

# Niftynotes

news & information from the Diocese

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## Ambassadors highlighted challenges facing Christians

**F**ive ambassadors from the Diocese of Jerusalem – a priest, a film producer, a dentist, a nutritionist and an advisor to the Palestinian Prime Minister – spent ten days travelling across Southwell & Nottingham to give an insight into the challenges facing Christians in Israel, Palestine and Jordan.

The visit was arranged by the Holy Lands Partnership Group. The ambassadors visited several churches, took part in the Diocesan Conference, visited the Minster School, met with Bishop Paul over breakfast, spent time with local MPs at a lunch hosted by diocesan CEO Nigel Spraggins, and gave a lecture at the University of Nottingham.

David Lane, Holy Lands Partnership Officer, who organized the visit, said: “The visit of **Fr Fadi Diab** and the ambassadors from the Diocese of Jerusalem (West Bank and Jordan) enabled them both to share in our lives and to share their stories. We heard of the daily challenges for four of the group living under occupation and for the fifth living in Jordan where over 50% of the population were Palestinian refugees.

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From the left: Nigel Spraggins, Revd Tim Pullen, Fr Fadi Diab, Marwan Durzi, Lilian Greenwood MP, John Mann MP, Hadeel Sa'adeh, Ken Clarke MP, Mark Spencer MP, Abeer Aranki-Nasir, Deema Azar and Vernon Coaker MP

## Conference recordings to go online



Diocesan Conference 2017 took place at the Hayes Conference Centre, in Swanwick, with the theme: Gospel, Discipleship and Creation.

Conference heard from three keynote speakers: Dr Ruth

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# Growing Disciples . . . Growing Disciples . . . Growing Disciples . . .

Wider Younger Deeper

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## Potting Shed Church leader commissioned

**A** new resource church is being established in the Deanery of Newark and Southwell as part of the diocesan vision for Growing Disciples Wider Younger Deeper. The Revd Alison Jones is leading the initiative, and she and her team are already on the ground, exploring possibilities and building relationships. The new church – called The Potting Shed Church – will work with other rural parishes as they continue to develop their own plans for reaching people outside of the church.

Alison was commissioned into her new role by Bishop Paul during a Potting Shed gathering at her home. Here she describes what happened:

“We were delighted to welcome around 90 supporting friends, family, neighbours and those intrigued to find out more about The Potting Shed Church when we gathered in a marquee in the garden at Willow Cottage, Norwell Woodhouse.

“The event was an opportunity to hear a little more about plans for The Potting Shed and to hear from Bishop Paul something of the context in the Diocese within which The Potting Shed will



operate as we seek to build community with those not perhaps connected with church, and explore faith in a God who loves each one of us.

“People arrived at 4pm, we gathered in the garden and they were encouraged to find their home on our Ordinance survey map! Even those ‘off the map’ marked their spot, one couple had travelled 200 miles from Manchester to join us.

“We began our service by encouraging everyone that The Potting Shed hoped to be a safe place in which we might grow and build community, but from which we might be ‘planted out’ into our families, and wider community. We then encouraged everyone to have a go at one or two activities together:

Planting a sweet chestnut tree – to mark this significant moment in our shared adventure, or to plant spring bulbs around its base



Song Workshop – learning some new songs together, and some twists on a few old ones

Prayer Bunting – getting creative with fabric and pens to capture things we’re thankful for and things we long or hope for.



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## New Interns welcomed to Southwell

We were delighted to welcome our new group of Diocese Interns for their first day in Southwell. Nine young leaders are going to be serving across the Diocese this year in a variety of church placements, whilst also receiving teaching and leadership development from the Younger Leadership College staff and teaching team. While some of the interns are already based in Nottingham, some have come from right across the country and overseas to join this pioneering programme.

Interns are serving in a range of church contexts across the Diocese and developing as leaders in lots of different areas of leadership. To support this, they receive weekly teaching from YLC and also focused mentoring to support their development. Interns will also be serving in a range of leadership development opportunities across the Diocese, including supporting the wider work of YLC in schools, universities and churches.

