

### Dates for your diary

#### Clergy Chapter Dates

The following dates have been arranged – all clergy in the deanery are very welcome to attend.

#### **Tuesday March 6th, 2018**

11:00 a.m. at Codnor Church with Bishop Jan. Bring your own sandwiches.

#### **Tuesday July 10th**

Chapter Retreat at Locko Hall. TO BE CONFIRMED but pencil it into your calendars.

**Bob Short- Chapter Clerk**

#### **Deanery Quiet Day and Celebration service**

#### **The Gateway Christian Centre, Dale Abbey**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 3.30pm ( come for all or any part of the day)

#### **Archdeacon's visitation**

Swanwick 21<sup>st</sup> May  
time tbc

**The next Deanery Synod will be at St Giles Church Sandiacre on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

Welcome to the latest edition of the deanery newsletter

Following the deanery synod vote in January where there was a majority vote to legally form the new deanery there will be a 6-week consultation period. If there are no objections to the new deanery, we will legally become the South-East Derbyshire Deanery at the beginning of April. If this happens before the 30<sup>th</sup> of April we will vote in the Diocesan synod elections as one deanery. If you have not considered standing for Diocesan synod and would like to know more than talk to someone who has served in this role during the last year.

We are also planning a date after Easter to have some more input into talking about our faith which will be open to anyone who would like to come from church. We will be picking up the questions from the post it notes that synod members raised and using them as a basis for the day.

There will be a day of prayer for the deanery on 26<sup>th</sup> April at Dale Abbey where we will use a variety of ways of praying including prayer stations and some short acts of worship. The day will be open to anyone in the deanery and you can come for the day or for a brief time. If you come for the day you will need to bring your own lunch. This day follows on from the synod on pray in the Autumn and will be an opportunity to encourage others to explore new ways of praying.

At the start of the year we also look at our church budgets for the following year. The diocese also has to look at its budgets and cash flow. It is helpful if you can pay common fund or at least a proportion monthly making up the shortfall on a regular basis. It is hoped that you pay all your common fund but there can be some circumstances that occur that make this difficult such as urgent building work that interrupts cash flow. It would also help with the dioceses ability to budget if churches could inform them of how much they are likely to pay or if you foresee any problems. Please do remember that the parish support office has people who can help look at growing church finances, all you need to do is ask.

Finally, just to say the newsletter works best when we share good practice from around the deanery. If something is happening in your parish that could be shared, then let Angela know so we can share it. The coming months have many opportunities to grow and develop personally and as a deanery. All we need to do is take them up.

*Karen*

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## Statistics for Mission and Parish Returns

A big thank you for all who helped get the statistics entered on the system. These are not only useful to the Diocese and national church but will help your local church to look at trends and plan for mission via the Parish Dashboards that chart the information gathered over the past 5 years. All incumbents can access this information via their passwords. Finance details can be entered as soon as accounts have been agreed by PCC

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## 'Our Diocese' & Cycle of Prayer

'Our Diocese' is a monthly publication giving the latest news and information from the Diocese and is available to download at:

<http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/our-diocese-12.html>

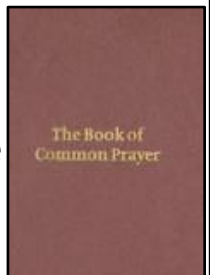
The Cycle of Prayer covers the whole Diocese over the year and we are encouraged to pray for a specific parish or ministry each day. Details are available at: <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/cycle-of-prayer.html>

You can access all Derby Diocese publications and sign up for the e-news on the publications page of the website:

<http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications.html>

## BCP Prayer Books

St Andrews, Stanley, have got between 9 and 13 BCP Prayer Books, published by Cambridge University Press and 21 published by Clowes. They are in reasonably good condition, some in good condition. If your church can make use of these, please contact Ingrid Owen Jones or Angela can put you in touch



## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

These will take place in parishes in March and April

There are forms which should be used for both the electoral roll and for those wishing to stand as members of PCC, deanery synod or as church wardens on the Church of England Parish Resources website. Candidates need to fill in a declaration that they are a 'fit and proper person' in respect of financial requirements as trustees under the rules of the Charity Commission. This also applies to fees officers and gift aid secretaries if they are not PCC members. The declaration will also require a statement that the candidate is not barred under the DBS safeguarding rules. Upon appointment all PCC members should undertake a DBS check if they do not already have one. Forms and information can be downloaded from <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/>

