

Clergy Mailing - January 2012

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The ultimate goal

In 2012 we will see the nation going Olympics “mad”. You might not believe it but the experience of recent Olympic host nations is that this is what happens. So whether or not you are a massive sports, or cultural, fan it is wise to be ready. The BBC have already announced their presentation teams and it will be wall to wall on the BBC from 6.30am until late at night. News bulletins will be full of achievements, and failures. Personally I love the celebration of sport that comes with the Paralympics and Olympics. Along with the family I shall be attending some events at both, and watching a great deal.

I have a huge admiration for all these sports people, and their families and coaches. They have focused on their goal; they have made all kinds of sacrifices in achieving their goal; they have put themselves through pain and agony; they have forsaken other possible goals for the sake of this one. It is no wonder St Paul used

imagery from the “Olympian” athletes of his own day to reflect on Christian living and ministry.

“Every athlete exercises self control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly... “(1 Corinthians 9 : 25f).

Towards the end of his life he concludes “I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.” (2 Timothy 4 : 7)

Paralympic and Olympic athletes offer us all an inspiration and a challenge. How dedicated are we to fulfilling the goal that God has called us to? The goal of being holy, like Jesus himself. The goal of seeking first God’s kingdom and justice so that we see a world in which poverty is eradicated, homelessness gone, violence in the home ended, weapons of war turned into the tools of peace, meaningful work being real for everyone. The goal of seeing our



friends, neighbours and enemies entering into a living relationship with Jesus Christ themselves.

Olympians today gain a great deal, especially if they win. They receive acclaim, financial reward, celebrity status but only for a while. The Church is in the business of eternity, of history-making and changing. Our business is far more serious and far more significant. Let us be inspired and challenged together in 2012 to run the race, to take up the cross and follow Christ committing everything to this call of God.

And on the way there will be some enjoyment of living in the nation hosting the greatest show on earth in 2012.

+Paul Butler

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New 'eco offices' for the Church of England in Nottinghamshire

A new 'Eco friendly' mission centre has been given the green light by leaders of the Church of England in Nottinghamshire.

The new offices and conference accommodation will be built on land near the current offices across the road from Southwell Minster and will be funded partly through the sale of the present listed offices, which will be restored and converted to apartments.

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler, welcomed the new plans and said: "This is an exciting project as we build for the future and make a positive contribution to the architecture and impact in historic Southwell. The building is all about resourcing the mission of the church and supporting the vital work our parish churches do in local communities with all those in need of our love, care and help in both spiritual and practical ways."

Construction is due to start in January 2012 and the offices, on three levels will be built into sloping land at the side of the current offices. The new building, which will cost approx £3m (coming from current diocesan investments and the sale of the present offices), will bring together diocesan staff and bishops in shared open plan offices, as well as providing meeting and small conference rooms. The building will include



many energy saving features that will reduce the energy demand, with very high levels of insulation, the maximum use of natural daylight and natural ventilation, and low energy light fittings. The design includes flat green roofs that will enhance biodiversity and provide an attractive roofscape.

Nick Keightley, Director of Nottingham based Maber Architects said: "We're very pleased to be working with the Diocese on this project which will enhance the local environment by replacing the present unattractive extension. The new offices will

be discreetly built into the hillside and framed by the existing mature trees which will remain an important part of the landscape."

Talking about the development in a time of economic downturn, Diocesan Chief Executive, Nigel Spraggins, said: "These new offices are an opportunity for us to invest in the local economy, as we aim to use local contractors and source as many materials locally as possible."

Further details can be seen on our website at: <http://www.southwell.anglican.org/newdiocesanoffice.html>

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New Vision Lent Courses



4 new study courses for small groups, available for this Lent, will help churches reflect on the diocesan vision strategy of *Joining Together in the Transforming Mission of God* – launched earlier this year.

The Four courses, which have been endorsed by Bishop Paul, can be taken up individually or used as material to follow on from each other, either during Lent or at other times of the year as appropriate. One of the courses will examine the overall vision of *Joining Together in the Transforming Mission of God* and the other three, will focus on each of the three strategic ‘strands’ within the vision including; *Seeking Justice, Living Worship, Growing Disciples*.

The material in each course will usually be delivered over a period of six evenings for six weeks. However, the sessions could be delivered over a weekend – on a church houseparty, for instance. The courses are written for use in small groups in churches around the diocese. If ecumenical groups are the norm there is no reason why the material should exclude people of other denominations. The optimum group size is between 8 and 12, but as few as 6 or many as 15 is also possible.

