

Bishop's Bible challenge

Bishop Paul is laying down a new challenge for people to 'take-up' this Lent.

He is encouraging everyone to join in 'The Bible Challenge' – a special project encouraging people to read the Bible each day during the year.

Bishop Paul said: "Instead of thinking what to give up this Lent, I would like to encourage everyone to consider engaging with the Bible in a fresh way. Studies reveal that reading the Bible each day, or even reading scripture four or more times a week can have a transformational effect on people's lives. The Bible Challenge has a range of options for people, from reading suggestions for children to focusing on the Psalms or reading the whole Bible – there is something for everyone."

Some of the Bible Challenge options for 2012 are listed below:

- Read the entire Bible
- Read the New Testament
- Read the Psalter (150 Psalms) during Lent
- Read the Gospel of Mark in a

slow, meditative fashion

- Read *The Message* by Eugene Petersen – a wonderful rendering of the whole Bible in ordinary language
- Read *The Story* by Zondervan – a seamless collection of Bible stories that reads like a gripping novel
- Families with children are encouraged to read *The DK Children's Illustrated Bible* or *The Big Picture Story Bible*.
- Teenagers will want to read the *New International Version Teen Study Bible* or *Bible in One Year*

Please look at The Bible Challenge website

<http://thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org/the-bible-challenge-options-for-2012/> for the full range of ideas. If you decide to go for reading the 'Bible in One Year' you will find this there as well, but we are also producing our own dated version to make life simpler. This will be available on the Diocesan website from February 1st 2012 at: www.southwell.anglican.org Do use The Bible Challenge website too to see their special occasional short meditations to accompany

each day's readings; these are being written by archbishops, bishops, biblical scholars, theologians, cathedral and seminary deans, clergy and noted lay leaders from around the world to assist your reading. Bishop Paul will be taking up the challenge himself. He explained: "I hope many of you will join me in this Bible Challenge and let us know how you are getting on. I will be joining in with comments on my blog and through facebook and twitter, so anyone linked into new media may want to add their own responses via the diocesan facebook page. Our website will also include some information on

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Pray One For Me

A recent internet search for the word “Spirituality” returned 29 million UK web pages. Research conducted by Tearfund in 2007 suggests that 20 million adults in the country pray – that’s 42% of the population.

For many people, and they are often those that Church finds hard to reach, there is a great desire to seek spiritual engagement away from what we might recognise as the traditional faiths.

It is these facts that have helped inspired a new website, launched by the Church of England on Ash Wednesday 22nd February; Pray One For Me (www.prayoneforme.org).

This new, year round campaign, builds on previous prayer-based Lent campaigns (Say One For Me). Pray One for Me and its accompanying Facebook page found at www.facebook.com/prayoneforme offers people the opportunity to post prayer requests online.

And that’s where you can be part of the prayer life of thousands. Can your parish or benefice consider a rota of visiting the site and praying the prayers? Or how about regularly using the site and its prayer themes as part of your intercession prayers yourself or in church?

You’ll be praying alongside those across the worldwide church. Through the year, the site will occasionally encourage themed prayers to focus prayer on some of the life’s big events such as Christian Aid week, the Queen’s Jubilee, the Olympics, and Education Sunday, and to respond to events in the news.

Pray One For Me - we hope you will and that you and your parish will help shape this new venture

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the challenge with links to the Bible Challenge website and resources. It would be good to hear how you are getting on, so if you do decide to join please let us know, by letter or email and we can keep in touch with you during the year. I’m quite excited to see what impact this challenge will have on our churches and how we might all be transformed by God as we join together in this project.”

Inhabiting the Bible

Paintings by
Iain McKillop

Southwell Minster

**27th January -
27th February 2012**

Iain McKillop’s art combines his careers as a professional painter, art-historian and priest. He is particularly interested in how spiritual meaning may be conveyed visually, and traditions of Christian Symbolism.

