

Niftynotes

news & information from the Diocese

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Peace-seeking vicar gets reconciliation award from Archbishop of Canterbury

A retired Nottinghamshire vicar is to receive a prestigious international award from the Archbishop of Canterbury for work in reconciliation.

The Most Reverend Justin Welby has given the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation this year to the Rev'd Graham Burton.

Graham and his wife, Dr Gillian Burton, worked in Pakistan for twelve years and in Nottingham for twenty-five years. During their ministry they have worked tirelessly for peace, especially between Christians and Muslims.

Graham will receive his award at Lambeth Palace on 4th April. He said: "I was taken by surprise initially. Now that I have had time to reflect on it, I remember someone saying to me nearly 20 years ago: 'You in your ministry are a pioneer.' What I have tried to do in the 47 years since I was ordained is, on the one hand, to be faithful to Jesus Christ – and at the same time take seriously that we are called to incarnate or live the gospel in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-faith



society... and in order to do that practising reconciliation and building relationships with people of other faiths should have a high priority. This award therefore greatly encourages me that the path I have taken for my ministry has been recognised and affirmed and I am very grateful to the Archbishop for choosing me to receive it."

When the couple lived in Pakistan Graham built St Thomas's Church in Islamabad, a very complex and long process, involving negotiations with both Islamic and government leaders – and it is still operating today. He met the then Prime Minister, Zia Ul Haq, several times as part of this process. He also set up another

church in a 'Basti' shanty town serving 25,000 people. This property was given to him rent free because it was used to serve

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New Diocesan Director of Ordinands has been appointed

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, Craig said: "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."

In his new appointment as Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Craig will be working closely with the bishops and the Revd Canon Dr Richard Kellett, Director of Discipleship & Ministry, as well as a wider team



of those supporting vocations across the diocese.

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 among younger people and those from

BAME backgrounds."

Craig is married to Becky and they are 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.



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Appointment of Canon Precentor at Southwell Minster

Bishop Paul is pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Dr Richard Frith as Canon Precentor (Residentiary Canon) for the Cathedral and Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Southwell.

Richard is presently Vicar of Holy Trinity and St Jude Church in Halifax, an ethnically-diverse suburban parish within the Diocese of Leeds. He served his curacy with St. Mary Magdalen Church, Oxford and prior to ordination worked as a Publishing Editor.



Richard's ministry has been shaped by teaching and developing Christian discipleship particularly with children and families, accessible liturgical worship and a deep love of the choral tradition.

The Dean of Southwell, the Very Reverend Nicola Sullivan shared her delight at Richard's appointment: "I am thankful to God for calling Richard to the Cathedral to share the rich opportunities for the further development of worship, mission and discipleship. He will bring liturgical, musical and pastoral gifts to the team and will support the Minster in being a deep well of prayer and inspiration for the local community and diocese."

Richard, who was born and brought up in Rotherham, joined his parish church choir at the age of 10, the beginning of his journey of faith and love of choral worship. He studied English at university, eventually completing a PhD on Victorian poetry at Cambridge. From there he moved to Oxford to work in publishing, during which time he started to explore a vocation to ordained ministry. He trained at Ripon College Cuddesdon and served his curacy at St Mary Magdalen's in central Oxford, before returning northwards to become vicar of Holy Trinity & St Jude's, a suburban/urban parish in Halifax.

"I'm hugely looking forward to putting this liturgical, musical, and pastoral experience to good use at Southwell, and to working with the chapter, the choirs and music department, and the rest of the Minster team to develop Southwell's worshipping and wider spiritual life in the years to come," said Richard, who is married to Emma. They have an 11-year old son, Stephen. He will be licensed in the Minster on 8th September 2019.

Lent talks at St Peter's

This year's lunchtime Lent talks at St Peter's church, Nottingham (next to M and S) will focus on various aspects of prayer in today's world. They will take place over five Thursdays, with light refreshments available (no charge) from 12.30. Each talk will begin at 1pm, followed by discussion and ending by 2pm.