Andy Wolfe, Dean of the Younger Leadership College, said: “We are thrilled to welcome our second cohort of interns and are delighted that such a high calibre of young leaders are being attracted to work in the Diocese as part of our commitment to Growing Disciples, Wider Younger Deeper. We look forward to a brilliant year of investing in them and seeing them grow and develop in their God-given calling.”



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“Then we re-gathered in the tent for a bible reading which we read together and Rev Ant Dixon our curate helped us to think about trusting God, not keeping our dreams potted up, but daring to plant them out. And to do that in the knowledge that God is for us, and wants us to flourish and grow

in relationship with him. “We were then led in song by our newly formed Potting Shed band, all of us trying out the songs we’d learnt.

“Bishop Paul then commissioned Ant and me, and the growing team. He then prayed for all who had come along. Finally we enjoyed a hog roast with all the

trimmings, local cider, chocolate brownies and flapjack. What’s not to like!”



## Events & information. . . Events & information. . . Events & informatio

# Framework Carol Service at Southwell Minster

## Friday 8th December, 7pm

Today, with no room at the inn, the “housing solution” for Mary and Joseph would be described as “inappropriate temporary accommodation”. The experience of the Holy Family, of thousands of individuals and families in Britain, and millions across the world, may be separated by two millennia but not much more.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and from the start Jesus’s story goes to the heart of human experience. Which is why a Christmas carol service organised to support a homelessness charity is such a poignant idea and we thank Southwell Minster for making it possible.

Please join Framework at Southwell Minster on Friday 8th December to hear the message of the angels, to share in the joyful singing of wonderful carols, and to give generously in support of our work helping local people in need.

Music will include the Minster Choir performing a new song specially written to raise funds for Framework: Reach Out and Lend a Helping Hand was created by local musician Chris Lawry with inspiration from singer Andrew Randell and pupils at Kirkby Woodhouse Primary School. For information on the song, to purchase a CD or access materials to perform it please visit [www.helpframework.com](http://www.helpframework.com)

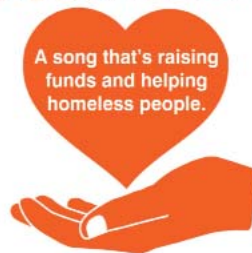
**Chris Senior**  
Fundraising and Communications Manager  
Framework

## Cash Smart, Credit Savvy

A basic budgeting course called Cash Smart, Credit Savvy is being run by Transforming Notts Together at Bassetlaw CVS Monday 22nd and Wednesday 27th November from 10am-12.30pm.

To book email Alice at [alice.mcgregor@transformingnottstogether.org.uk](mailto:alice.mcgregor@transformingnottstogether.org.uk)

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Helping hands for homelessness



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Conference heard from three keynote speakers: Dr Ruth Valerio, (Global Advocacy & Influencing Director for Tearfund); Revd Professor David Wilkinson (Principal of St John’s College, University of Durham); Revd Christopher Ash (Writer in Residence, Tyndale House, Cambridge).

There was time for discussion and reflection on the presentations, and the guests took questions from the floor.

Revd David Emerton, who is the new Principal of the School of Discipleship in the diocese, also introduced himself and gave a brief talk on the meaning of discipleship and the work he will be doing in Southwell & Nottingham.

Audio recordings were made of all the addresses, including Bishop Paul’s opening address. These will be made available through the diocesan website ([www.southwell.anglican.org](http://www.southwell.anglican.org)) in due course.



David Emerton introduced to Conference by Richard Kellett

# Prayerdiary

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## In December we pray for. . .