This exhibition brings together a number of themes from Iain’s work over the last 10 years: Christmas paints, parables and works based on the poems of St John of the Cross.



**Further details: Charles Legatt
01636 817282, email: charles@southwellminster.org.uk**

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Church play moves to Cathedral venue

The Newark Passion, a moving re-telling of the last week of Christ's life on earth, ' comes to Southwell Minster on 1st and 2nd March 2012.

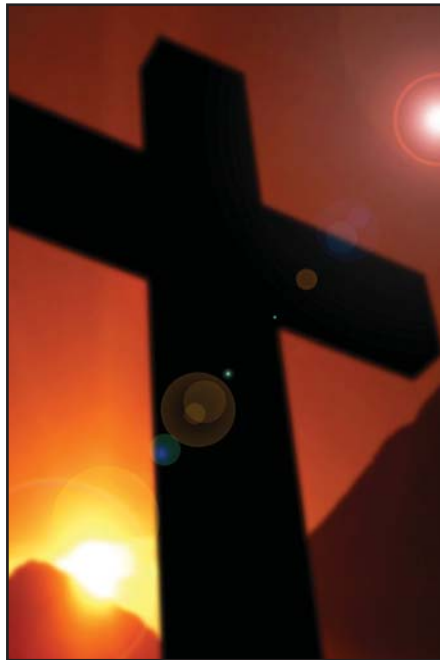
Originally staged in St Mary Magdalene, Newark in April 2011, the play had two sell-out performances, garnering widespread public acclaim and raising over £2,500 for local charities.

It is directed by James Pacey, a former theatre director now exploring a spiritual vocation whilst working as a vergers at the Minster. James said: "The play is an attempt to convey what Christians believe in an entertaining and powerful way. It had huge success in April and I'm grateful that the Dean has given us the opportunity of reaching a wider audience."

The Dean, the Very Reverend John Guille, said "It is wonderful that the Newark Passion is coming to the Minster at the beginning of Lent. It will be a most fitting preparation for us as a community before our observance of Holy Week and Easter and we're privileged to host it in the Cathedral."

Set to a powerful soundtrack, 'The Newark Passion' plays on 1st and 2nd March 2012 in Southwell Minster.

Tickets: £5 adults/ £3 under 11s from the Minster shop on 01636 812933 and the website: www.newarkpassion.co.uk



Grants for Parish Community Engagement - new focus for 2012 and beyond

A new funding focus to support bridge building church community projects has been approved by the Church and Community Fund (CCF) for an initial three years.

The new focus will direct funding towards projects concerned with neighbourhood renewal, community projects with church growth at their core and to support replication of successful community projects that can easily be copied and rolled out elsewhere.

The CCF has given away £3 million in grants across the country in the past six years and its new focus will ensure future grant making is more effective by funding those projects with the greatest need and opportunity.

Grants between £10,000 and £20,000 can be applied for online through the CCF website, www.ccfund.org.uk, with larger grants of more than £20,000 being offered for replicating successful community engagement.

The website also contains advice on how to apply online for a grant, a new set of funding guidelines that include detailed information on whether your project is eligible for funding and how to donate to the Fund.

Financial help available to clergy from The Pyncombe Charity

The Pyncombe Charity has a modest annual income specifically to give financial help to serving Church of England Clergy under 70 years of age. Grants may be sought in times of difficulty due to illness, injury, or other special circumstances relating to themselves, or their immediate family resident with them, although education is specifically excluded. Closing date: 10th April 2012.

Application form available from the Archdeacons' Office, email: jo.delves@southwell.anglican.org, tel. 01636 815 206.

£10,000 PRIZE FOR COMMISSIONING NEW ART FOR PARISH CHURCHES

The Church Buildings Council invites parishes within the 42 dioceses of the Church of England to apply for a one-off prize of £10,000, generously funded by The Jerusalem Trust, to be awarded for the best developed proposal for commissioning a new work of art in their church using newly published guidelines. The purpose of the prize is to reward an excellently prepared proposal and not to judge and fund a particular artwork.