Please also see the article on Data protection in respect of the Electoral Roll later in this newsletter

## **New DBS Application Procedures**

From 1<sup>st</sup> March there will be some changes in 'who does what' in the process of applying for a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The main difference will be that the responsibility to check documents (i.e passport, driving licence) will once again be the responsibility of officers in the Diocese rather than done online by the company who process the applications. Therefore the incumbent, Parish Safeguarding Lead, Deanery Administrator or Parish Support Office will need to see the original documents and fill out a form with the reference numbers etc ( they will not keep a copy of documents or details) This will then be sent with the confidential declaration and justification form to safeguarding for an ID number to complete the rest of the check online. Angela can still assist with this process in total if required. Please contact Angela or Safeguarding admin with any queries

## **EXPENSES AND FEES FOR FUNERALS CONDUCTED BY ANGLICAN MINISTERS**

A reminder that the 2018 fees tables for occasional offices ( weddings and funerals) along with fees for erection of headstones etc is available on the Diocesan website along with the table for apportionment of fees (amounts to be paid to the Diocese and any retired minister taking a service) <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/church-admin/fees.html>

There have been a couple of cases of confusion over procedures for services taken by Anglican ministers and methods of payment. In order that we ensure that we follow the guidelines of the diocese and avoid stress for our busy clergy and church officers, Karen has written to all clergy and local funeral directors to hopefully stop the confusion. We also thought those involved in collecting and paying out fees in parishes may find this information helpful too.

In the case of funerals (whether to be held in a church, cemetery or a crematorium) where an Anglican minister is requested, permission to conduct the funeral is needed, where possible, from the Incumbent or Priest-in-Charge of the parish:-in which the person died; or, in which the person was resident; or, in which the person was on an electoral roll.

Where possible the funeral director should approach the incumbent or a minister from the parish to see if they can conduct the funeral. If this is not possible, the incumbent, warden or other parish officer, gives permission for the funeral director to approach a minister who has either been requested by the family of the deceased or a minister with Permission to officiate (PTO) in the diocese.

The full fee for the service whether in church, cemetery or crematorium should be paid to the parish including any fees for vergers, organist etc. The parish will then pay the correct fee to the diocese, minister, vergers etc along with expenses for travel etc. Local arrangements do apply at present for one parish. Please contact Karen or Angela if you need more details or clarification



Convent of the Holy Name  
**HEALING SERVICES**  
**2018**

**Wednesdays @ 7.30pm**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Enquiries:**

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April McIntyre, 01332 675150

Be still & reflect  
on God's Word in  
the beautiful  
chapel

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Prayer for the sick  
& laying on of  
hands for healing  
& blessing

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Contemporary &  
traditional songs

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Car parking  
available

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All welcome

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Oakwood  
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DE22 4TB



01332 673718 ext.8

A Lenten Retreat: Passion and the Cross ,  
Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> led by Reverend Neil Broadbent  
Contact: Reverend Neil Broadbent,  
Sozein, The Old Vicarage, Horsley Woodhouse,  
DE7 6BB 01332 780598



## GDPR CHECKLIST

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The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect in the UK in May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. Use this handy checklist to make sure you're on top of what you need to do. See also our guidance at [www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr)

### *The Checklist*

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#### **1 Data Audit**

Use our template to review your data processing. This is a great first step to identify the other action you will need to take.

We've provided a template at [www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/dataaudit](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/dataaudit)

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#### **2 Privacy Notice:**

Have you drafted a Privacy Notice?.

You can find guidance and a sample template at:

[www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/privacy](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/privacy)

Is it available online for people to access?

Is there a date set to review it?

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#### **3 Do you need to get additional consent....**

It's likely that many parishes will need to get additional consent from people as either consent has been assumed, or the evidence of the consent is no longer available. See our example consent forms at [www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/consent](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/consent)

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#### **4 Are your procedures up to date?**

Data subjects (those people about whom you hold personal data) have the right to see what data is being stored about them, to make corrections where there are errors, or to ask for their data to be deleted. Do you have processes in place to meet such requests?