- Fri 01 Dec**      **Carlton-in-Lindrick, St John the Evangelist; Langold, St Luke; Oldcotes, St Mark (Mark Orr)**  
Wau - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Moses Bol
- Sat 02 Dec**      **Harworth, All Saints (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland, Lay Chair: Rick Brand; Churchwardens: Ann Wilson, Leslie Batty)**  
Wellington - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Justin Duckworth  
Assistant Bishop of Wellington - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Eleanor Sanderson
- Sun 03 Dec**      **The work of Sacrista Prebend and its staff (Erika Kirk)**  
West Buganda - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Porvoo, Bishop Björn Vikström*
- Mon 04 Dec**      **Holbeck, St Winifred; Norton Cuckney, St Mary (David Gough)**  
The Most Revd Ng Moon Hing Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia  
Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia - (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Charles Samuel  
Assistant Bishop of West Malaysia - (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Jayson Selvaraj
- Tue 05 Dec**      **Retford Area Team Ministry: Babworth, All Saints; Ranby, St Martin; Scofton with Osberton, St John (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland, Lay Chair: Rick Brand; Churchwardens: Peter Swinscoe, Nicholas Kitchen, John Ashton)**  
Leeds - (York, England) The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines  
Leeds - (York, England) The Rt Revd Toby Howarth  
Area Bishop of Huddersfield - (England) The Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs  
Area Bishop of Richmond - (York, England) The Rt Revd Paul Slater  
Area Bishop of Ripon - (York, England) The Rt Revd James Bell  
Area Bishop of Wakefield - (York, England) The Rt Revd Anthony Robinson
- Wed 06 Dec**      **Clarlborough, St John the Baptist; Hayton, St Peter; North Wheatley, St Peter & St Paul, with West Burton; Bole, St Martin with Saundby; Sturton, St Peter & St Paul; with Littleborough (Mark Cantrill)**  
Western Izon - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Edafe Emamezi
- Thu 07 Dec**      **SECTOR MINISTRIES: University Hospitals NHS Trust – Queens Medical Centre (Lead Chaplain, Christine Dolby, Julian Hemstock, Gail Spencer, Anne Ladd, Lynn Raynor)**  
Western Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Douglas Fisher
- Fri 08 Dec**      **East Drayton, St Peter with Dunham-on-Trent, Darlton, Ragnall, Fledborough (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland, Lay Chair: Rick Brand; Churchwardens: Tony Kirkham)**  
Western Michigan - (V, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Wayne Hougland
- Sat 09 Dec**      **East Markham, St John the Baptist; Askham, St Nicholas; Headon, St Peter, with Upton; Grove, St Helen (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland, Lay Chair: Rick Brand;**



## In December we pray for. . .

**Churchwardens: Daphne Hardy, Joan Davies, John Townrow, David Bird, Elizabeth Bakewell)**

Western Newfoundland - (Canada, Canada) The Rt Revd Percy Coffin

- Sun 10 Dec**      **Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Vacant)**  
Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd José McLoughlin  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen*
- Mon 11 Dec**      **Elkesley, St Giles; Bothamsall, Our Lady and St Peter; Eaton & Gamston, All Saints'; West Drayton, St Paul's (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland, Lay Chair: Rick Brand; Churchwardens: Audrey Hind)**  
Wiawso - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Ackah
- Tue 12 Dec**      **North Leverton, St Martin; South Leverton, All Saints; Rampton, All Saints; Laneham, St Peter; Treswell, St John the Baptist, with Cottam; Stokeham, St Peter (Peter Sheasby)**  
Willochra - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd John Stead
- Wed 13 Dec**      **Ordsall, All Hallows; Sutton-cum-Lound, St Bartholomew (Sue Caddy)**  
Windward Islands - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Calvert Friday
- Thu 14 Dec**      **DIOCESAN STAFF: Diocesan Chief Executive for the Diocese, Nigel Spraggins and the executive staff**  
Wondurba - (Loryko, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Matthew Peter
- Fri 15 Dec**      **Retford, St Saviour; East Retford, St Swithun; West Retford, St Michael the Archangel (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland, Lay Chair: Rick Brand; Churchwardens: Martin Dawson, Martin Bloomfield, John Coates, Pat Bloodworth, Nigel Bower)**  
Worcester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd John Inge  
Worcester - Dudley - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Graham Usher  
Winchester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Tim Dakin  
Winchester - Basingstoke - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd David Williams  
Winchester - Southampton - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost
- Sat 16 Dec**      **Worksop Christ Church; Shireoaks, St Luke (Luiz Lima)**  
Wusasa - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ali Lamido
- Sun 17 Dec**      **Sisters of the Community of the Holy Cross, Costock**  
Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie  
*Church of Norway: Diocese of Borg, Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt*
- Mon 18 Dec**      **Carburton, St Giles; Clumber Park, St Mary the Virgin; Worksop; St Mary & St Cuthbert (Nicolas Spicer)**  
Yambio - (Minye, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Peter Yacoub
- Tue 19 Dec**      **Worksop St Anne (David Gough)**  
The Most Revd Stephen Oo Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon  
Assistant Bishop of Yangon - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Samuel Oak
- Wed 20 Dec**      **Worksop St John (Tim Stanford)**  
Yei - (Loryko, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Adeba
- Thu 21 Dec**      **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - City Hospital (Lead Chaplain Christine Dolby, Julian Hemstock, Gail Spencer, Anne Ladd, Lynn Raynor)**  
Yewa (form Egbado) - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Michael Oluwarohunbi