The competition has two stages:

Stage 1 - Expression of Interest - Deadline: 29 February 2012

Stage 2 - Final Submission - Deadline 1 October 2012

For further information parishes and DACs are invited to contact Diana Coulter, the Divisional Support Officer in the Cathedral & Church Buildings Division on 020 7898 1860 or diana.coulter@churchofengland.org. The form and the Guidelines may be downloaded from our website: www.churchcare.co.uk.

Design a Church Chair

The Church of England has announced a competition for design students, leading designers, manufacturers and contractors to design new church seating. The Church of England is responsible for 16,000 parish churches, and aspires to the highest quality design for new chairs.

The competition has two categories:

1. Design a chair under £100 - open to students and recent graduates (cash prize and opportunity to pitch to manufacturers).
2. Design a seat (chair or bench) for churches - open to all.

Entries must be submitted by **30 March 2012**, and the results will be announced at an awards ceremony on 14 June at St John's Church, Hyde Park accompanied by an exhibition of finalists' chairs.

Visit <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/news.php> for further details about the competition and for an application form.

Financial assistance for clergy and clergy families in need

The Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy and the Friends of the Clergy Corporation are the two leading grant-making charities helping Anglican clergy and their families in times of need.

Help can be given towards a wide range of expenses, including: School clothing and school trips and, for children over the age of 11, music lessons, sporting activities and school travel; university maintenance grants for undergraduate clergy children; clerical clothing, holidays and resettlement; heating and home maintenance for the retired; nursing home expenses; bereavement expenses and some of the expenses arising from separation and divorce. Help can also be given in cases of emergency, illness and misfortune.

Further details: 020 77993696, email: enquiries@clergycharities.org.uk, www.clergycharities.org.uk

Poverty & Homelessness

Action Week links together two Sundays which have been marked in UK churches for many years: Homelessness Sunday (29 January) and Poverty Action Sunday (5 February).

For further details see: www.actionweek.org.uk

Prayerdiary

www.southwell.anglican.org

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In March we pray for. . .

- Thu 01 Mar** **Leisure; Center Parcs (Chris Levy); Notts County Football Club (Mark Tanner); Nottingham Forest Football Club (Steve Silvester); Mansfield Town Football Club (Tim Mitchell); Nottingham Rugby Club (Henry Curran)**
Bangor - (Wales) The Rt Revd Andrew John
- Fri 02 Mar** **The East Trent Group of Parishes - Besthorpe, Holy Trinity; Collingham, St John the Baptist; Collingham, All Saints; Girton & Spalford, St Cecilia; South Scarle, St Helena, Winthorpe, All Saints; Langford, St Bartholomew; Holme, St Giles, Harby (with Swinethorpe), All Saints; North & South Clifton, St George the Martyr; Thorney with Wigsley, St Helen (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker, Lay Chair: Penny Peterson, Churchwardens: Sue Butler, Nick Narracott, Pat Wragg, Ronwen Kirk, Marina Cobb, Samantha Annis, Sally Lee, Florence Baldwin, Judith Muirhead, Jeremy Steele, Nigel Priestley, Doreen Hallam, Colin Wells, Janice Cattle, Granville Daniels, Peter Ravencroft, Anne Massey)**
Bari - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Idris Zubairu
- Sat 03 Mar** **East Stoke, St Oswald; Syerston, All Saints; Elston, All Saints; Elston All Saints School (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker; Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: Frank Lee, Michael Sheldon, Richard Henderson)**
Barrackpore - (North India) The Rt Revd Brojen Malakar
- Sun 04 Mar** **The Lord Lieutenant, Sir Andrew Buchanan and the High Sheriff, John Peace**
PRAY for The Church of England The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams
Archbishop of Canterbury
- Mon 05 Mar** **Edingley, St Giles; Halam, St Michael the Archangel, Halam Primary School (David McCoulough)**
Bath & Wells - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Peter Price
Bath & Wells - Taunton - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Peter Maurice
- Tue 06 Mar** **Egmanton, St Mary Our Lady of Egmanton; Kirton, Holy Trinity; Walesby, St Edmund; Walesby Church School (Chris Levy)**
Bathurst - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd Richard Hurford
Assistant Bishop of Bathurst - (New South Wales, Australia) The Rt Revd John Stead
- Wed 07 Mar** **Cotham, St Michael; Farndon, St Peter, Farndon, St Peter's Church School; Hawton, All Saints; Thorpe, St Laurence (David Milner, Philip Smith)**
Bauchi - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Musa Tula
- Thu 08 Mar** **Director of Communications for the Diocese and Cathedral, Rachel Farmer and her colleagues**
Belize - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Philip Wright
- Fri 09 Mar** **Kilvington, St Mary; Flawborough, St Peter; (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker; Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: Alexandra Norman, Katie Allen)**
Bendigo - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt Revd Andrew Curnow