If you are planning a 2012 Lent Course or home group programme then book your study materials, or send for further details from **Catriona Gundlach in the Department for Development, tel 01636 817232 email: Catriona@southwell.anglican.org**
Or see the website: www.southwell.anglican.org

The new course booklets will be available from February 1st 2012.

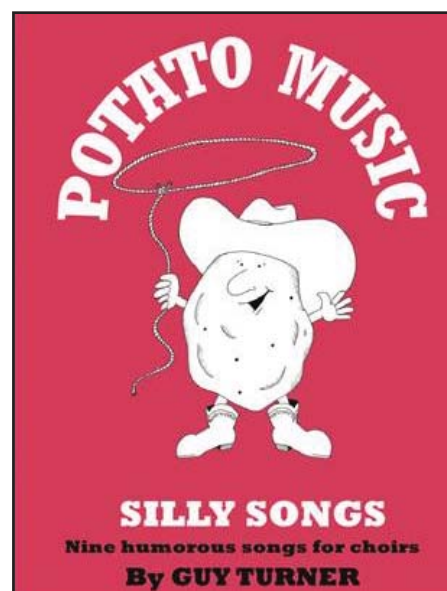
Potato Music published

One of Southwell Minster’s Lay Clerk’s and Music and Liturgy Assistant, Guy Turner, has published a book of his humorous Choral Music. Guy is a well known composer of choral music, whose music has been performed in the Albert Hall and on TV and Radio.

Encouraged by success, Guy has recently published a book of nine of his most popular choral songs called ‘Potato Music’ – the title comes from one of the songs in the book, a choral showpiece called *The Potato Song*.

The songs, for which Guy writes his own words, range from a song about a cowboy who lives in Surrey, to a song about a lonely homing pigeon, to a hangover song entitled *Sloe Gin Blues*.

Potato Music can be bought from Southwell Minster Shop and further information can be found at www.guyturner.co.uk



Visit to Burundi 12-27 July 2012

As part of our diocesan commitment to world mission, Bishop Paul is leading a trip to Burundi in July 2012 with representatives from churches which already have links in Burundi. There are some places still available for anyone hoping to develop a parish link with the Church of Burundi or interested in visiting it. Read on for more details.

Purpose

To build relationships with the Church of Burundi: to see it at work with the intention of establishing longer term partnership. The itinerary will include visiting Bujumbura and other dioceses.

Preparation

The group will aim to meet together on three occasions before travelling for building relationships, prayer, planning and general preparation. It will also meet once a few weeks after returning for de-briefing together.

The total cost is estimated at around £1600 per person.

This includes flights, travel in Burundi, accommodation and visas.

Additional expenses include travel insurance and injections.

Each person is responsible for their own funding but it is hoped that PCCs will be very supportive and cover much of the costs for parish representatives. In addition, a small subsidy may be available from the Diocese.

Next steps

Do speak to your local minister about the possibility of taking part and exploring a church link.

For further information or to book a place on the trip, contact Jackie Davies or Lucy Cleland at Bishop's Manor 01636 812112 email: bishop@southwell.anglican.org as soon as possible.



Local branch of new 'Missionary Society' is launched



Southwell and Nottingham branch of the Missionary Society of St Wilfrid and St Hilda will be launched in Southwell Minster on **Monday 30th January 2012**.

This organisation has been created to find a way forward in the discussions of how the Church Of England will legislate for Women Bishops. It is a company of believers led by bishops and loyal to the Church of England and her catholic heritage who are committed to a bold proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord through a whole number of areas including preaching, teaching, prayer the sacraments and many other areas.

Bishop Paul said: "I welcome the Society of Wilfrid and Hilda trusting it will be an effective way of helping people stay within the C of E and be given an appropriately honoured place." Members will attend a 5.45pm Evensong in the Cathedral which will be followed by a simple reception with the Bishops of Beverley and Southwell & Nottingham.

For further details see www.sswsh.com

Prayerdiary

In February we pray for. . .