## In December we pray for. . .

- Fri 22 Dec**      **Worksop St Paul (Nicolas Spicer)**  
 Yirol - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd David Akau  
 Yirol - Aluakluak Area - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Isaac Aleth  
 Yirol - Nyang Area - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Paul Lual
- Sat 23 Dec**      **MANSFIELD DEANERY – (Area Dean: Angela Fletcher; Lay Chair: Peter Edwards)**  
 Yokohama - (Japan) The Rt Revd Laurence Minabe
- Sun 24 Dec**      **Christmas Eve: As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth, we pray for ourselves that we might invite Him to be born again in us as we Grow as Disciples**  
 Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim  
*Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Ole Christian Kvarme*
- Mon 25 Dec**      **Christmas Day - The greatest birth in history is celebrated today. We pray for all Christians across the world with whom we have links as the Saviour of the world is acclaimed. O Come Let us Adore Him!**  
 York - (York, England) The Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu  
 York - Beverley - (York, England) The Rt Revd Glyn Webster  
 York - Hull - (York, England) The Rt Revd Alison White  
 York - Selby - (York, England) The Rt Revd John Thomson  
 York - Whitby - (York, England) The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson
- Tue 26 Dec**      **St Stephen: Today we recall the first Christian martyr. Someone will lose their life today because they proclaim Christ. In the midst of celebrations take a moment today to reflect upon this and pray for those who do not count the cost in being a sacrificial offering**  
 Ysabel - (Melanesia) The Revd Ellison Quity
- Wed 27 Dec**      **St John: ‘The Word was made Flesh and Dwelt Among Us’. With these words John acclaim the Incarnation of God and Man. Today we are thankful for John’s gift and for all evangelists in the Church**  
 Yukon - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) The Rt Revd Larry Robertson
- Thu 28 Dec**      **Holy Innocents: This sombre commemoration of the death of the young is a sharp counterpoint to the celebration of new birth. Please pray today for those who are innocent victims of aggression**  
 Zaki-Biam - ( Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Benjamin Vager
- Fri 29 Dec**      **St Thomas Becket: Today we commemorate another martyr. We give thanks for Thomas’s gift of faith and pray for Justin, his successor. Pray too for our own Isabelle Hamley as she prepares to join his team as Archbishops’ Chaplain**  
 Zanzibar - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Michael Hafidh
- Sat 30 Dec**      **The first ‘quiet day’ of the week, with no feast day. Take a few minutes today to be thankful for things that can be celebrated from the last week. We remember those who have not been able to see family and friends as they have been caring for others and serving in the emergency services**  
 Zaria - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Cornelius Bello  
 Zonkwa - ( Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Kwashi
- Sun 31 Dec**      **John Wyclif: Today we recall the life of one of the churches great reformers. We thank God for the vision we have to Grow Disciples and for the year ahead as we seek to introduce new people to Jesus Christ as our Lord**  
 Zululand - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Monument Makhanya

# World links news - Holy Land

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## How 7000 miles became 7000 reasons!