In March we pray for. . .

- Sat 10 Mar** **Kneesall, St Bartholomew; Kneesall Church School; Laxton, St Michael and Archangel; Moorhouse, Moorhouse Chantry Chapel; Wellow; St Swithin (Chris Levy)**
Benin - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Peter Imasuen
- Sun 11 Mar** **Correymeela Sunday – we pray for the work and reconciliation and for lasting peace in Northern Ireland**
PRAY for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island
- Mon 12 Mar** **Newark-upon-Trent with Coddington Team Ministry: Coddington, All Saints; Coddington All Saints Primary School; St Mary Magdelene; St Leonard; Christ Church; Newark Christ Church School; Newark Mount School; Magnus C of ESchool; (Vivian Enever, Sam Tredwell, David Anderton, Judith Pollard)**
Bethlehem - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dr Paul Marshall
- Tue 13 Mar** **Caunton, St Andrew; Dean Hole Church School; Cromwell, St Giles; Norwell, St Laurence; Norwell Church School; Ossington, Holy Rood (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker, Lay Chair: Penny Peterson, Churchwardens: Geoffrey Boffey, Dennis Barker, Elizabeth Jones, Brian Batty, Robin Drury, Jane Drury)**
Bhopal - (North India) Vacant
- Wed 14 Mar** **Boughton, St Matthew; Ollerton, St Giles; Ollerton, St Paulinus (Richard Goodhand, Caroline Phillips)**
Bida - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jonah Kolo
- Thu 15 Mar** **Chaplains in Higher Education: Nottingham University, (John Bentham, Megan Smith); Nottingham Trent University (Richard Davey)**
Birmingham - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd David Urquhart
Birmingham - Aston - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Andrew Watson
- Fri 16 Mar** **Morton, St Denis; Rolleston, Holy Trinity; Upton, St Peter & St Paul (Claire Goode)**
Blackburn - (York, England) The Rt Revd Nicholas Reade
Blackburn - Burnley - (York, England) The Rt Revd John Goddard
Blackburn - Lancaster - (York, England) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Pearson
- Sat 17 Mar** **Shelton, St Mary & All Saints; Sibthorpe, St Peter (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker; Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: Ian Holden, Douglas Arnold, Judith Montgomerie, James Livingston)**
Bo (Sierra Leone) - (West Africa) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Tucker
- Sun 18 Mar** **Mothering Sunday - we pray for all mothers and carers**
PRAY for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Revd Ian Ernest Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius
- Mon 19 Mar** **Southwell, Holy Trinity; Southwell Holy Trinity Infant School; (Mark Tanner)**
Boga - (Congo) The Rt Revd Mugenyi Bahemuka
- Tue 20 Mar** **Southwell, St Mary the Virgin; Southwell Lowes Wong Junior School; The Minster Secondary School (John Guille, Jacqui Jones, Nigel Coates, Ed Pruen, Alison Milbank, Robin Turner)**
Bolivia - (Southern Cone) The Rt Revd Frank Lyons

In March we pray for. . .