- Wed 01 Feb** **Worksop St Anne; Worksop St Anne's Church School (Simon Cash, Paddy McBain)**
Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (formerly Cariboo) - (Yukon, Canada)
The Rt Revd Barbara Andrews
- Thu 02 Feb** **Whatton Prison (Jo Honour)**
Angola (Missionary Diocese) - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Andre Soares
- Fri 03 Feb** **Worksop St John; Worksop St John's Church School (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Smithurst, Lay Chair: John Chambers; Churchwardens: Martin Hodgkinson, David Croucher)**
Ankole - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Sheldon Mwesigwa
- Sat 04 Feb** **Worksop St Paul (Bill Brown)**
Antsiranana - (Indian Ocean) Vacant
- Sun 05 Feb** **Education Sunday - we pray for all those working and studying in education**
Poverty Action Sunday – we pray for the poor and those living in poverty
PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
- Mon 06 Feb** **MANSFIELD DEANERY – (Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Pam Bishop)**
Argentina - (Southern Cone) The Rt Revd Gregory James Venables
- Tue 07 Feb** **Blidworth, St Mary of the Purification; Rainworth, St Simon and St Jude (Hazel Robinson, Clare Tyack)**
Argyll & The Isles - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Kevin Pearson
- Wed 08 Feb** **Clipstone, All Saints (Tony Evans)**
The Most Revd William Brown Turei Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
Aotearoa - Central North Island - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd

In February we pray for. . .

Ngarahu Katene

Aotearoa - Northern Region - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Te Kitohi Pikaahu

Aotearoa - South Island - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd John Gray

Aotearoa - Wellington/Taranaki - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Muru Walters

- Thu 09 Feb** **Director of Education for the Diocese, Claire Meese and her colleagues**
Arizona - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Kirk Smith
- Fri 10 Feb** **Edwinstowe, St Mary; Edwinstowe Church School (Tony Evans)**
Arkansas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Larry Benfield
- Sat 11 Feb** **Forest Town, St Alban; Mansfield Oak Tree Lane, Worship in Community Centre (Philip Stead)**
Armidale - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Peter Brain
- Sun 12 Feb** **Our Partner Diocese of Natal, Bishop Rubin, the Clergy and People**
PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia
- Mon 13 Feb** **Mansfield, St Augustine (Graham Holloway)**
Arochukwu/Ohafia - (Aba, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Johnson Onuoha
- Tue 14 Feb** **Mansfield, St John the Evangelist; Ladybrook, St Mary the Virgin (Mark Adams, Dave Berry)**
Aru - (Congo) The Rt Revd Dr Georges Ande
- Wed 15 Feb** **Mansfield, St Lawrence (Vacant: Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Pam Bishop; Churchwardens: Susan Wood, Jackie Hopper)**
Asaba - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Justus Moge kwu
- Thu 16 Feb** **Workplace Chaplain (Rachel Shock)**
Athabasca - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd Fraser Lawton
- Fri 17 Feb** **Mansfield, St Mark (Vacant: Area Dean: Mark Adams; Lay Chair: Pam Bishop; Churchwardens: Michael Longdon, John Irons)**
Atlanta - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Alexander
- Sat 18 Feb** **Mansfield, St Peter and St Paul; St Peter's Primary School (David Fudger)**
Auckland - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Ross Bay
- Sun 19 Feb** **All engaged in the Healing Ministry throughout the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham**

In February we pray for. . .

PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America The Most Revd Armando Guerra Soria Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Guatemala

- Mon 20 Feb** **Mansfield Woodhouse, St Edmund King and Martyr; Mansfield Woodhouse Church School (Allan Scrivener)**
Aweil - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Abraham Nhial
- Tue 21 Feb** **Perlethorpe, St John the Evangelist (Tony Evans)**
Awgu / Aninri - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmaunuel Ugwu
- Wed 22 Feb** **ASH WEDNESDAY – pray for all healing and wholeness**
Awka - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Alexander Ibezim
- Thu 23 Feb** **Pleasley Hill, St Barnabas (Graham Holloway)**
Awori - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Atere
- Fri 24 Feb** **Warsop, St Peter & St Paul Sookholme, St Augustine (Angela Fletcher)**
Badagary - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Adeyemi
- Sat 25 Feb** **NEWARK & SOUTHWELL DEANERY – (Area Dean: Tony Tucker, Lay Chair: Penny Peterson)**
Bukuru - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jwan Zhumbes
- Sun 26 Feb** **Diocesan Readers (Alison Cox, Lay Training Officer; Chris Perrett, Warden; Barbara Coleman, Readers & RLM CMD Officer)**
PRAY for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo The Most Revd Kahwa Isingoma Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa
- Mon 27 Feb** **The Riverside Group of Parishes - Averham, St Michael and All Angels; Kelham, St Wilfrid; North Muskham, St Wilfrid; South Muskham, St Wilfrid (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker, Lay Chair: Penny Peterson, Churchwardens: George Binks, Philip Staniforth, Nicola Talbot, Ann Willey, David Watson, Jennifer Pell)**
Byumba - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ngendahayo
- Tue 28 Feb** **Balderton, St Giles; Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints (Tony Tucker)**
Ballarat - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Garry Weatherill
- Wed 29 Feb** **The Northern Lights Cluster - Bilsthorpe, St Margaret; Eakring, St Andrew; Farnsfield, St Michael; Farnsfield St Michael's Primary School; Kirklington, St Swithin; Hockerton, St Nicholas; Maplebeck, St Radegund; Winkburn, St John of Jerusalem; (Richard Seymour-Whiteley, Margaret Groves)**
Banks & Torres - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Nathan Tome