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#### **5 What if you had a breach**

Review your breach management procedures and ensure that you know what to do in the event of a breach. If you don't have any, you will need to develop them. See our guide at [www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr)

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## ***GDPR and its effects on the Electoral Roll***

The Church of England have published an article on the effects of Data Protection changes on the electoral roll. Here are the main points:-

- The electoral roll forms are prescribed and included as part of the Church Representation Rules, (part of the Synodical Government Measure 1969). If they were to be amended it would mean they would have to go through the legislative process, which would take some time.
- Although the data is, by implication, sensitive personal data because of its connection to religious belief, the processing of this data relates to members (or individuals in regular contact with the PCC). This processing under the CRR can be seen as a legitimate activity of the PCC (i.e. a not-for-profit body), (see Art 9(2)(d) of the GDPR) carried out under the CRR.
- In addition, the “Form of Notice of Revision of Church Electoral Roll” states that a copy of the revised roll shall be exhibited for not less than 14 days on, or near to, the principal door of the Parish Church for inspection. Indeed, under r.2(1) this “Form of Notice” of the intended revision is itself published on or near the church door of every church in the parish and every building licensed for worship and will remain there for a period of not less than 14 days prior to the revision, making individuals aware that the revised roll will be published, so giving them a chance to object. So, that by applying to have their name entered on the electoral roll they are already consenting to its publication in the manner set out above. Indeed, I think an individual would be hard pushed to argue that their name shouldn’t be published in this manner, if they apply to be on the electoral roll.
- In any case, in terms of the 2018 round of APCMs, the GDPR will not apply at that time (so the DPA 1998 will continue to apply) because it does not come into effect until 25 May 2018.

For more details of this visit <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/news/gdpr-and-the-electoral-roll/>

## **Thy Kingdom Come resources**

Karen has a sample box for the deanery, containing examples of the different resources available, including the ‘Kingdom Kit’ for families, prayer booklets, liturgy books etc. In addition, Jason has some of each of the following (links are to the CPO order pages so you can see what the item is).

- [Thy Kingdom Come Bright prayer Ideas - Church Pack](#)
- [4 Simple everyday ways to pray Bookmark](#)
- [TKC 4 ways to Pray Bookmark](#)
- [Thy Kingdom Come Pray For Five Friends](#)



He only has around 50 of each of the bookmarks and ‘pray for five’, and the same number of ‘bright ideas’ books. Please do get in touch if you’re interested and we can find the best way of getting them to you. Karen will be taking the box to chapter for people to look.

Jason has some spare budget for TKC resources, as the national church provided the resources for the events for free, so if there are churches that would like to be involved and would like resources, but for whom money would be a bar to this, do get in touch with Angela to discuss. He is very happy to come out to individual churches to help with Thy Kingdom Come, or for any other mission-related support needed.

## Communications

Sian Kellogg is the new Communications Assistant at Derby Church House and writes :-

I have some exciting news! The Diocese of Derby are launching a new publication. The publication is being produced to help support links between each Deanery and encourage mission and ministry throughout the Diocese. We wish to include content relevant to the readership and get involvement from parishioners wherever possible. Included in the publication we wish to include a **Book/Arts Review** section and a **What's On** page. So, I'm getting in touch to see whether I can tap into your knowledge to help us build these sections please?

### Book Review

I would like to find out if you have any Churches within your Deanery that have Book Clubs or even avid Readers/Writers who you think would be happy to work with us or contribute to the Review Section of the publication. The content to be reviewed will have a religious undertone and can be either theoretical, fiction or non-fiction. I am in touch with Publicists to get free copies of books to review which I would pass onto reviewers to read, review and then keep!

### What's On

I am hoping that the *What's On* page will reflect how busy our Diocese is and will be full of various events taking place throughout the year. I have contacted church wardens/administrators to see if they have any events taking place this year but not all have responded. We would especially like to see as many Flower Festivals and Summer Fetes listed in the first edition and therefore if you are able to encourage your churches to inform us of any events I would be very grateful.