- 14th March: Prayer and Art
The Revd Dr Richard Davey
- 21st March: Prayer and Creation
The Revd Dr Helen Hall
- 28th March: Prayer and Poetry
Ruth Shelton
- 4th April: Prayer and Mental Health
The Revd James Saxton
- 11th April: Prayer and Inclusiveness
The Revd Jenny Jones,
Nottingham Methodist Circuit
All welcome

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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Universal credit savvy

At Transforming Notts Together (TNT), a local charity set up as a Joint Venture between the Diocese and the Church Urban Fund, we have had a busy few months of initiating new networks, running workshops and creating a map. Some news from us:

• **Faith Action Mansfield:** On the 15th January, TNT gathered together 15 Christian ministry leaders in Mansfield for the first time to explore setting up a Network to:

- build relationship and unity between Christians and organisations
- support and resource each other sharing our wisdom, learning and experience.
- identify where needs are in Mansfield and how we could work together as the wider Church to meet them.

The response was overwhelmingly positive and so now Faith Action Mansfield is launched! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd April, 7.30pm and we are glad to be part of

growing unity in the area.

• **Sutton Support Network:** On Monday 4th February, TNT gathered 19 people representing 15 different organisations (including 7 churches) in Sutton-in-Ashfield for the first meeting of 'Sutton Support Network'.

• **Tackling loneliness and isolation:** We are delighted to let you know that not only are there 10 Places of Welcome so far (see www.placesofwelcome.org) in the area, we are producing a map to show the volume of churches in the county that are open to people from their community who are isolated. With 50 churches on it so far, it will be a great resource for many and raise the profile of church hospitality. We will be releasing it via social media and our newsletter shortly.

Free workshop on Universal Credit:

Do you work with people who are now on or will be going onto Universal Credit? If so, why not



St Paul's Place of Welcome come along to one of the free workshops we offer called Universal Credit Savvy?

This one hour session is a whistle stop tour of the main changes that going onto Universal Credit means as well as considering how you can help those you know to prepare for it. People who have already attended the session say the following:

87% said their understanding of where to get or signpost others to help with the Universal Credit changes had increased and 85% said their understanding of how to get ready for the roll-out of Universal Credit had increased.

To find out more, get in touch with Lauren.Simpson@transformingnottstogether.org.uk To find out more about our work, visit www.transformingnottstogether.org.uk or contact Hannah Buck on 07734994637 or Hannah.buck@transformingnottstogether.org.uk



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- Mon 01 Apr Huthwaite, All Saints (Charlie Maiden)**
 Mbeere (Kenya) The Rt Revd Moses Nthukah (Diocesan Bishop) Wellington (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)
 The Rt Revd Justin Duckworth (Diocesan Bishop) Wellington (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd
 Eleanor Sanderson (Assistant Bishop) Idah (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Musa (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 02 Apr Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid (Kevin Charles)**
 Mbhashe (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Elliot Williams (Diocesan Bishop) Wernyol (South Sudan) The
 Rt Revd Gabriel Garang (Diocesan Bishop)
- Wed 03 Apr Linby, St Michael; Papplewick, St James (Trevor Raff)**
 Meath & Kildare (Ireland) The Most Revd Patricia Storey (Diocesan Bishop) West Ankole (Uganda) The
 Rt Revd Johnson Twinomujuni (Diocesan Bishop) West Buganda (Uganda) The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-
 Tamale (Diocesan Bishop)
- Thu 04 Apr SECTOR MINISTRIES: Rampton Hospital Retford (Tim Pownall-Jones)**
 Medak (South India) The Rt Revd Solomon Raj (Diocesan Bishop) West Lango (Uganda) The Rt Revd
 Alfred Okodi (Diocesan Bishop)
- Fri 05 Apr Ravenshead, St Peter; Newstead Abbey, St Mary (Kate Byrom)**
 Melbourne (Australia) The Most Revd Philip Freier (Primate) Melbourne (Australia) The Rt Revd Paul
 Barker (Assistant Bishop) Melbourne (Australia) The Rt Revd Dr Bradley Billings (Assistant Bishop)
 Melbourne (Australia) The Rt Revd Kate Prowd (Assistant Bishop) Melbourne (Australia) The Rt Revd
 Genieve Blackwell West Missouri (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Martin Field (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sat 06 Apr Selston, St Helen; Westwood, St Mary (Fiona Shouler, Adrian Dempster)**
 Meru (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa (Diocesan Bishop) West Malaysia (South East Asia) The
 Most Revd Ng Moon Hing (Primate) West Malaysia (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Charles West
 Malaysia (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Jayson Idaho (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Thom
 (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sun 07 Apr The Nottingham Arimathea Trust (The Trustees)**
 Pray for the Church of Church of Ireland The Most Revd Richard Clarke -Archbishop of Armagh and
 Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala, Archbishop Antje Jackelén, Bishop Ragnar Persenius
- Mon 08 Apr Skegby, St Andrew; Stanton Hill, All Saints; Teversal, St Katherine (Vacant: Area Dean: Fiona Shouler, Lay Chair: Liz Marshall; Churchwardens: Roy Allin, Mary Whitbread, Eleanor Greaves, Philip Osborne, John Caunt, Rosemary Singleton)**
 Mexico (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter (Diocesan Bishop) West Tennessee (The Episcopal
 Church) The Rt Revd Don Johnson (Diocesan Bishop) Ideato (Nigeria) The Most Revd Caleb Maduoma
 (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 09 Apr Sutton-in-Ashfield, St Mary Magdalene (Andy Nicolls)**
 Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wendell Gibbs (Diocesan Bishop) West Texas (The