Natal News & Information

www.southwell.anglican.org

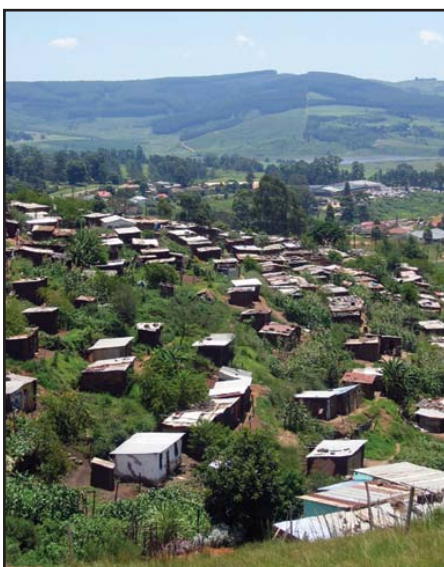
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Tasked to be custodians of this planet

Link Officer, The Revd Barbara Holbrook writes:

It's New Year, and in Natal this means the new school year as well. Looking to the future is important at this time. Of course, in November and December Durban hosted a conference on Climate Change. Writing in Anglican News in May, the Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Makgob, wrote:

“We ask this World Economic Forum to recognise the need to put justice first, in caring for people and planet, and to recognise that real prosperity can only come from making the well being of people and planet our primary concern. In our world today it seems clear that we put prosperity - and profitability - before justice, so that at a time when there is more wealth in the world than ever before, we also



have greater poverty and inequality and alarming environmental destruction....As the environment is harmed so are the local communities who live there. The impact is felt in terms of food production, of the availability of safe water, and of energy, in particular. The livelihoods of people may be changed forever....We can't ignore these changes just because we don't all agree scientifically.

There is a need to look at ourselves. What patterns have changed in our attitudes to the creation which has been entrusted to us? How do we view our 'rights' to energy, water and land, to name but three of our natural resources?...We in Africa have a moral responsibility to speak out to those nations which have the greatest impact on climate change, through their high levels of carbon emissions. We are a global family - it is very hard to argue against that fact. Our actions impact on one another and our tragedies do as well.... Your task - as is mine and that of all who recognise that we have responsibility for ourselves, for this world and all in it - is to be custodians of this planet, to care for it and look after it for the future - the future of your children and grandchildren and mine.”

Please pray for the Diocese of Natal as they and the wider



Anglican Church in South Africa speak out for what is right. Pray for their leaders. Remember, too, that as we share our stories, we should share our concerns, so pray for ourselves as we take up this challenge in our parishes.

Finally, our congratulations go to Robin Greenwood, the Diocesan Secretary. At the service in the Cathedral on 26 November, to Consecrate Tsietse Seleokane as Bishop Suffragan, Archbishop Thabo Makgoba presented the award of the Order of Simon of Cyrene to Robin for his service to the Diocese over many years. This is the highest award given by the Anglican Church of Southern Africa to a lay person, in honour of service and ministry to church and society.

Natal Link Officer: Barbara Holbrook 0115 9383565, email: bholbrook@btinternet.com

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Communications Training in Leicester

Get your church noticed: the basics

29 March

2pm-5pm

£35

Social media for the scared

13 March

10am-1pm

£50

Twitter 101

13 March

2pm-5pm

£50

Mission in the Wedding show marketplace

30 March

2pm-5pm

£30

Being Interviewed

21 March

10am-5pm

£80

OR

Broadcast interview basics

21 March

10am-5pm

£40

Design for Print

27 April

2pm-5pm

£40

All booked at www.churchcommstraining.org

Tel: 0207 898 1465

Space available to hire for training events

St Helen's Church, Selston now has an extension which includes a small hall, fully fitted and kitted kitchen and toilets. All is fully accessible and has effective heating.