What do a group of 5 villages at the far south of the diocese have in common with a group of 3 villages and a Zulu Township in an off the tourist map part of rural Africa? That was a question asked by many 10 years ago when parishioner, Val Hopkins, arrived back from a diocesan trip to KwaZulu Natal, South Africa announcing that she would like to form a parish partnership. The questions and objections were many but an amazing partnership began very quietly with a sharing of prayer and over the years because of visits and the sharing of news and messages as well as prayer this link has grown and flourished in a way that no-one thought possible. It has survived changes in bishops and clergy on both sides and has grown and flourished.

2017 has marked the renewal of the shared diocesan partnership in mission between the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and the Diocese of Natal. When Bishop Dino of Natal, his wife, Elizabeth, and Revd Dane Elsworth who is the Natal link officer, visited earlier this year they spent time with the people of the 453 Churches and their Rector, Revd Richard Coleman, and saw the enthusiasm for this very unlikely parish partnership. When our own Bishop Paul visited Natal last year he likewise had spent time in Richmond.

Both these visits cemented the partnership ever closer. So, it seemed timely and appropriate for the 5 churches that make up the 453 churches, Barton, Gotham, Kingston, Ratcliffe and Thrumpton to celebrate in style. So, on Saturday 23rd September in front of a sell out audience, a group of 5 young Zulus brought the music, the rhythms and the excitement of their culture to Gotham church. "Not everyone can go to South Africa. But we can bring a flavour of South Africa to Gotham" says Val. Then the following day there was a Service of Celebration where the guest preacher was Bishop George Cassidy who was the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham when the link between the 2 diocese were started. Also having travelled from South Africa was Revd Moses Thabethe who was the Natal Link Officer at the time and Revd Steve Osman who was Rector of the 453 churches at the start of the partnership and now is based in the Diocese of Durham. The service was followed by that great South African institution - the Braai. The whole weekend was a wonderful celebration of what can be achieved in God's name across a 7000 mile distance. But that is not all. The people of the 453 churches have been fund raising to send the money across to Richmond to buy, transport, place, customise and equip a container to be used for children's



ministry at the church of St John in the Zulu township of iNdaleni. Having done that with money to spare they are now fund raising to bring two people over from iNdaleni to visit them knowing that this will grow the partnership even more.

The Diocese is looking to form more of these amazing parish partnerships so if you think you would like to know more please contact the Diocesan Link Officer, Barbara Holbrook at [bholbrook@btinternet.com](mailto:bholbrook@btinternet.com)

*The Anglican Parish of Richmond in KwaZulu Natal South Africa comprises of Richmond, Byrne, Mid Illovo and iNdaleni.*





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**Cathedral Education Team**

Anyone who might be interested in joining the team of volunteers who help with school visits and family learning events is invited to come along to an information meeting on 7th November 2017, at 10.30am at the Archbishop's Palace, Southwell Minster. This will be an informal chance to find out more about our education days and how you might fit in to the team. There is no regular commitment, and learning sessions are run throughout the year, including the popular 'Time Travelling' schools' pilgrimage days.

All kinds of people are needed with a variety of skills. Roles include: leading activities (all notes and resources provided), welcoming groups, as well as help with preparation of resources and people willing to make coffee and sweep floors! All welcome to pop along, no booking needed.

**Further details: Diana and Matt 01636 817993 / education@southwellminster.org.uk**



**The Art of Gift Wrapping**

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Saturday, 11th November 2017  
10.00a.m.— 3.00p.m.  
Sacrista Prebend, Southwell

*With Christmas fast approaching come and join us for a day of creativity!  
Learn how to wrap the perfect present, create seamless wrapping, tackle difficult shapes and make beautiful gift bags. Make gorgeous embellishments and original gift tags using an assortment of ribbons, lace and other goodies  
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For more information or to make a booking please contact Sacrista Prebend: 01636 816833/ sacrista\_prebend@btinternet.com