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Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd David Reed (Diocesan Bishop) West Texas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

- Wed 10 Apr** **Sutton-in-Ashfield, New Cross Community Church (Julie Cotterill)**
Milwaukee (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Steven Miller (Diocesan Bishop) West Virginia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Willam Klusmeyer (Diocesan Bishop) Western Izon (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Edafe Emamezi (Diocesan Bishop)
- Thu 11 Apr** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Director of Communications for the Diocese and Cathedral, Richard Ellis and his colleagues**
Minna (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Yisa (Diocesan Bishop) Western Kansas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Michael Milliken (Diocesan Bishop)
- Fri 12 Apr** **EAST BINGHAM DEANERY (Area Dean: Stephen Hippisley-Cox, Lay Chair: Steve Gelsthorpe)**
Minnesota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Prior (Diocesan Bishop) Western Kowloon (Hong Kong) The Rt Revd Andrew Chan (Diocesan Bishop) Idoani (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Dahunsi (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sat 13 Apr** **Bingham, St Mary & All Saints (Jon Wright, Tony Jones)**
Mishamikoweesh (Canada) The Rt Revd Lydia Mamakwa (Diocesan Bishop) Mishamikoweesh (Canada) The Rt Revd Isaiah Beardy Western Louisiana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Jacob Owensby (Diocesan Bishop) Ife (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olubunmi Akinlade (Diocesan Bishop) Ife East (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Oluseyi Oyelade (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sun 14 Apr** **PALM SUNDAY - as we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, so we pray for the peace of that city and for all people of faith who see it as a spiritual home.**
Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East The Most Revd Suheil Dawani - Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aalborg, Bishop Henning Toft Bro
- Mon 15 Apr** **HOLY MONDAY - we pray for our commitment to Grow Disciples Wider. That through this most Holy Week our parishes and churches reach out to those yet to hear the story of salvation.**
Mississippi (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Seage (Diocesan Bishop) Western Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Douglas Fisher (Diocesan Bishop) Ifo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathaniel Ogundipe (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 16 Apr** **HOLY TUESDAY - we pray for commitment to Grow Disciples Younger. Give thanks for the Younger Leaders College. Pray too for our commitment to young people in education**
Missouri (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wayne Smith (Diocesan Bishop) Western Mexico (Mexico) The Revd Ricardo Osnaya (Diocesan Bishop)
- Wed 17 Apr** **HOLY WEDNESDAY - we pray for commitment to Grow Disciples Deeper. We are invited to join our bishop for the Chrism Eucharist today. Pray for our response as the anointed of God, all Christians in our Diocese.**
Mityana (Uganda) The Rt Revd Stephen Kaziimba (Diocesan Bishop) Western Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wayne Hougland (Diocesan Bishop) Western New York (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Franklin (Diocesan Bishop)
- Thu 18 Apr** **MAUNDY THURSDAY- as we recall the events of the Last Supper we dedicate ourselves afresh to servant ministry as we follow the example of our Servant King**
Mombasa (Kenya) The Rt Revd Alphonse Baya (Diocesan Bishop) Western Newfoundland (Canada) The Rt Revd John Organ (Diocesan Bishop) Western North Carolina (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd José McLoughlin (Diocesan Bishop)
- Fri 19 Apr** **GOOD FRIDAY - we stop and adore the sacrifice made by Jesus. Thank you, Lord**
Monmouth (Wales) The Rt Revd Richard Pain (Diocesan Bishop) Western Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sadock Makaya (Diocesan Bishop) Igbomina (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekola (Diocesan Bishop)