There are tables and chairs, a screen (remote controlled), PA system and a (somewhat elderly) data projector can be available (No laptop though)

A coffee machine that makes 70 mugs of fresh coffee can be available. There are also 2 smaller machines and caffetieres. Fridge and freezer also and double oven, microwave and a cooker.

There is parking off road for about 6-8 cars and plenty of on-street parking. We have not had any problems with car vandalism etc.

It is NOT available on Thursday afternoons or Friday evenings.

Further details and bookings can be made via the church office on 01773 862057 (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri mornings 9.00-1.00) with the administrator, Debs or with the Revd Fi Shouler.

What's On

in January

Items to be included in What's On for both Nifty Notes & C Magazine should be sent to Nicola Marsh at nicola@southwell.anglican.org

6	Lunchtime in the Cathedral - Piano Duet Recital. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
20	Lunchtime in the Cathedral - Centenary of the Scott Expedition. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
21	Southwell Choral Society joint concert with Louth Choral Society –Dream of Gerontius by Edward Elgar. 7.30 pm, Southwell Minster.
21	In recognition of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Choir of St Peter's Nottingham, will sing at the 6.30pm Mass at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Arnold. Music by Palestrina and Tallis.
28 Jan - 28 Feb	'Imaging the Invisible' exhibition of paintings by Iain McKillop in Southwell Minster. Contact: Caroline Jarvis 01636 817 285, email: administrator@southwellminster.org.uk
29	All Saints Collingham in the East Trent Group and East Trent Choir will celebrate a Group Eucharist using the Merbecke setting of the BCP(1662) service. 10.45am, All Saints Collingham. All welcome.
30	Launch of the Diocesan branch of the Missionary Society of St Hilda & St Wilfred at the Crossing with Bishop Paul. After 5.45pm Evensong, Southwell Minster.

New Launde Abbey Programme for 2012

After months of preparation and planning the new Programme for Launde Abbey's retreats, Quiet Days, Holidays and Special Events is now ready.

In terms of speakers Launde will be welcoming back some well-known faces next year, such as , John Bell from the Iona Community and writer, Angela Ashwin, alongside new leaders, including Martin Laird, Ray Simpson, Peter Ball and Simon Small - all well-known in the retreat community.

New retreats and events will also be covered and these will include a Taize Weekend, Gardening Holiday and a Healing retreat for the victims of crime.



Alongside the retreats and Quiet Days there will also be a number of holidays throughout the year, including Walking, Landscape Painting and the annual Working Holiday where individuals, friends and family can come together for an activity holiday with a difference. If you have a special skill that might be useful to Launde Abbey, such as

building or horticulture, they would love to hear from you.

The programme can be downloaded from www.laundeabbey.org.uk or hard copies may be obtained from the General Office at Launde on 01572 717254 or by e-mailing suzanne@launde.org.uk

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COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU



**NOT WITH YOUR HELP!
SLEEP OUT SO THAT OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO**

The Mansfield Big Snore

Friday 3 February 2012

Last year 65 people slept overnight in St Mark's Church car park to raise money for homeless people in Mansfield. Well over £12,000 was collected.

The Mansfield Big Snore team is inviting you, your colleagues, friends and family, any church or youth groups, to support the 2012 event. Funds raised by sponsorship will go directly to support Framework services in Mansfield, including the Sherwood Street Emergency Accommodation Centre and teams who work with people in their own homes to prevent homelessness.

Homelessness affects thousands of local people every year for reasons such as domestic violence, family breakdown, mental health problems and unemployment. Rates of rough sleeping and homelessness are on the increase and there have been dramatic cuts to funding. The Mansfield Big Snore aims to make homelessness visible for one night and to raise valuable funds to help support vulnerable people in the community.

If you can't sleep out on the night, there are other ways in which you can help. You can make a donation by going to www.mansfieldbigsnore.org, or get your school or workplace involved in raising funds.