# 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](mailto:nicola@southwell.anglican.org)*

*in November*

- 2** All Souls – Requiem. 8pm, Southwell Minster.
- 4** Music at St Peter's, Nottingham - Coffee Break Concerts: Stephen Cooper, baritone & Paul Hale, piano. A programme of English song; including those by Quilter, Finzi, Eric Thiman and two new compositions by local composer Colin Wolfe. Starts at 11am, coffee and biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. [www.nottinghamchurches.org](http://www.nottinghamchurches.org)
- 4** Winter Craft Fair –Crafts for the family. 10am-4pm, Southwell Minster. Also taking place in the Archbishop's Palace from 12 noon–3pm.
- 8** The Southwell Lecture in the Nave of the Minster: The Reformation and Why It Matters - with The Rt Revd. Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington. Bishop Graham is a renowned church historian with a specialist interest in the Reformation, writer and theological educator having been Dean of St Mellitus College. 7 for 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 10** Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral 12.15pm–1pm - Compendium: Terry Gill (oboe), Helen Askey-Murray (flute) and Guy Turner (piano).
- 10** Rock Mass 2017 - Southwell Minster, 7pm . Live Band - Metanoia. An ancient Cathedral, sacramental worship and Stadium Rock atmosphere. All welcome. Youth Leaders - Please register your Youth Group by phoning Matt on 01636 817993, [matt@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:matt@southwellminster.org.uk)
- 11** Book launch 'Letters from the Cardinal' by David Turner, hosted by Southwell Local History Society in the State Chamber of the Archbishop's Palace. 11.30am-12 noon.
- 11** Be a chorister for a day - 2-6.30pm, Southwell Minster. For children aged 6-9. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a chorister at Southwell Minster? Contact Paul Provost [rectorchori@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:rectorchori@southwellminster.org.uk) for more information. [www.southwellminster.org](http://www.southwellminster.org)
- 11 & 25** 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.
- 12** Remembrance Sunday – Procession with Act of Remembrance, 10.45am, Southwell Minster. Bereavement Service 6.30pm.
- 12** Music in the Great Hall - Sarah Simmonds (soprano) and Antony Clare. 7.30pm, Archbishop's Palace, Southwell.
- 16** An illustrated talk by Charlie Leggatt in association with the Friends of Southwell Cathedral on the 200th birthday of Dulwich Picture Gallery. 7.30pm, State Chamber of the Archbishop's Palace.
- 16** Invitation to an Inter-faith Service commemorating the 40th anniversary of Emmanuel House followed by light refreshments. 7pm, St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. RSVP Denis Tully Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel House, 53-61 Goose Gate Nottingham NG1 1FE. Email: [denis.tully@emmanuelhouse.org.uk](mailto:denis.tully@emmanuelhouse.org.uk), tel. 0115 950 7140.
- 17** Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral - Jazz Band, featuring Matthew Askey (saxophone). 12.15pm–1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 18** Southwell Choral Society Mendelssohn Hymn of Praise (Sinfonia Cantata Op 52). Peter Maxwell Davies - The Kestrel Road, Will Handysides - The Darkling Thrust, Peggy Oldham and Choral Society Bursary Award. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Tickets from Cathedral Shop

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- 18 01636 812938, front nave £16, rear nave £13, unreserved £10.  
Festive Food and Gift Fayre at St Mary's Church, Bunny. 10.30am-3pm. Stalls include – locally made preserves, chocolate, honey, eggs, cheese, cup cakes, sewing crafts, children's books, jewellery, bathing and skin care products, scented candles, garden lighting and novelties, Christmas cards and wrapping paper. Home-made refreshments available all day and light lunches served between 12.00 noon and 2pm. Live music from Syzygy. Entrance £1 (no charge for accompanied children younger than 16).
- 22 A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens – Chapterhouse Theatre Company. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 24 Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral Daytime Voices - 10th Birthday. 12.15pm–1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 25 Mansfield and Bingham & District Choral Societies - The Creation - Haydn. Vanessa Bowers, soprano; Alex Roberts, tenor; James Williams, baritone; Ellie Martin, conductor; Lincoln Chamber Orchestra. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 25 St Mary the Virgin and All Souls Parish Church Bulwell Christmas Fayre. In the West Room, and Upper Hall. Stalls including cakes, quality bric a brac, toys, fancy goods, Christmas, bottles, books and others. Santa's Grotto. Raffle. Light refreshments, church open for visitors.
- 26 Christ The King - Diocesan Confirmation - 11.15am, Southwell Minster.
- 28 The Military Wives 'Home for Christmas' Concert 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.