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- Sat 20 Apr** **HOLY SATURDAY - a day of waiting as we remember all those whose life feels like it is 'on hold', whatever the reason**
 Montana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Franklin Brookhart (Diocesan Bishop) Wiawso (West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Ackah (Diocesan Bishop) Igbomina -West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olajide Adebayo (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sun 21 Apr** **EASTER DAY - Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**
 Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One
The Lutheran Church in Great Britain: Bishop Martin Lind
- Mon 22 Apr** **BANK HOLIDAY – pray for the Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, faith to our lives, hope to our communities, and love to our hearts.**
 Montreal (Canada) The Rt Revd Mary Irwin-Gibson (Diocesan Bishop) Willochra (Australia) The Rt Revd John Stead (Diocesan Bishop) Ijebu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Awosoga (Diocesan Bishop) Ijebu - North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Solomon Kuponu (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 23 Apr** **ST GEORGE'S DAY: Car Colston, St Mary; Screveton, St Wilfrid; Flintham, St Augustine of Canterbury (Vacant: Area Dean: Stephen Hippisley-Cox, Lay Chair: Steve Gelsthorpe; Churchwardens: David Crouch, Gillian Bignall, Mandy Beeby, Elizabeth Bonser)**
 Moosonee (Canada) The Rt Revd Thomas Corston (Diocesan Bishop) Winchester (England) The Rt Revd Tim Dakin (Diocesan Bishop) Winchester (England) The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost Winchester (England) The Rt Revd David Williams
- Wed 24 Apr** **Cotgrave, All Saints; Owthorpe, St Margaret (Paul Massey)**
 Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland) The Most Revd Mark Strange (Primate) Windward Islands (West Indies) The Rt Revd Leopold Friday (Diocesan Bishop) Wondurba (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Matthew Peter (Diocesan Bishop)
- Thu 25 Apr** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Trinity Hospital Retford (Richard Lewis)**
 Morobo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd James Elia (Diocesan Bishop) Worcester (England) The Rt Revd John Inge (Diocesan Bishop) Worcester (England) The Rt Revd Graham Usher
- Fri 26 Apr** **East Bridgford, St Peter; Kneeton, St Helen (Vacant: Area Dean: Stephen Hippisley-Cox, Lay Chair: Steve Gelsthorpe; Churchwardens: Heather Fielding, Mark Fielding, Florence Rayner, John Rayner)**
 Morogoro (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Godfrey Sehaba (Diocesan Bishop) Wulu (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Zacharia Apeti (Diocesan Bishop) Ijesa North East (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Olusola (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sat 27 Apr** **Broughton Sulney, St Luke; Hickling, St Luke; Kinoulton, St Luke; (Paul Massey, Maggie Woodward)**
 Mount Kenya Central (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Gichere (Diocesan Bishop) Mount Kenya South (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Ranji (Diocesan Bishop) Mount Kenya South (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Muturi Mount Kenya West (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kagunda (Diocesan Bishop)
- Sun 28 Apr** **St John's College, Nottingham (Team Leader: Sally Nash)**
 Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Gothenburg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann
- Mon 29 Apr** **Bunny, St Mary the Virgin; Keyworth, St Mary Magdalene; Stanton-on-the-Wolds, All Saints (Tom Meyrick)**
 Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Stanley Hotay (Diocesan Bishop) Wusasa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ali Lamido (Diocesan Bishop) Ijesha North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Oluyamo (Diocesan Bishop)
- Tue 30 Apr** **Radcliffe-on-Trent, St Mary; Shelford, St Peter & St Paul (Mark Tanner, Rachel Mitchell)**
 Mpumalanga (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Daniel Kgomosotho (Diocesan Bishop) Wyoming (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie (Diocesan Bishop)

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Curates' Cross-Cultural Mission Trip to Natal

The Revd Tim Chambers, Curate at St. Giles' Church, West Bridgford writes:

A group of Southwell & Nottingham final-year curates had the privilege of participating in an amazing mission trip to our sister Diocese of Natal, in October 2018.

Reverends Lydia Cartwright, Tim Chambers, Philip Howson, Chris Pearse and Andrew Stewart – shepherded by the indefatigable Maureen Cole - spent a fortnight hosted by our South African sisters and brothers in Christ. Both through observation and participation, the curates deepened their understanding of what it is to preach the Gospel, and minister to God's people, in very different surroundings from their own.

