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## Chaplaincy Network Nottinghamshire News



We hope the programme of events that are slowly developing for Chaplains/Sector Ministers is proving useful. Those who attended the Multi-faith Chaplaincy day March found it helpful. For those who want to explore this further, remember St Philip's Centre in Leicester is a regional resource

[www.stphilipscentre.co.uk](http://www.stphilipscentre.co.uk). At a

national level try the excellent Presence and Engagement website

[www.presenceandengagement.org.uk](http://www.presenceandengagement.org.uk).

You will see in this newsletter we have planned another training day on 30th September with Clive Swift, looking at issues relating to professionalism and chaplaincy. This was another area identified as a live issue for many.

We have also booked Sacrista Prebend for a Chaplains Quiet Day on 17th November. Please let us know asap if you can attend either or both of these days.

There are a number of Comings and Goings at the moment and we pray for all those facing new challenges in ministry in the coming weeks and months.

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## Date for the Diary

### CHAPLAINCY DAY

**Professionalising Chaplaincy? The benefits and the limits of professionalism in Chaplaincy Ministry.**

*Keynote Speaker:*  
The Revd Dr Christopher Swift  
Head of Chaplaincy Services at Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust

**30th September (10.00-3.00pm)**  
**St Patrick's Church Hall, (Annexe), Nuthall**  
A light lunch will be provided.

To book your place please contact Catriona Gundlach on 01636 817232 or e-mail:

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## A week in the life of Ranby Prison Chaplaincy

HMP Ranby is a diverse and transitory Community of over 1000 male prisoners managed and supported by a team of professional staff of not only governors and prison officers, but also of every other profession that a modern prison needs in order to meet its obligations for the safe custody of prisoners and to reduce re-offending. The chaplaincy team serves this community of prisoners and staff.

As Coordinator, I am responsible for the multi-faith team of chaplains and volunteers whose role it is to ensure that all prisoners, whatever their faith (or lack of it), have the opportunity to practice their faith and to receive pastoral care.

As Anglican Priest, I try to be true to my calling to set the Good Shepherd before me in all that I do.

As a team we are also expected to be part of the wider team and to be represented in all aspects of prison life. This competes for time and energy but it is a necessity if the chaplaincy is to be seen to be part of the wider prison community.

Ranby is a worshipping community. Over 250 prisoners each week will attend one of the weekly acts of worship as Christians, Pagans, Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Buddhists, Sikhs, Hindus, Jews and Muslims.

Around 100 prisoners attend the various Christian services held throughout the week. Worship is well ordered but challenging. You can expect to be directly challenged in what you say or if you are boring. However, the real challenge is to communicate the transforming news of the gospel to young men who are generally ignorant of the basic principles of faith and who will only know at most one or two Bible stories. Yet these men are not without a



sense of the religious and spiritual and many are very dedicated.

A key role of the team is to provide pastoral care. Every new prisoner is met by a chaplain on a one to one basis within 24 hours of arriving. We aim to assess their well being; to inform them of the opportunities to practice their faith and to offer a friendly welcome. We will see around 40 new prisoners every week.

The average prisoner is below 35 years of age and whose average stay in the prison is 20 weeks. He most likely will have been in care; have been in trouble with the law from an early age and will have a diagnosable mental health problem, substance misuse problem or both.

It is into this brokenness that minister; breaking news to prisoners of a serious illness or the death of a loved one; supporting staff in helping vulnerable men cope with prison life; helping prisoners maintain contact with their families.

A prison sentence is as much a penalty for the family as it is for the prisoner and relationships are under a great deal of pressure. We help those on the outside who are concerned for their loved ones inside. Increasingly, with other professionals, we are supporting staff challenged by the pressures and stresses of a large prison.

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**i-Chaplaincy receives thumbs up!**

The modern twist of the traditional form of Workplace Chaplaincy received a significant endorsement recently. i-Chaplaincy [www.ichaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.ichaplaincy.org.uk) offers chaplaincy support by e-mail, a service particularly valued by clients for its accessibility and its anonymity. A recent small scale study by Professor Stella Mills, Professor of Multi-media studies at Staffordshire University has demonstrated that i-Chaplaincy works! Using specialist software, Professor Mills looked to changes in positivity in the language of samples of e-mails and found that clients seemed to gain a real benefit through their e-mail conversation with the Revd Rachel Shock, the i-Chaplain. Professor Mills is keen to go on and do further work on this unusual use of technology.

This endorsement is a timely bonus for the project now coming towards the end of its third year. The project has been funded through its early life by the diocesan Mission Development Fund and that funding is now coming to an end. Other sources of funding are currently being sought to ensure that this very valuable and pioneering form of ministry is enabled to continue. The development plans are exciting! It is hoped to work on offering this form of chaplaincy in other contexts, such as rural ministry, and across the country. Rachel will be looking to recruit and train a team of voluntary i-Chaplains to support the expansion of the project and to enable her to share her considerable knowledge and experience which she has gained through developing i-Chaplaincy.

But none of this will be possible if we don't manage to keep the project afloat.

If you are interested in learning more about i-chaplaincy, how it might be used to support work in your area or if you know of anyone who might be willing to support the work financially, please contact Rachel via [www.ichaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.ichaplaincy.org.uk)

The really exciting thing about i-Chaplaincy is that we know it reaches people who wouldn't dare to approach the church through any conventional route and very many of the conversations have a faith element to them, although not always in any conventional faith language!



*The Revd Rachel Shock*

[www.ichaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.ichaplaincy.org.uk)

## Comings and Goings

**Louise Cooper** has been appointed Chaplain of HMP Nottingham from 1 July 2009.

**Des Burton**, formerly Chaplain at HMP Whatton, to be Priest in Charge of Balcombe St Mary, Diocese of Chichester from 26 October 2009

**Julian Hemstock** has been appointed Head of Spiritual & Pastoral Care, Nottingham NUH Trust with immediate effect.

**Joanna Honour**, Chaplain HMP Coldingley to be appointed Chaplain of HMP Whatton from 13 July 2009.

**Darren Moore**, currently Rector of Brayton, Diocese of York to be Chaplain of Ranby House School, from 1 September 2009

**Simon Paul**, Ranby House School, has been appointed Chaplain of Chigwell School, Essex from 1 September 2009.

**Barbara Parish**, Reader St Giles, West Bridgford to be Associate Chaplain at HMP Lowdham Grange from 26 May 2009.

**Graham Reaper-Brown**, Kings Mill & Newark Hospitals, has been appointed to Bristol NHS University Trust from 22 June 2009.

**Charles Thody**, Lead Chaplain at Rampton Hospital to be Head of Chaplaincy at the Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humberside Mental Health Trust from 1 September 2009.

Charles will however remain as Chaplain to the Retford Air Training Corps.

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#### Quiet Day

A little bit of space for those engaged in chaplaincy ministry.

**17 November 2009**

10.00-3.00pm

Sacrista Prebend

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