### Deanery Spotlight

We are also considering a section called *Deanery Spotlight*. This would be a section covering any Deanery events, news or achievements. Is this something your Deanery would be interested in contributing to as and when possible? The idea behind the publication is to get the word out about how much the Diocese does and what difference it makes to the communities around it (And further afield!) so informing the readers of Good News Stories and the mission and ministry taking place within the Deanery would be great.

If you can help, contact Angela or Sian direct : [sian.kellogg@derby.anglican.org](mailto:sian.kellogg@derby.anglican.org)

### Another contact to publicise any events in your parish: -

Carole Lloyd from St Mary's Ilkeston writes, 'I was given the details of the Derby Daily Telegraph reporter for the Erewash area this week - he is always on the lookout for good stories so anyone with good things happening in or around their church could contact him.

Tom Bokros Derby Telegraph Reporter

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# CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK IN THE DEANERY

*Below and attached are several event invitations and opportunities.*

If you are available on a Monday afternoon, why not book for Easter Events Training?

## **AROUND EASTER - HELPING CHILDREN TO LEARN AND CELEBRATE**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 1.00-3.00pm

St Barnabas Church, Pilsley Rd, Danesmoor, Clay Cross S45 9DU

A chance for those who lead and help with children's groups at church or school to explore ways of celebrating the events around Easter.

We will start with Mothering Sunday, then move to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lots of ideas to help the children you work with engage with these events.

This will be a practical course so that you can try out some ideas yourself.

The course is FREE and you can book online at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/around-easter-helping-children-to-learn-and-celebrate-tickets-42669612961>

Or contact [Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org)

## **FREE TODDLER ROADSHOW?**

13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 11.30AM – 1.30PM

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, DRAYCOTT, VICTORIA ROAD, DRAYCOTT, DERBY DE72

Coffee and chat with space for Toddlers to play

Information about support and resources.

Keeping everyone safe – quiz and discussion

Resources for craft and storytelling

Building links with the church – what helps?

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/toddler-roadshow-tickets-42459541632>

For more details contact Sarah Brown [Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org)

01332 388660 or 07425 132717. **PLEASE SIGN UP BY 5.3.18**

## **TRAINING for Leaders -Vital training for clergy and youth leaders/workers**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Youth Evangelism Workshop and Local Launch of Mission Academy Youth Evangelism Resource led by Jimmy Dale, the National Youth Evangelism Officer who will lead our workshop and introduce a FREE downloadable resource that will help enable youth groups and individual young people to share Jesus with their friends.

10am – 12am at St Thomas's Church Brampton

7pm – 9pm in Derby (venue to be announced) More details from Alistair Langton

## **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – HELP – I have a young person with special needs or Mental Health Issues in my church or Youth Group**

A training session which will help Church and Youth Leaders as they seek to respond appropriately to young people with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, depression, eating disorders and/or some mental health issues. There will be input from experts and youth workers with experience in the important area. 7.30 pm at St Johns School of Mission, Bramcote, Near Nottingham.



## The Hitchhiker's Guide to Spiritual Direction

**“To receive spiritual direction is to recognize that God does not solve our problems or answer all our questions, but leads us closer to the mystery of our existence where all questions cease.” Henry Nouwen**

Someone said to me the other day that Spiritual Direction sounds very scary. I agree. And I believe that is mainly down to that word Direction. A Spiritual Director can conjure up a picture of someone with a soapbox manner telling us precisely what it is we should and should not be doing in our lives, the exact requirements God has of us if we expect to be a proper Christian, and how poorly we are matching up to these expectations. Well, think again, because that is not what this process is about.

In Derby Diocese, we call this process spiritual accompaniment, not spiritual direction. And that is a more helpful term of description. Accompaniment can be thought of as a walk together, in the presence of God, for a part of our spiritual journey. Soul friend is also a useful term of description

We all like to imagine our spiritual journeys will be a nicely ascending graph of steady progress in life. We will get closer to God, understand him more and become better human beings in the process. That may be true in the longer term but in between times, there are many peaks and troughs. And accompaniment can be helpful for the bumpy parts of the ride.