You can register for the Mansfield Big Snore by:

- Visiting www.mansfieldbigsnore.org
- Filling in the slip with this letter and return it to Framework
- Calling Framework's Mansfield Big Snore team on 0115 9709515

You must register beforehand to take part in the event but get in quickly as places are limited!

Youth and Children's Worker

St Anne's Worksop

'Introducing people to Jesus' requires a Half-Time Youth and Children's Worker to join our leadership team

Who?

You are a motivated, organised, trustworthy and committed Christian. You can lead a team, connect with young people, and you have a passion for and experience of youth work.

What for?

Responsible for nurturing faith and encouraging whole-hearted discipleship in the age range 7 to 16 years. Role will include leading / organising weekly 7-11s evening club, fortnightly evening youth group, 7-11s in Sunday morning group, opportunities for schools work.

Salary £17-21k pro rata, depending on qualifications and experience. Subject to CRB. Closing date: 15th March. Interviews early April.

Contact:

simon_cash@sky.com
or ring 01909 472069
for application form

Please note the deadline for the February issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH JANUARY 2012

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The Revd David James, currently Priest-in-Charge St Chad Rubery and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, Diocese of Birmingham, to be Vicar of St Mary Magdalene with St Luke's, Sutton-in-Ashfield, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing date: Saturday 10 March 2012, 2pm, St Mary Magdalene with St Luke's, Sutton-in-Ashfield

The Revd Peter Jones, currently interim Team Vicar at Hucknall St Peter & St Paul to be Associate Priest in Nottingham North Deanery with particular responsibilities in the parishes of Holy Trinity Kimberley and St Patrick's Nuthall, the diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. Mrs Mary Jones to also be licensed as a Reader in the above parishes. Licensing on Sunday 29 January 2012, 10.30am at Kimberley.

Follow up announcement

The Revd Joanna (Jo) Stephens, currently Assistant Curate in the Benefices of Attenborough and Toton in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, to be Team Vicar, St Peter and St Paul's, Hucknall, in the same Diocese. Announcement took place on Sunday 6 November. Licensing date now confirmed as 2 February 2012, 7.30pm at St Peter and St Paul, Hucknall.

Church's Charity Donation

St James Church Normanton on Soar was packed on Sunday 11th December for its Candlelit Village and Boat Club Christmas Celebration, and it was much appreciated to have the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Cllr Gordon Moore, at the service. Musical from Eric Brook (President of Soar Boating Club), Normanton on Soar Village School and Normanton on Soar Village Choir were presented and there were readings by the Mayor and by the Vicar, the Revd Dr John Davey, as well as by representatives from the Women's Institute, Soar Boating Club, the Men's Association and the Parish Council.

The Church in Normanton on Soar strongly feels that it should support the wider community, as well as raising funds to keep its beautiful 12th Century Church in good condition for future generations. Members of the congregation put forward names of charities that the Church should consider supporting, and specific events throughout the year go towards the Charity of the Year. This year's charity has been Epilepsy Action, suggested by Mrs Pat James.



Photo: Cllr Gordon Moore presenting a cheque to Julie Clark of Epilepsy Action

At the end of the service, the Mayor of Rushcliffe, Cllr Gordon Moore presented a cheque for £750 on behalf of the Church to Julie Clark from Epilepsy Action, who then described the work carried out by her charity. Next year's Charity of the Year is to be Riding for the Disabled, suggested by Mrs Wendy Miller.

Sacrista Prebend Retreat House



Drop In Days

On the first Wednesday of each month Sacrista Prebend provides 'Drop in Days' from 10am-4pm.

These provides an opportunity for a quiet time, rest and reflection.

You would be most welcome to join us for Eucharist at 12.15pm and a light lunch unless you wish to bring your own.

For further details please contact: Sacrista Prebend, 4 Westgate, Southwell, NG25 0JH. 01636 816833 or mail@sacrista-prebend.co.uk
Website: www.sacristaprebend.wordpress.com

Joining together in the transforming mission of God

MINISTRY VACANCIES January 2012

Southwell & Nottingham Diocese is a great place to be in ministry for mission! We specialise in creative and stimulating appointments, have generous churchgoers, some beautiful churches and our cathedral is a gem. It's a varied and exciting area to live in, with excellent access to other parts of the UK. We take care of our church leaders with good quality housing and supportive deanery colleagues. Fresh stipendiary/non-stipendiary/retiring/part-time clergy and laity are welcome!

Our current vacancies, divided by Archdeaconry are as follows:

NOTTINGHAM ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

1.