- Wed 21 Mar** **Staunton, St Mary (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker; Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: Edmund Staunton, Margaret Tillotson-Wood)**
Bondo - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Johannes Angela
- Thu 22 Mar** **Carlton-on-Trent, St Mary; Marnham, St Wilfrid; Normanton-upon-Trent, St Matthew; St Matthew's Church School; Sutton-upon-Trent, All Saints (Vacant:Area Dean: Tony Tucker; Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: Valda Harrop, George Vere-Laurie, Diana Wardell, Sue Young, John Parker, Doreen Blanchard)**
Bor - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Ruben Ngong
- Fri 23 Mar** **Bleasby, St Mary; Bleasby School; Halloughton, St James; Hoveringham, St Michael; Thurgarton, St Peter (Claire Goode)**
Botswana - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Dr Trevor Mwamba
- Sat 24 Mar** **Markham Clinton, All Saints; Tuxford, St Nicholas; Tuxford School; Weston, All Saints (Colin Wall)**
Bradford - (York, England) The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines
Ripon and Leeds - (York, England) The Rt Revd John Packer
Ripon and Leeds - Knaresborough - (York, England) The Rt Revd James Bell
- Sun 25 Mar** **Diocesan Synod (Pam Bishop: Chair of the House of Laity and Mark Tanner: Chair of the House of Clergy)**
PRAY for The Church of Ireland The Most Revd Alan Harper Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan
- Mon 26 Mar** **Walesby, St Edmund (Chris Levy)**
Brandon - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd James Njegovan
- Tue 27 Mar** **NEWSTEAD DEANERY (Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Brian Clarke)**
Brechin - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Dr Nigel Peyton
- Wed 28 Mar** **Annesley, All Saints; Newstead Abbey, St Mary; Newstead Village, St Mary the Virgin (Liz Turner-Loisel, Kevin Charles)**
The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate of Australia
Assistant Bishop of Brisbane - (Queensland, Australia) The Rt Revd Anthony Parkes
Brisbane - Northern Region - (Queensland, Australia) The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Holland
Brisbane - Southern Region - (Queensland, Australia) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Smith
Brisbane - Western Region - (Queensland, Australia) The Rt Revd Robert Nolan
- Thu 29 Mar** **Brinsley, St James the Great; Underwood, St Michael and All Angels; Underwood Church School (David Stevenson, Elizabeth Murray)**
Bristol - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Michael Hill
Bristol - Swindon - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Lee Rayfield
- Fri 30 Mar** **Eastwood, St Mary (David Stevenson, Elizabeth Murray)**
British Columbia - (British Colombia & the Yukon, Canada) The Rt Revd James Cowan
- Sat 31 Mar** **Greasley, St Mary (David Marvin)**
Bujumbura - (Burundi) The Rt Revd Pie Ntukamazina



Natal News & Information

www.southwell.anglican.org

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Friendship comes first

Link Officer, The Revd Barbara Holbrook writes:

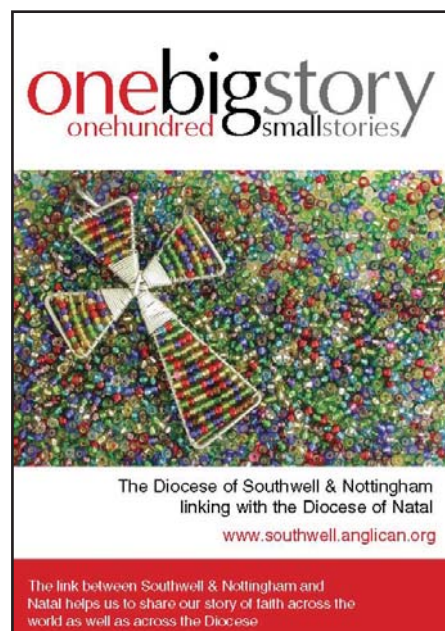
At the end of January and the start of February, 10 of our curates are visiting Natal. We hope that some Small Story links will start or grow from these visits. Nurturing links between our parishes is a slow process, and can be very frustrating. Everyone lives busy lives at different paces, and foundational work is put into understanding what we mean by a Link. Pressure over here to have everything 'organised' can seem to hit a brick wall as emails aren't always answered. The best programmes that we have meet the 'good ideas' of our hosts or guests. The biggest challenge that I have had to face in being the Link Officer is learning not to expect that what we agreed last week still holds this week, but knowing that whatever does or doesn't happen, the heart of friendship that we are building up is worth so much.