On the troughs side of the equation, we can all pick something out of a long list of things that are stumbling blocks in our spiritual journey – sickness, redundancy, relationship issues, stress, faith crises – to name but a few. It's called life. And in addition, we fail, we fall short, we can't be bothered, we lose any discipline we once had in our spiritual life. It's called being human. In such circumstances of trials and tribulations, Romans 12:12 exhorts us '*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*' That may not be as easy as it sounds when the flow is against us and we face crisis. That's when an accompanier walking a part of the journey with us can help us see that God is still here.

On the peaks side of the equation, we may be looking for what to do next in our spiritual walk. What is God calling me to do? What are my gifts? Is this a time of waiting? Where should I be? How do I get there? Having a sounding board who will listen and help us tease out answers is an aid to our progress.

In all of this it is about seeking the answer with God from within ourselves. It is not at all about being directed. The accompanier may offer some suggestions – a book to read, a new way of seeing God, an insight on where to look and find him. But it's you and God that have the answer. The accompanier is just a facilitator who has the privilege to walk with you for a short distance, listening and encouraging.

Richard Palmer, Secretary to the Diocesan Spirituality Group

*If you are interested in spiritual accompaniment, you can find details of how to find an accompanier on the Derby Diocese website, Faith and Life tab, within the Spirituality section.* <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/spirituality-1.html>

## **Association of Christian Writers**

### **Writers Day on Journalism**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March - 10 am to 4pm St Alkmund's, Kedleston Road, Derby DE22 1GU**

The ACW is holding its March Writers Day in Derby this year. The theme of the day will focus on journalism with two speakers from Premier Christianity magazine, Sam Hailes and Claire Musters. Discover how to find that all important hook to grab the interest of an editor, structure your article writing, conduct interviews, how to work with the local press and much, much more.

For further information or to book, visit <http://www.christianwriters.org.uk/events>

### **Café Writers**

And if you are looking for a local Christian writers group, Café Writers meets every 2 months on Saturday morning in the Cathedral Café. We are affiliated to ACW and cater for all levels of writer. For information on our talks and meetings in 2018, please contact Richard and Eirene Palmer on 07592 303048 or drop us an email at [derbychrwriters@gmail.com](mailto:derbychrwriters@gmail.com)

### **The Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

#### **All God's Creation is Very Good!**

The interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on Friday 2nd March. An estimated 3 million people around the world will join that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America.



Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service reminds us that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in. With its vast rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. For details of services in your area and for further information and resources, please visit the WWDP website: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

Local services at :

St John's, College St, Long Eaton starting at 10.30am ( drinks at 10am)

St John's Aldercar, starting at 7pm

Green Spire, Ilkeston at 2pm

St Johns Roman Catholic Church, Midland Ave Stapleford at 2pm

Methodist Church, Eatons Rd Stapleford at 7.30pm



### **Ashes to Go - Ilkeston Market Place**

Members of Ilkeston churches set up temporary prayer stations on the Market Place outside St Mary's and invited passers-by to join them in a prayer, before having their forehead marked with the sign of a cross in ash.

"Ashes-to-Go" has featured in Derby for the last three years as a way of allowing those who are unable to attend services in churches to mark the start of Lent.

And, for the first time, Ashes to Go came to Ilkeston.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from the previous year's Palm crosses and placing them on the foreheads of participants as a sign of penitence.

Canon Elizabeth Thomson of Derby Cathedral said: "People are surprised, interested and a bit intrigued to see us out on Ash Wednesday.

"Many have no idea why we are there or know about the custom, but most are receptive to the idea and will stop to have a chat and share a prayer.

John Puxty, Reader at St Mary's Church, said: "I helped with Ashes to Go in Derby a couple of years ago and thought we should try it in Ilkeston.

"It is a great way to relate to people and remind them that Lent has started.

"I found that even people of little faith were receptive to the idea. Some people appreciated the prayer – some found it quite moving."

Rev'd Carole Lloyd, Interim Priest in Charge at St Mary's, said: "Some will be inquisitive, others will see it as rather weird.