Nottingham Trent University – 0.5 Stipendiary Chaplain

A new post, alongside the Co-ordinating Chaplain (Anglican), set up to

- work with the ecumenical Christian chaplaincy team to develop Christian mission and ministry within the University;
- offer spiritual and pastoral care to a wide variety of individuals of all faith and none;
- to liaise with other faith advisers and with the student support services on matters of common concern fostering high levels of respect, trust and co-operation.

Informal conversations welcome. Please contact Claire Meese, Diocesan Director of Education: 01636 817235 dde@southwell.anglican.org

2. St Jude's, Mapperley, Nottingham

A lively evangelical suburban city parish. CPAS patronage. Seeking a leader who will move them up to the next gear of mission and ministry to a diverse community. Profile likely to be available in January 2012.

3. Pioneer Minister & Tutor

St John's College and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham wish to appoint a full-time Pioneer Minister and Tutor from 1 April 2012 (or as soon as possible thereafter). This is a new joint position.

The Pioneer Minister will be located in the parish of All Hallows Lady Bay with St Edmunds Holme Pierrepont to enable pioneering new patterns of missional church. At St John's the tutor will contribute pioneer perspectives to practical theology and develop pioneer pathways for training. St John's continues to offer training which is culturally sensitive, and is fully committed to the church's agenda on Mission-Shaped Church. In collaboration with the Diocesan team, the appointee will help develop St John's as a resource for pioneer ministry in the Diocese.

Applications are invited from Anglican priests.

Application pack from:
Mrs Kate Ellis, St John's College, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham, NG9 3DS
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**THE MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS (APPROVED PREMISES) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2011**

The position under the new arrangements is that no Church of England religious premises may become “approved premises” for the registration of civil partnerships without there having been a formal decision by the General Synod to that effect.

Please see below the full amendment as issued by the Legal Office at Church House.

Peter Hill
Archdeacon of Nottingham
December 2011

THE MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS (APPROVED PREMISES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

1. Besides register offices, civil partnerships can be registered only on premises that have been approved by a registration authority under the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 (as amended by the 2011 Regulations). A registration authority may in future grant an application for the approval of religious premises but only if it is satisfied that a number of conditions are met.
2. One of those conditions is that the religious premises are within one of the following categories: (a) a church or chapel of the Church of England, (b) a church or chapel of the Church in Wales, (c) a place of meeting for religious worship in the list of certified places under the Places of Worship Registration Act 1855, (d) a place of meeting of the Society of Friends („Quakers“), or (e) a Jewish synagogue.
3. Under the regulations, an application for the approval of a church or chapel of the Church of England cannot be validly made unless the application is accompanied by the consent in writing of the General Synod. That means that it will not be legally possible for any church or chapel of the Church of England (irrespective of who owns or controls the building in question) to become approved premises for the registration of civil partnerships without the consent of the Church of England as a whole expressed by way of a resolution of the General Synod. In the absence of such a resolution the Synod would not have given its consent for the purpose of the regulations.
4. A relatively small number of churches of the Church of England may also be places of meeting for religious worship that are certified under the Places of Worship Registration Act 1855 (e.g. where a church is subject to a sharing agreement under the Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969 and is certified as a place of worship of one of the other denominations). The regulations deal with sharing agreements and other, less formal, sharing arrangements by providing that, where these exist, the consent of the denominational bodies of all of the Churches involved are required before the shared building can become approved premises.
5. The question has been raised in Parliament and elsewhere of whether a religious denomination, or a local church, which declined to seek to have its premises approved for the registration of civil partnerships could be held to be discriminating in a way which is unlawful under the Equality Act 2010. The clear view of the Legal Office is that it could not. This is also the declared view of the Government’s lawyers.
6. A key relevant provision is section 29 of the Equality Act which makes it unlawful for “a person (a “service-provider”) concerned with the provision of a service to the public or a section of the public” to discriminate on various grounds, including sexual orientation, “against a person requiring the service by not providing the person with the service”. A Church which provides couples with the opportunity to marry (but not to register civil partnerships) is “concerned with” the provision of marriage only; it is simply not “concerned with” the provision of facilities to register civil partnerships.
7. That would be a different “service”, marriage and civil partnership being legally distinct concepts. If Parliament were in due course to legislate for same sex marriage, as recently suggested by the Prime Minister, we would of course be in new territory. But that is a separate issue which would have to be addressed in the course of that new legislation.
8. The non-discrimination requirement imposed by the Equality Act on service-providers does not include a requirement to undertake the provision of other services that a service-provider is not already concerned with providing just because the services that it currently offers are of such a nature that they tend to benefit only persons of a particular age, sex, sexual orientation etc. Thus, for, example, a gentlemen’s outfitter is not required to supply women’s clothes.

