

**DIOCESE of SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM  
ARCHDEACONS' ARTICLES of ENQUIRY 2006**

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Parish:

Churchwardens [A]

**for 2005-06:**

[B]

Consecutive years in office: [A]

[B]

More and more we are all learning the value of working with others in mission and ministry. In some situations this has been forced on us by shortage of human and/or material resources. In others, we have developed such partnerships by choice and with eager enthusiasm, for we recognise a biblical pattern of shared leadership. If that is true in parishes, clusters and deaneries, it is also true in diocesan leadership (we have even partnered "Southwell" with "Nottingham" in the last year!) So these annual articles of enquiry in the names of the archdeacons rely heavily on OUR "partners in other ships", as the gospel passage puts it. Colleagues based at Dunham House, who spend much of their time NOT there but out serving parishes, have contributed to the delights of this questionnaire. The aim is to improve the service "the diocese" offers by learning from your responses to our enquiry. What we ask you to tell us will enable more and better collaboration in mission and ministry.

Most of the questions can be answered by ticking boxes and deleting Yes/No answers. Others – and even some of the tick/delete ones – will be of greater benefit and blessing to you and to us if you do a bit more. Some of them can be shared at PCC, or with the congregation to get a representative response as a check on your own personal view. For that is part of working with others in mission and ministry. We hope that some of the questions will stretch you - even challenge you to think more deeply about your calling to leadership in the local church. Long after you and your colleagues have worked on your one set of answers, we and our colleagues will be working on just over 300 sets! Please help us by meeting the 30 April deadline as we look forward to our May Visitations.

***Your partners in mission and ministry: Gordon & Nigel***

## 1 FUNDING

Would you like to discuss with a member of the Parishes Funding Team how they might be able to help with:

- 1.1 Applying for outside funding for Buildings/Projects/Community work? **YES/NO**
- 1.2 Encouraging Legacies? **YES/NO**
- 1.3 Increasing Regular Giving Income? **YES/NO**

## 2 MINISTRY

### Lay Training

*By 2007-08 most of our clergy will have completed the Clergy Leadership Programme. This is a national programme but staffed locally which has been greatly appreciated by most participants. It focuses on personal formation and public leadership and it involves a significant time commitment of 40-60 hours over 6-9 months.*

*Now a parish version of the Programme could be made available to train leaders and other key lay people.*

- 2.1 How many people from your congregation might be interested?

*In the light of the reorganisation of Primary Care Trusts and the possibility of providing **spiritual care in the community** for people who are sick or bereaved, is your congregation currently able to offer*

- 2.2 Bereavement care **YES / NO**
- 2.3 Care for the sick **YES / NO**
- 2.4 Would you like to develop the capacity to do so? **YES / NO**

**3 CHILD PROTECTION**

**3.1** How many parish representatives have attended child protection training in the last two calendar years 2004 and 2005?

**3.2** How many will want to attend child protection training in 2006/07?

**3.3** In what year did you last review, update and forward your revised parish child protection policy to the Diocesan Child Protection Adviser?

**4 COMMUNICATIONS**

**4.1** Would you like to run a communications audit in your congregation to evaluate how well the church is communicating within the community?

YES / NO

**4.2** Does your church have a church website?

YES / NO

*Please fill out address here: www.....*

**5 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**5.1** Please list any new **social action projects** your congregation has started in the past 12 months, such as (but not only): drop in, café, healthy living, parents & toddlers, hospital transport . . .

**5.2** Does your parish offer any of the following to the wider community?  
(please tick box)

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Parent/toddler group or playgroup                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Activities for retired people                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Help or support for the housebound or disabled          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Practical support for homeless people                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Practical support for refugees/asylum seekers           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Practical support for prisoners/ ex- offenders          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Practical support for people with drug/alcohol problems | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**5.3** Please list shared events or activities with **people of other faiths** in which your congregation takes part.

**Local Public Partnerships** (such as Primary Care Trust, Local Area Partnership, Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) now play an ever more important role in community development and providing social and other public services.

**5.4** Are members of your congregations involved in any Local Public Partnership? YES / NO

**5.5** If YES, then how many in which capacities below?

As a faith representative?

As a resident?

In a professional or other capacity?

**Minority ethnic church membership**

*The Archbishops' Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns has asked our Diocese to look more closely at the situation of people from minority ethnic groups in our congregations. Please help by telling us:*

**5.6** Roughly how many of your regular congregation are from black or ethnic minority groups?

no:

How many from such groups are:

**5.7** Readers? no:

**5.8** Churchwardens? no:

**5.9** Recognised Lay Ministers? no:

**5.10** PCC members? no:

**5.11** Worship leaders? no:

**5.12** Would you like to receive more information about the Diocesan  
Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Group? YES/ NO

## **6 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**6.1** Do you have links with local schools? **YES/NO**

*(Please tick box):*

Church Schools

LEA Schools

Independent Schools

Other Schools

**6.2** What are the links?

RE Lessons

Assemblies

Governors/Parents-Teachers Group

Other

*(Please specify):*

**6.3** How well do you rate these links?

**6.4** Do you employ **paid workers** for children and young people's work?

**YES/NO**

If yes,

**6.5** How many **paid or student workers** do you have for

a) children (0-10)          no:

b) youth (11-19)          no:

c) young adults (19-25 including students) no:

**6.6** How many **volunteers** do you have for:

a) children (0-10) no:

b) youth (11-19)          no:

c) young adults (19-25 including students)          no:

**6.7** Has your Church considered the admission of children to Communion before Confirmation within the last year?

**YES/NO**

**6.8** How many **leaders** are involved in your children's work?

*Working with 0-5 year age*

a) on Sundays      no:

b) midweek          no:

*Working with 5-10 year age*

a) on Sundays      no:

b) midweek          no:

c) holiday clubs    no:

**6.9** How many **children** are involved in your children's events?

*Aged 0-5*

a) on Sundays      no:

b) midweek          no:

*Aged 5-10*

a) on Sundays      no:

b) midweek          no:

c) holiday clubs    no:

**6.10 YOUTH WORK (Including Grant)**

Our grant from Notts County Council is a major contribution to the cost of our **Diocesan Youth Officer**. An application has to be made each year, hence the need to repeat the following questions. Any queries to Angela Heywood on 01636 817233.

Please tick **which boundary** you are within:

City of Nottingham     County of Nottinghamshire     Other

**6.11** How many young people aged 10-13 years attend the following?

- a) uniformed organisations      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- b) youth club                      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- c) youth discipleship group      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- d) after school club              no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- e) holiday club                      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)

How many young people aged 14-25 years attend the following?

- a) uniformed organisations      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- b) youth club                      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- c) youth discipleship group      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- d) after school club              no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)
- e) holiday club                      no:      weekly/occasional (*delete*)

## **7 OTHER MATTERS**

Is there anything else you would like to tell the archdeacons or ask them?

**SIGNED by the CHURCHWARDENS FOR 2005-2006:**

**DATE:**

If you wish to clarify anything, please ring Mrs Debbie Baldock on:

***01636 817206 or email [debbie@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:debbie@southwell.anglican.org)***

Please send your replies to the Archdeacons' Office  
at Dunham House, Westgate, Southwell, Notts NG25 OJL

**by 30 April 2006**

rather than bringing them to a visitation – thank you!

**Please keep a copy for your records in case of postal loss.**

Thank you for your help in providing this information.