The trip started with an immediate full immersion into African culture at the three-day Anglicans Ablaze conference, attended by well over two thousand Christians from across Southern Africa. We heard from speakers about 'Living a Jesus-Shaped Life', but – more impactfully - joined in worship, in isiZulu and Afrikaans as well as in English: being led in God's praise by a Zulu prince, along with thousands of African voices, was a moment during which the Holy Spirit was extraordinarily present, and which will stay with us all.



Photo: Anglicans Ablaze 2018

The rest of our time was spent between visiting many different missions that the Diocese of Natal and its individual congregations support, and ministering in a range of parishes. These were mainly in greater Durban, where some of us had the amazing opportunity to preach in black township communities. For Lydia and Maureen, however, this meant a three-hour drive to rural parishes below the snow-capped Drakensberg Mountains. It struck us repeatedly just how staggeringly beautiful the 'Rainbow Nation' is, notwithstanding all of the issues of social, economic and racial justice with which it wrestles. It was clear to us all the key role the church has to play as South Africa searches for a united vision and attempts to reconcile the injustices of the past.

We were profoundly moved by witnessing first-hand the impact of committed church families and passionate individual Christians in organisations such as the



Photo: the Curates and Maureen outside St Cyprian's

Bhambayi Project, Kerr House women's refuge, and Sister Abigail's Kulungile orphanage. South Africa is a country of significant poverty and major health and social issues, especially children infected with or orphaned by AIDS-HIV, but there is hope for many individuals through the church's Godly compassion in action.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the wonderful generosity of all our South African hosts, perhaps especially to Bishop Dino Gabriel, and to Father Dane Elsworth and all at St. Cyprian's, Congella. We hope that our experiences will bear good fruit in new inter-diocesan links.

Oh, and Lydia fulfilled one of her lifetime's ambitions, and saw a monkey!

For details contact: the Revd Barbara Holbrook email: bholbrook@btinternet.com

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Experience the wonderful Oberammergau Passion Play in May 2020 with seven nights half board accommodation at a quality guest house in the beautiful Austrian/Bavarian Tyrol.

This spectacular event only takes place every ten years and is always heavily subscribed, but the registration procedure through this experienced travel company guarantees Play tickets.

Fly from Heathrow to Munich on 15th May and attend the Passion Play on the 21st, returning to the UK on 22nd. Regional touring includes Salzburg in the Eastern Alps by the Salzach River with medieval buildings; Innsbruck, where the mountains meet the valley; Linderhof Castle, the smallest of three palaces built by King Ludwig II; Neuschwanstein Castle, a 19th century Romanesque Palace; and Amersee Lake for a Cruise & Steam Track Railway journey.

The morning of the 21st is free to explore the village. The play begins after lunch, with part two taking pace after dinner.

For prices, booking details and further information please contact the Revd Mark Cantrill – 01777 711530 or email revmark.cantrill@btinternet.com

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**

Quiet Days at Sacrista Prebend



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)

**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.

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in March

- 14** Lent talks at St Peter's Nottingham - Prayer and Art (The Revd Dr Richard Davey). Light refreshments available (no charge) from 12.30. Each talk will begin at 1pm, followed by discussion and ending by 2pm. St Peter's Church, Nottingham
- 21** Lent talks at St Peter's Nottingham - Prayer and Creation (The Revd Dr Helen Hall). Light refreshments available (no charge) from 12.30. Each talk will begin at 1pm, followed by discussion and ending by 2pm. St Peter's Church, Nottingham.
- 21** Poetry Evening in All Saints Church Hall, Annesley at 7pm. Bring your favourite poem or just come and join in the fun. £4 including cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee.
- 23** Nottingham Wind Ensemble and Bunny Church Fabric Fundraisers proudly presents - "Off the Page" Join as some of the greatest stories ever told are brought to life, performing a selection of pieces inspired by the pages of literature, including The Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, James Bond, Romeo and Juliet and much more! St Mary's Church, Bunny at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10.00 (£5 for under-16s) including refreshments. Available from Windblowers (0115 941 0543; sales@windblowers.com) or St Mary's (07814 989541; tony@raban.plus.com). On the door – limited availability.
- 28** Lent talks at St Peter's Nottingham - Prayer and Poetry (Ruth Shelton). Light refreshments available (no charge) from 12.30. Each talk will begin at 1pm, followed by discussion and ending by 2pm. St Peter's Church, Nottingham
- 30** Big E Day. 9.30-2.45, Southwell Minster School NG25 0LG (see page 12 for details)
- 31** St Peter's Church, Farndon, is holding a Mothering Sunday service followed by afternoon tea on 31st March at 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

Away from it all holidays

The Mothers Union provide holidays for people who cannot afford one. It can be very therapeutic for people in need to have a break and get away from their problems and worries. The pay for families to have a caravan at Mablethorpe in the May school holidays for a week, but they can also consider individuals and couples who might benefit from a break -

possibly a bed and breakfast or a coach trip.