One of the basics that we always talk about to people visiting Natal is money. Depending on the exchange rate of the Rand, we appear wealthy on our visits. A meal in a restaurant for £5 is a steal for us, and it is too easy to look like we are rich. We don't go as people who have the money and ability to fix things, but as



brothers and sisters who journey together in faith. Listening to each other's story and sharing the journey is far more costly on both sides than a financial transaction. There may be a desire for financial support coming out of that, but the friendship comes first. It will be good to hear from those who have visited Natal on their reflections and the joys and sorrows of growing new links and friendships. We hope that they will reflect on the visit and it will have a big impact on their visit – I know that my journey alongside our friends in Natal has challenged and changed me in the way I exercise my ministry here in Nottingham.

Please pray for them as they travel and meet people, for their friendship within the group and to others, and for God's blessing and



word to them in this new and exciting place.

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

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Spring & Summer events at St John's College, Nottingham

Listening Skills Week at St John's Nottingham

Monday 26 - Friday 30 March 2012

Led by Michael Grandey

For those who want a concentrated experience of listening training. This is a short skills-based course for those who want to become better listeners.

Cost for week: £280 (includes meals & overnight accommodation)

<http://stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/listening-skills-2/>

Fit for the Purpose – Vocation Weekend

Friday 30 March – Sunday 1 April 2012

Led by Canon Dr Christina Baxter

Explore your own Vocation. For anyone who is interested in discovering where God is leading them. The weekend provides an excellent opportunity to meet other Christians who sense God calling them into new areas of ministry, and to talk to ministers who have experience of helping people to discern God's call on their lives.

<http://stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/fit-for-the-purpose-vocation-weekend>

Myers Briggs: Leadership and Teamwork Weekend

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 April 2012

Led by Ms Denise Potts

Explore how personality type affects relationships with others, in a Christian context. Price includes on-line testing, feedback and supporting book.

Top Up Your Theology Week

Monday 2 – Friday 6 July 2012

Canon Dr Christina Baxter, Revd Dr Andrew Angel and other Faculty share the latest developments in theology. Book in for the whole week or select single days.

<http://www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/top-up-your-theology-2012>

Greek in a Week

Monday 9 – Friday 13 July 2012

Led by Revd Gervais Angel

Greek in a Week offers students the opportunity to gain a grounding in some of the basics of Greek grammar and vocabulary.

<http://stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/greek-in-a-week-2/>

**For further details for the above or other courses in theology and counselling: 0115 968 3224, conferences@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk
www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk**

Wholeness & Healing Services

15th March 2012

7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
Service Leader: the Revd Pat Hemstock.

Preacher: the Very Revd John Guille

24th May 2012

Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanry.
Christ Church Worksop.

Leader: the Revd Martyn Alvey.

Preacher: the Ven David Picken

19th July 2012

7.30pm, Southwell Minster.

Leader: the Revd Canon Ed Pruen

Preacher: tbc

September 2012 (tbc)

Mansfield Deanery

15th November 2012

7.30pm, Southwell Minster.

Leader: the Revd Carol Tainton.

