palace from 10am- 4pm.

Canon Chancellor, Nigel Coates said: "The carvings offer a superb educational resource and the Minster looks forward to them becoming better known in Nottinghamshire and beyond. "Our project will bring out much new research whilst at the same time introducing appropriate heating and environmental auditing to the Chapter House, a modern lighting scheme and an exciting activity plan."

Registration and further details: Mrs Nikki Smith
nikki@southwellminster.org
uk 01636 812649

Please note the deadline for the FEBRUARY 2018 issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH JANUARY 2017

Comings and Goings. . . Comings and Goings. . . Comings and Goings

The Reverend Ann Maureen Collins formerly Assistant Curate at St Wilfrid, Wilford in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Vicar of St Ann with Emmanuel, Nottingham in the same Diocese. Subject to the usual legalities. Licensing date to be announced.

Follow up

The Revd Kate Byrom, Associate Vicar of Skegby and Stanton Hill with Teversal in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Vicar of St Peter, Ravenshead and St Mary, Newstead Abbey in the same Diocese. Subject to the usual legalities. The licensing will take place at 6pm on 25 March 2018 at Ravenshead with +Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham.

The Revd Zoe Burton at present Priest-in-Charge of Ollerton with Boughton in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be also Priest-in-Charge of the Benefices of Kneesall, with Laxton and Wellow; of Eganton; of Kirton; of Walesby; of Bilsthorpe; and of Eakring. all in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Subject to the usual legalities. Licensing date : 7.30pm on 13 February 2018 with Bishop Paul at St Andrew's, Eakring.

Friday February 9th to Thursday May 10th 2018 Crossings Exhibition: Art and Christianity Now' (in the Chapter House). Opening Party: Friday 9th February

From February-May Southwell Minster will be host to an inspiring major art exhibition which will encourage visitors to explore, through art, two key Christian themes: crucifixion and resurrection. Crossings: Art and Christianity Now is a two-part exhibition which will fill the Minster with 100 new works of art by 36 significant artists, twice.

The first half of the exhibition, Crucifixion Now, will be on show during Lent from 9th Feb-21st March, and the second part, Resurrection Now, during Easter from 1st April-10th May, Ascension Day. There will also be education work tied-in to the exhibition with school visits and a full programme of supporting events for all to enjoy. Crossings is unique to Southwell and will not be seen anywhere else.

The artists will each present two new works made especially for Crossings, one for each half of

the exhibition, and part of the artists' brief was to explore the two themes in a new way, refreshing visually our engagement with suffering in our world today (crucifixion) and the hope of new life in the world today (Resurrection).

Crossings is free for all visitors to see, and is generously supported by a full-colour publication which all visitors are encouraged to buy (£5), this 52 page Exhibition Guide includes all of the artworks on show in both halves of the exhibition, as well as information about the artworks and artists to help visitors get the most out of viewing Crossings, and also presents a special exhibition essay written by Dr Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian at Southwell Minster.

The 36 artists involved have been hugely supportive of this project and it is with thanks for their contributions and excellence that Crossings enables the Minster to



present an exhibition of both National and International significance. Artists include: Sophie Hacker, Nicholas Mynheer, Mark Cazalet, Iain McKillop, Susie Hamilton, Chris Gollon, Biggs and Collings, Tai-Shan Schierenberg, Paul Benney, Kaori Homma, Siku, Ian Adams, Jean Lamb, Enzo Marra, Matthew Krishanu, John Newling, Lee Maelzer, Jennifer Bell, Derek Sprawson, Sarah Shaw, Ray Richardson, and many others.