They would also look at young people wanting to join a 'church break' away and who could not afford it – maybe Spring Harvest or something similar. The young people need to be referred by someone who knows them e.g. Priest, Social Worker etc. and to have not had a holiday for at least

3 years.

If you know of anyone who might meet the above criteria please contact Helen Catchpole and she will send you the application forms.

Helen Catchpole,
AFIA Co-ordinator
0115 958 9776
helenjc@hotmail.co.uk

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An invitation to life's
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oneLIFE Encounter

**Celebration evenings in word and sacrament with
Archdeacon David Picken at locations around the
diocese**

Tuesday 19th March 2019, 7.30pm

With Humble and Contrite Hearts
St Peter and St Paul Hucknall

Monday 15th July 2019, 7.30pm

A People of Thanksgiving
All Saints Clipstone

Thursday 21 November 2019, 7.30pm

O Come let us Adore Him
venue TBC



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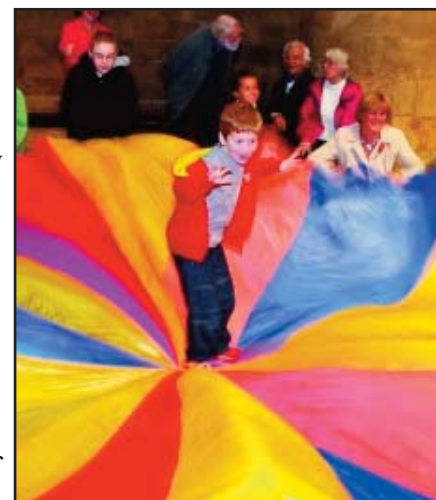
Follow up

The Reverend Thomas Christopher Devas at present Assistant Curate at in the Wollaton Park Benefice in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Associate Team Rector of the Cornerstone Team, Thurnby in the Diocese of Leicester. Subject to the usual legalities and DBS. Tom will be licensed as Associate Rector of the Cornerstone Team in the Diocese of Leicester on Tuesday 19th March, 2019.

Big E Day 2019

The Big E Day 2019 is on **Saturday 30th March, 9.30-2.45pm** at **Southwell Minster School, NG25 0LG**. This is the largest regional day for children and youth ministry training, and includes a huge range of over 30 workshops covering work with under 5s and faith development through to schools work and youth ministry. There is also a special session for young leaders new to working with children and teenagers, and a drop-in for experienced workers to chat over their thoughts and plans.

The day includes a time of worship and keynote talk from the Bishop of Sherwood, a marketplace of resource providers and organisations keen to support your work, and lunch and refreshments. This all comes for just £10 per person...the same charge as 15 years ago! The day is organised by the Discipleship and Ministry team of the Diocese, and other denominations are welcome as well as people from outside the diocese.



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the community. His wife, Gillian, also set up the only medical clinic in the Basti.

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Tony Porter, shared his delight at this news: "We are thrilled that Graham's tireless, patient, persistent ministry for Reconciliation has been recognised and applauded. It is a tribute to Graham and Gillian that this ministry continues effectively today with such passion. His calling has been in 'disadvantaged' areas, but because of his ministry, so many have been 'advantaged'.

Graham was appointed Priest-in-Charge of the parish of Hyson Green and Forest Fields in 1992, and worked hard to facilitate understanding and joint working between Christians and Muslims; this has been done in the complex context of simultaneously supporting Pakistani Christians seeking asylum following persecution for their Christian faith.

He was the founder of the Rainbow Project which has been running for the last 17 years. The initial aims of the Rainbow Project were to enable leadership in the Anglican church from

within ethnic minorities, fight racism and bring the community to work together as people of different faiths for understanding, justice and change.

Following 9/11 Graham co-founded Faiths in Action, a local interfaith organisation which is still working today to bring people of different faiths together. Hundreds of Christians and Muslims have learnt to live well alongside one another through his work. When he retired in 2007 he continued to live in the same parish and still continues his ministry to many in one of the most disadvantaged parishes in the diocese.