Preacher: the Revd Philip Thomas

All services at Southwell Minster will be Holy Communion Services with anointing and laying of hands

For further details please contact:

**The Revd Martyn Alvey
01909 473998**

What's On

in February

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

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| 3 | The Mansfield Big Snore - St Mark's Church, Mansfield. Join 95 Framework supporters in helping local homeless and vulnerable people. Join in at www.mansfieldbigsnore.org or contact Framework's Big Snore team on 0115 9709515 or events@frameworkkha.org |
| Up to 27 Feb | 'Imaging the Invisible' exhibition of paintings by Iain McKillop in Southwell Minster. Contact: Caroline Jarvis 01636 817 285, email: administrator@southwellminster.org.uk |
| 4 | St Peter's Church, Nottingham Coffee Break Concert - 11am. Nottingham Baroque Soloists |
| 11 | The series starts with a welcome return to St Peter's by the Nottingham Baroque Soloists, in a performance including music by Lassus, Schütz and Bach. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, with donations welcome. |
| 18 | St Peter's Church, Nottingham Coffee Break Concert - 11am. Martin Jacoby, piano. Local pianist, and recent graduate of the Royal Northern College of Music, Martin Jacoby gives a recital of piano music to include Beethoven's fabulous "Waldstein" sonata.. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, with donations welcome. |
| 25 | St Peter's Church, Nottingham Coffee Break Concert - 11am. The Keats String Quartet to perform a programme including music by Alexander Borodin. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, with donations welcome. |
| 21 | St Peter's Church, Nottingham Coffee Break Concert - 11am. Mirabilé Ladies Choi. Local ladies ensemble Mirabilé make their St Peter's debut with a varied programme including excerpts from Pergolesi's Stabat Mater. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, with donations welcome. |
| 21 | Shrove Tuesday - Southwell Minster Pancake Challenge - Flipping Fantastic 2! 3pm-5pm, Southwell Minster. |

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| 1,2 | 'The Newark Passion' at Southwell Minster. Tickets: £5 adults/ £3 under 11s from the Minster shop on 01636 812933 & the website: www.newarkpassion.co.uk |
| 2 | Southwell 2012 Women's World Day of Prayer service - 2pm in Our lady of Victories Catholic Church, Halam Road, Southwell. The service has been prepared by the women of Malaysia on the theme 'Let Justice prevail'. |
| 5-16 | Time Travelling |
| 17 | Lay Ministry Options Morning – 9.30am-1pm, Holy Trinity Church, Southwell |
| 24 | J S Bach: St Matthew Passion - Nottingham Bach Choir. 4pm, Southwell Minster. Conductor: Paul Hale; Orchestra da Camera; Soloists: Andrew Tortise-Evangelist, Mary Bevan-Soprano, Katie Bray-Contralto, Marcus Farnsworth & Stephen Cooper-Baritone. Tickets from: The Minster Shop, Southwell 01636 812933, Classical CD, 10 Goosegate, Nottingham (01159 483832) or tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk |
| 27, 28 | Easter activity days for primary schools. Contact: 01636 817 287, email: tt@southwellminster.org.uk |
| 30 | Collegium Regale - close harmony group made up of the Choral Scholars of the Choir of Kings College, Cambridge. St Swithun's Church, Cannon Square, Retford. 7.30 pm. Tickets: £12 including a glass of wine/juice – available for collection from Bookworm, Spa Lane, Retford: 01777 869 224 – or held at the Church until the night of the concert. |

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Fairtrade for Bassetlaw and Notts Fairtrade Working Group

*Taking
Lighter*



Steps

Exploring how to be an ethical consumer in the modern world

If you want to make a difference through your everyday activities, then this conference is for you. Through workshops & talks this will be an opportunity to look at how to be an ethical consumer. Contributors will include:

- Paul Butler, Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham**
- Michael Clifford, University of Nottingham & Tearfund**
- Toby Quantrell, Fairtrade Foundation**
- Moses Renee, Banana Grower from St Lucia**

When: Saturday March 3rd between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Where: Newstead Centre, Newstead, NG15 0BS
Cost: £5, numbers are limited so please book early

More details from Leon Duveen (01909 514600/07879497801)
secretary@fairtradeorbassetlaw.org.uk

Exhibitions on loan

Parishes are being encouraged to take up the option to book out two fascinating travelling exhibitions from Southwell Minster. Both the King James Bible exhibition and the Cathedral History exhibition and display panels are now available for parishes to book out for showing in local churches.