A children’s book shop is not required to stock books that are intended for adults. And a Church that provides a facility to marry is not required to provide a facility to same-sex couples for registering civil partnerships.

9. The “public sector equality duty” (contained in section 149 of the Equality Act) also has no implications for a Church’s decision whether to make its premises available for the registration of civil partnerships. A Church is not exercising public functions in making such a decision so the duty is not applicable.
10. The public sector equality duty will not prejudice denominations who conduct marriages (and whose buildings, unlike those of the Church of England, need to be registered for that purpose) but who do not wish to host civil partnerships.

The registration of buildings for marriages is a purely administrative act by the registration authorities and does not involve them exercising a discretion or taking a decision. The public sector duty is therefore immaterial to the registration process.
11. The Equality Act contains various exceptions for religious organisations (see Schedule 23). But given what is said above, it is not considered that a Church which solemnized marriages but did not wish to provide facilities for the registration of civil partnerships would need to rely on any of these since it would not be doing anything that even *prima facie* amounted to unlawful discrimination.

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November 2011

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Our Vision

For Lent 2012

4 new study courses for small groups, available for this Lent, will help churches reflect on the diocesan vision strategy of **Joining Together in the Transforming Mission of God** – launched earlier this year. The Four courses, which have been endorsed by Bishop Paul, can be taken up individually or used as material to follow on from each other, either during Lent or at other times of the year as appropriate.

One of the courses will examine the overall vision of **Joining Together in the Transforming Mission of God** and the other three, will focus on each of the three strategic 'strands' within the vision including; **Seeking Justice, Living Worship, Growing Disciples**.

The material in each course will usually be delivered over a period of six evenings for six weeks. However, the sessions could be delivered over a weekend – on a church houseparty, for instance.

The courses are written for use in small groups in churches around the diocese. If ecumenical groups are the norm there is no reason why the material should exclude people of other denominations. The optimum group size is between 8 and 12, but as few as 6 or many as 15 is also possible.

If you are planning a 2012 Lent Course or home group programme then book your study materials, or send for further details from:

Catriona Gundlach in the Department for Development, tel 01636 817232

email: Catriona@southwell.anglican.org

Or see the website: www.southwell.anglican.org

The new course booklets will be available from February 1st 2012.





SOUTHWELL MINSTER CHAPLAINS

December, 2011

To Clergy and Readers in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham

To inaugurate the Minister Chaplains' ministry for 2012 there will be an opportunity for us to meet on Wednesday, March 14th, 2012 (the week Time Travelling begins). Please note that tea and coffee will again be available free of charge in the Refectory prior to the meeting, so we will gather in the Minster Centre at 3.00 p.m. The Dean will speak about key dates in the Minster in 2012. Equally importantly there will be the opportunity to indicate when you are able to serve as Chaplain during the 2012 season - this runs from May to September with the addition of Easter Week, April 9th-14th, and the October Half Term week.

Many more Chaplain sessions have been covered in 2011 than in 2010 and, as always, the work of the Chaplains has been much appreciated.

Please complete the slip below and return it as soon as possible, and not later than Wednesday, March 7th.

With many thanks and good wishes for the New Year,

Helen Roberts
Chaplains' Co-ordinator

To: Mrs Helen Roberts, 39 Woodland View, Southwell, Notts NG25 0AG
TN: 01636-813633

* I am willing to be a Minster Chaplain in 2012 and will be attending the meeting on March 14th.

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19	TIME TRAVELLING	Tel. Number: 01636 817287
39	BOTTLEY	The Revd Kate – new e-mail address: revkatebottley@googlemail.com
63	ASQUITH Judith	Change of Deanery e-mail address to: office@mansfielddeanery.org.uk
66	MANSFIELD	Oak Tree Lane – There is no Planned Giving Secretary or Treasurer
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125	BINGHAM	All Saints – New Treasurer due to the death of Peter Smith. The new Treasurer is Mrs Birgit Dean e-mail: birgit.dean@ntlworld.com
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