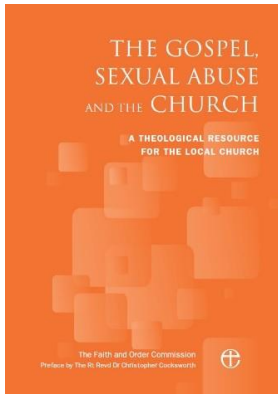
"But anything that gives us a visibility in the community, rather than behind doors, has to be positive." Father Tom Barnfather and Reverend Christine French also took part in the Ilkeston initiative

### **Deanery Quiet Day - The Gateway Christian Centre**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 3.30pm**

A chance for anyone to explore different forms and styles of prayer together, enjoy fellowship, have a quiet country walk and join together in a service of celebration in Dale Abbey Church at 2.30pm. Make a date in your diary- more details to follow....

## Some resources to help us think about the theology of safeguarding.



### The Gospel, Sexual Abuse and the Church A Theological Resource for the Local Church

The Gospel, Sexual Abuse and the Church has been written by the Faith and Order Commission of the Church of England in response to a request from the lead bishop for safeguarding for theological material that complements the work of the National Safeguarding Team on policy and training. It has been approved for publication and commended for study by the House of Bishops.

The Gospel, Sexual Abuse and the Church is intended to be used by those with responsibility for teaching and preaching in the Church of England, including clergy and licensed lay ministers, and those with specific responsibilities for safeguarding training. The three main sections provide material that can be used for training sessions and study days, with groups such as a PCC or Church Council, a ministry team, or a discussion group.

Each section includes suggested quotations for reflection, discussion questions and 'Bible focus'.

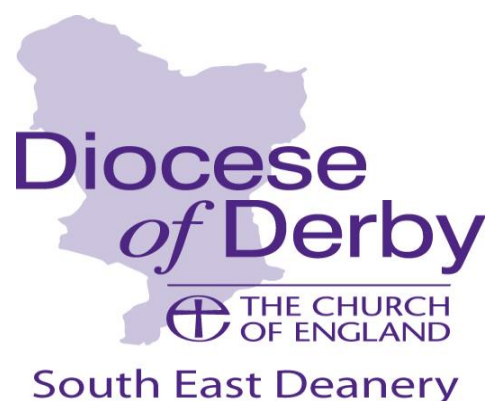
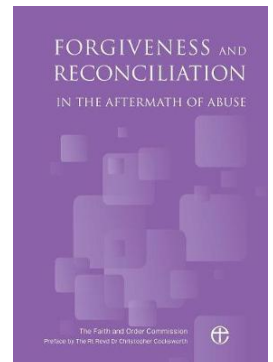
### Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the Aftermath of Abuse

While forgiveness and reconciliation are central themes in the church's proclamation of the gospel, superficial understandings that separate them from justice and repentance have serious consequences for Christian ministry to survivors and perpetrators of abuse, and for the church's witness to wider society.

This theological and pastoral resource addresses specific challenges to the church as it seeks to speak truthfully in the aftermath of abuse, and provides material to help parishes and dioceses who find themselves facing the complex realities of such issues. It explores key questions:

- What do we mean by 'abuse'?
- What is distinctive about abuse as a form of sin?
- Is there a place for repentance by churches?
- How should the church speak of being forgiven and forgiving?
- Does the church have a ministry of reconciliation in the aftermath of abuse?

Designed to complement the Church of England's extensive safeguarding practice guidance, this resource provides guidance for all who preach, teach and exercise pastoral ministry in the Church of England. It has been approved and commended for study by the House of Bishops.





I am still reflecting on my pilgrimage through the Holy Lands in January this year. We began in Galilee with three nights at a retreat house on the shores of Lake Galilee. Highlights here included a boat trip out on to the 'sea' of Galilee, beautiful (and recently discovered) Magdala the village on the shore where we had very moving service and the mount of the Beatitudes. We also worshipped with local Christians on Epiphany Sunday in Nazareth, the town of Jesus' childhood.



Sea of Galilee

Galilee was peaceful, incredibly beautiful and a lovely beginning to following in the footsteps of Jesus. For the second part of our pilgrimage we moved from blissfully beautiful Galilee to Bethlehem, via two brief stops. First, we stopped at the Jordan River very near to the site of Jesus' baptism (and also several other old Testament events, an example of how history piles up vertically in several places).