**December. . . December. . December. . . December. . December. . .**

- 2-10 10th Christmas Tree Festival at Newark Parish Church. Over 100 trees are expected which will be decorated by local schools, organisations, charities & businesses. Opening times: Saturdays: 9.30am - 5pm; Sundays: 11am - 4.30pm; Monday: 11am – 4.30pm; Tuesday-Friday: 10am - 4.30pm. Entrance: Adults £2, Children 50p. Refreshments, Seasonal Music, Christmas cards, Raffle, Stalls. Festival Carols of Praise – 10 Dec, 5pm.
- 9 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 & St Paul's, Upton. Further information from: Jane Johnson: 01636 812877, Roy Parsons 01636 673422.
- 14 Southwell Minster Choir Association presents Messiah. G F Handel. 7.30pm, Southwell Minster. Alison Rose, soprano; Alexander Turner, countertenor; Mark Wilde, tenor; Marcus Farnsworth, bass; Simon Hogan, conductor. Southwell Minster Chorale, Minster Chamber Ensemble. Tickets: £15 Front Nave, £12 Mid Nave, £10 Rear Nave, £8 Side Aisles available from the Cathedral Shop 01636 812933, [www.southwellminster.org](http://www.southwellminster.org)
- 15 St Mary the Virgin & All Souls parish Church Bulwell Royal Engineers Christmas Band concert in the church. 7.30pm. Tickets available or pay on the door. For more information tel 0115 9161787.
- 16 Music at St Peter's, Nottingham - Coffee Break Concerts: Nottingham Bach Choir. This annual performance of carols and readings brings the series to a delightfully festive close. Starts at 11am for one hour. Coffee and biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation. [www.nottinghamchurches.org](http://www.nottinghamchurches.org)

**Please note the deadline for the December issue of Nifty Notes  
is: 12TH NOVEMBER 2017**

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

**The Reverend Jonathan James Gerald Wright** at present Vicar of St Augustines, Hedon, St Andrews, Paull, St Swithins, Sproatley and All Saints, Preston in the Diocese of York to be Rector of St Mary and All Saints, Bingham in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Subject to the usual legalities. The licensing date will be 11 December 2017 at 7.30pm and the Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Tony Porter will officiate.

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“What shone out was the centrality of their faith lived out in the most difficult of circumstances and the contribution that faith made to their sense of identity. We heard of their resilience and determination to remain on their land despite incentives to leave. There was a great sense of hope and their need for our support, as Christians, to stay in the land where our faith began.

“Our thanks go to Fr Fadi, a parish priest from Ramallah, for both inspiring and challenging our discipleship at the Diocesan Conference, for his stimulating lecture on Fundamentalism at Nottingham University, his insights on peace making at St John’s School of Mission, his leadership of the group in discussion with five Nottinghamshire Members of Parliament and his talk on the implications of the Balfour Declaration for Palestinians.”

**Marwan Durzi**, describing himself as a ‘technocrat’, advising the Palestinian Prime Minister on the allocation of aid from around 30 countries, including the UK, called for both the church and the British Government to support a Palestinian state.



**The visitors after breakfast with Bishop Paul**

**Deema Azar** from Amman, Jordan, a film producer, brought an award-winning film she had made about a Palestinian family forced to flee from Haifa in 1948, as had 700,000 Palestinians.

**Dr Abeer Nasser** from Berzeit University highlighted the role of Palestinian women and their increasing influence in Palestine, whilst **Hadeel Sa’adeh** used statistics to illustrate her presentation on life in Jerusalem and her own experience in travelling to and from work from the other side of the Separation Wall.

“A great vote of thanks goes to the three diocesan clergy who hosted our visitors and those who gave them hospitality, as well as the two mini-bus drivers who ensured that all of them arrived safely for each of their appointments and visits,” said David.

The group also found time to enjoy themselves in Lincoln, York, Nottingham, London and Matlock Bath.