For more details please contact the Minster Office 01636 812649 or email: office@southwellminster.org.uk

**Truly Unique
Challenge**

Pilsdon – a Christian place touching the lives of all who visit

www.pilsdon.org.uk

A leader is sought for Pilsdon, a Christian Community offering hospitality to guests in all kinds of need in an old manor house in beautiful West Dorset.

Applicants for residential wardenship should be mentally and physically robust, mature (not necessarily in age) and be empathetic with - and enjoy - a rich variety of people. A broad theology or spirituality plus the ability and enthusiasm to lead the community in the next phase of its life are also essential.

The round of daily prayers underlies everything – the Community is ecumenical but Anglican-based. Everyone, members and guests, take part in the daily rhythm of work, whether on our smallholding or household chores.

Pilsdon also has a supportive group of trustees and local volunteers.

Further details and information pack from administrator Alan Frost
01308 868308 or
pilsdon@btconnect.com

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The Reverend David Kirk Beedon, Rector of St Michael with St Mary and Wall, and Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Lichfield Diocese, who is to be Chaplain of HMP Ranby in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham with effect from 30th January 2012. This appointment is subject to a satisfactory CRB Enhanced Disclosure.

The Revd Colin Rushforth, currently Associate Priest in the parish of St Aidan's New Parks in the Leicester Diocese, to be Priest in Charge of St Stephen with St Matthias Sneinton and St George in the Meadows, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing 29 February 2012, 7pm at St Stephen's Sneinton.

The Revd Sue Hemsley Halls to be Vocations Adviser (including Diocesan Director of Ordinands) in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, relinquishing her duties as Chaplain to the Deaf but remaining Vicar of St Mary's Attenborough. Licensing date to be confirmed.

The Revd Dr Megan Smith, currently curate at St Wilfrid's Church, Wilford, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, to be Vicar of Holy Trinity & The Priory Church of St Anthony and the University of Nottingham Chaplaincy, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing date to be confirmed.

Snowdrops are spectacularly spectacular again at Launde Abbey

The pretty woodland walk behind Launde Abbey is the setting for this year's Snowdrop Spectacular at the Elizabethan/Jacobean Retreat House near East Norton in Leicestershire. The Abbey will be open from 2–4 pm every day from **13th February until 18th March 2012**, allowing visitors the opportunity to stroll through the gardens and wander amongst the magnificent display of snowdrops. Afterwards everyone is invited to relax in the refurbished dining room over tea, scones and jam.



The Abbey's shop will be open all afternoon, selling locally produced jams, honey and other gifts.

The cost is £5 per person, which includes tea, scone and jam. A family ticket is also available (2 adults and 2 children under 12) for £15.00 – under 3's are free. For more information please contact the General Office on 01572 717254 or visit the website www.launde.org.uk

Visitors are advised to wear suitable footwear as some areas may be muddy following rain or snow.

The Big Jubilee Lunch

The Queen has invited the nation to sit down for 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' on **Saturday 3rd June 2012** to celebrate together in street parties across the nation.

Local churches are ideally placed to take a lead and facilitate these street parties and serve their communities together. Churches are encouraged to take a lead in their communities co-ordinating a Jubilee lunch. The Royal Household has joined up with The Eden Project to make this possible; they provide all the information on how to run a street party on their website www.thebiglunch.com

The Bishop of London is working with The Queen's Household to approve a Diamond Jubilee Grace for the occasion to help the Church and nation remember the link between The Queen, her faith and the Church.