This was the one geographical feature that was completely not how I imagined it. It was basically a narrow muddy stream but nevertheless a highly significant muddy stream and not simply for historical/spiritual reasons. The river marks the boundary between Israel and Jordan so barely more than 20 feet away from us on a very similar platform on the opposite side of the river a group of Jordanians came down to visit the site most likely with motives very similar to our own (to worship, contemplate, renew our own baptismal vows). We were separated by just 20 feet but thousands of years of complicated history and layer upon layer of spiritual significance... it was all rather strange.

My view of this site was probably influenced by the fact that we turned left off the main road from Nazareth to Jerusalem and immediately saw warning signs that all the areas to the left and right of the road to the river were a military zone and we were not free to wander around due to danger of land mines. Suddenly we became aware that our pilgrimage had taken up a new strand: not just about geography, or history or even about faith, but about understanding the current living situation for all the people in this land.

We also visited Jericho which was the kind of urban equivalent of the 'muddy stream', ie visually unimpressive and noticeably poor, but then it also sits in the West Bank, another place not served by all the 'normal' infrastructure provided for Jewish citizens. Jericho is mostly inhabited by Palestinians and we learnt to identify a Palestinian household by the black water storage tank on the roof.

The most important thing to understand about these two places and indeed about Bethlehem our destination after Jericho is that they are all in the area of territory known as the West Bank. It's hard to describe or explain what this means without using language which would clearly betray my feelings. I am also very aware, even having visited, of my own ignorance. So I shall follow very gracious example of our local Christian Palestinian guide who graciously and generously helped us process our observations by being compassionate to all sides, quick to point out the good on whichever side it was to be found.



In modern day Israel there are 6.5 million people of Jewish descent and 6.5 million people of Palestinian descent. Since the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948 the Palestinian people have had a diminishing number of places to call their own and they are currently confined to areas known as the West Bank. In these areas there is very little infrastructure, much poverty and greatly reduced opportunity. A Jewish settlement is an area of housing that has been created by the Jewish government in places on the West Bank, these areas are very well supported with amenities and infrastructure such as water supply, libraries, roads and sports centres and they basically function as gated communities guarded by soldiers.

Forget the serene Christmas card images, Bethlehem today is virtually encircled by a 9 m high wall which effectively turns it into a living gaol for its Palestinian inhabitants who are not allowed to travel freely even into nearby Jerusalem. At the checkpoint there are also signs saying that it is illegal for Jewish citizens to enter territory under the control of the Palestinian authority, mostly as a disclaimer as the government does not offer to guarantee their safety. Such signs and restrictions deeply reinforce an attitude of fear, hatred and suspicion between the two sides. It is possibly the story of a fragile peace held in place by a wall, but 'our world needs bridges, not walls' as one person we spoke to expressed so eloquently.



### **Wall at Bethlehem**

As we entered Bethlehem, we entered into more than just the 'old story' of the coming of Christ into the world but also into the modern story of this struggle between the Palestinians and the Jews. Yes, we saw the Church of the Nativity with its incredibly small 'door of humbleness' and its bling-tastic interior. Each evening we listened to local people and humbly realised how complicated life is in the Holy Lands. On one evening we heard the story of two men, one a Palestinian and one a Jew, not enemies but friends. United in their friendship and their common experience of grief: both had lost daughters to the conflict. They now are part of a charity that works to educate people using bereaved families supporting peace, reconciliation and tolerance. I was very moved by the analogy used by one of them: that pain is their greatest power, it is like nuclear power. It can be harnessed and used for good or it can be destructive and used only for revenge and escalation of violence and retribution.

Another moving encounter was when we saw with our own eyes and held in our own arms the babies at the Bethlehem orphanage, run by incredibly compassionate and brave Christian sisters. These two nuns and a band of helpers, care for a 40 orphaned/ abandoned children. They come to them from all over the West Bank and the stories behind their arrival were heart-breaking.

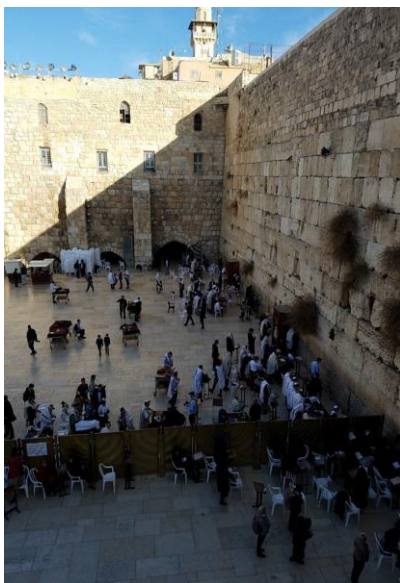
After a second night in Casa Nova, a Christian guesthouse which is virtually integral with the Church of the Nativity, we left Bethlehem to visit Hebron on our way to Jerusalem.

Hebron is a divided city. Over the old Palestinian market streets, Jewish settlers have built homes. Homes from which rubbish (and worse) is thrown down into the market. There are checkpoints to go in and out of various parts of the town which reminded me of when I was a Prison Chaplain, these people aren't offenders, rather local people doing their daily shopping. But having said that this was also the place that honoured the tombs of the patriarchs and on that site we were made welcome in both the mosque and the synagogue which exist side-by-side.

Having said all that, even in Hebron which was perhaps the most politically tense place we visited, at no time did I personally feel unsafe. I say this to reassure anyone who might be thinking of going on a pilgrimage. The company we went with and especially the guides were very well informed and wise. You would not find yourself in a place deemed unsafe. The welcome from shop keepers and restaurant owners was particularly moving. They were so grateful that we came and asked us to talk about our experiences.

Our exploration of Jerusalem took the form of following Jesus through the events of the final week of his life beginning at the top of the Mount of Olives. When you are in Jerusalem it is not at all hard to be in the actual places (or at least very close by) in which these events took place. So, the Garden of Gethsemane with its 2000 year old olive trees, regardless of the changed surroundings and the inevitable (very beautiful) church it is to all intents and purposes the Garden of Gethsemane.

Somewhere in this garden though Jesus took the decision for my sake, that "not my will but yours be done". That Jesus should pray "let this cup pass away from me" and for that prayer to go unanswered never ceases to move me whenever I am tempted to think that Jesus, being the Son of God had it easy and had all his prayers answered.



**Western Wall**

The most moving experience for me was at the Western Wall, the Wailing Wall, this is the 'Holy of Holies' for the Jewish people, the last remaining part of the second Temple which was destroyed 70 years after Jesus. I was moved by the freedom we had to approach and to pray. No one asked me if I was Jewish, no one was concerned that I might be a Christian or a Muslim or an atheist. It was perfectly okay for me to join the other women at the wall, to lay my hands on its cool stones and to pray. And so I did, and after just a few seconds of contact I experienced a strong pulsating feeling spreading from my fingertips into my whole left arm, as if all the spiritual energy invested into the wall was now becoming part of my strength, it was so touching, moving and humbling.

My visit to Jerusalem left me with a lasting sense that we should all be weeping over the division in this country, the oppression of huge numbers of its inhabitants and praying fervently for the peace of Jerusalem.



There is one thing I've not mentioned, - 'cat spotting'. On the first day my fellow travellers (about 35 clergy) gave me strange looks as I stopped to feed the local stray cats that we encounter, but by the end of our pilgrimage they were joyfully spotting cats for me to feed and joining in too.

Will I go again – oh yes, I'm already starting to plan a retreat with friends next year, and perhaps who knows, we could even arrange a South East Derbyshire Deanery pilgrimage over to the Holy Lands in 2020 – will you come? Your life and faith will never be the same again!

**Feeding the Cat at Cana (also known as the miracle of the vegetarian having fresh meat in her handbag!)**

## ITALY

**-Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi Monday 3rd - Monday 10th September 2018**

**Led by Bishop Roger Jupp SSC & David Hudson**

**Bishop Roger Jupp and David Hudson led a pilgrimage in 2016 to the Holy Land and are joining together once again to make this trip to Italy, visiting both Assisi and Rome. Assisi, a hill town in central Italy's Umbria region, is the**



**birthplace of St Francis, who founded his religious order of poor friars there in 1208. Rome, one of the most magnificent and interesting cities of the world, and once the centre of a powerful empire, displays nearly 3000 years of art, architecture and culture. As the Eternal City, with its tomb of the Apostle Peter, it has been a place of pilgrimage since the Middle Ages, and is the centre of Western Christianity.**

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