

Call for churches to buy a bus stop for Christmas

Churches across the UK are being invited to buy the advertising space on their local bus stops in the run-up to Christmas. The church-sponsored bus shelter would then carry a special poster of the nativity with the message 'Christmas Starts with Christ' and would be displayed over the last three weeks of December 2009.

It is hoped that a total of 2000 bus shelter ad spaces will be bought. By visiting www.ChurchAds.net and entering the church postcode, churches can buy bus shelters for just £105.

To accompany the bus shelter posters special radio



ads have been produced and these can also be sponsored.

The website www.ChurchAds.net has numerous materials to download – all free of charge – including the poster artwork and radio commercials.

Are you fascinated by church history? Could you help us bring church heritage to life?

The Southwell & Nottingham **Church History Project** would like to hear from you

Churches are a valuable part of our heritage being both significant guides to British architecture and important focal points within our communities.

The Southwell & Nottingham Church History Project is looking for volunteers to help research the 314 churches in the Diocese as part of a Heritage Lottery funded project.

To get involved or for more information about this exciting and innovative project please contact: Tracey Akehurst, Church History Project Manager, Dunham House, 8 Westgate, Southwell, Notts NG25 0JL. 01636 817223, email: traceychp@southwell.anglican.org

<http://southwellchurches.nottingham.ac.uk>

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The Christmas Factor - Become a star this Christmas and win £1000

Churchads.net have teamed up with Ecclesiastical Insurance, to bring you the The Christmas Factor competition – challenging you to come up with your very own Christmas carol. Create your own masterpiece

All you need do is compose the lyrics and tune of a new carol, no longer than three verses (plus a chorus) in total, based on the theme of "Christmas starts with Christ". All entries will be individually judged by a panel and the winner will win the following fantastic prizes...

- £1,000 prize money for your church or local church group
- Professionally produced version of the carol
- A performance of your carol on your own doorstep
- Promotion and downloadable version of your carol online

Plus, they will aim to get your name in lights with a little publicity for you and your church.

For more details and to enter the Christmas Factor competition go to http://www.churchads.org.uk/2009/carols_form.html, follow the instructions and you could be on your way to becoming a star this Christmas.

The competition closes at 5pm on 27 November 2009.

Minster People book launched

A new book looking at the lives of 12 different people who have been involved in the life of Southwell Minster since its earliest days will be launched at the Saracen's head on Saturday 28th November 2009. The new book, published by Southwell History Society and called 'Minster People', is based on a series of talks given at the cathedral during its 900th anniversary. One of the book's contributors, Professor Stanley Chapman, said the book aimed to bring the history of the cathedral alive in a new way by examining the lives of a range of people from Archbishops and canons to Bishop's daughters and reformers.



More stewards needed for Southwell Minster

Members of the Southwell Minster Guild of Stewards provide a ministry of welcome to the thousands of visitors who come, from all parts of the globe, to visit this unique place, the "best-kept secret" amongst English Cathedrals.

All members are volunteers, welcoming each visitor with a smile and a personal word. They provide visitors with information, find out where they are from and if they have come especially to see a particular aspect of the building, draw their attention to all the "must-see" features, and answer any questions they may have. Treating each visitor as an individual, the Minster Stewards try to make their visit a memorable one.

Southwell Minster Guild of Stewards need to recruit more members. If you are interested in joining, please contact David Turner (details below). After joining, you would be given a detailed induction and attend a comprehensive training programme, before shadowing an experienced Steward. The Stewards are a very friendly group and have monthly get-togethers, social events and occasional outings.

Please contact: David Turner, Chief Steward 01623 793039.

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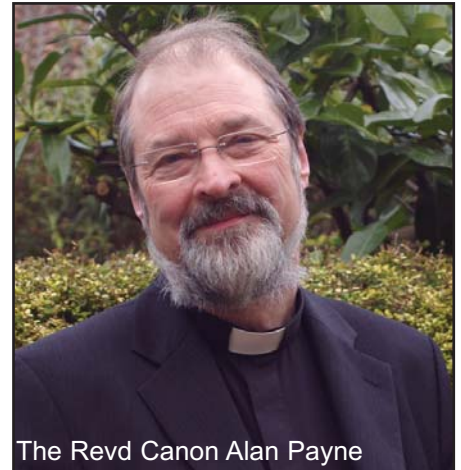
Changes in development

Two members of the Department for Development will be leaving in the next few weeks, both David Jones – the Urban Officer for the Diocese and Alan Payne, Director of Development & Priest-in-Charge of Lambley, will be retiring soon. Chief Executive, Nigel Spraggins said: “We wish both Alan and David well in this new stage of their lives and give thanks for all that they have achieved for the diocese over the years. Their retirements have been an opportunity to consider if there were tweaks that would be beneficial for the department for the future. The greater clarity of the impact of Clergy Terms of Service and the coming into being of the Regional Training Partnership mean there is a different environment for training. Also the willingness of

other sectors to partner with the diocese and the openings that have emerged mean that we should capitalise on this mission opportunity. It is therefore important that the voices of ministry (particularly training) and partnerships should be heard separately in those places where policy and strategy are developed.”

This has led to some changes in The Department for Development, which will now have two teams within it - with ‘Ministry and Mission’ led by Nigel Rooms and ‘Partnerships and Mission’ led by David McCoulough. The re-organisation has led to the creation of three new roles including: a Clergy Training Officer, a Partnerships Officer, which will look to develop partnerships between the Diocese, deaneries and parishes with other bodies and a third post of an Urban Officer, which will be a complementary role to the current Rural Officer post, will be put on hold until the departmental staffing budget allows.

The new teams are:
Ministry and Mission:
 Director: Nigel Rooms; Clergy Training Officer (to be



The Revd Canon Alan Payne

appointed); Lay Training Officer (Alison Cox); Warden of Readers (Chris Perrett); Equality and Diversity Officer (Dianne Skerritt); DDO & Vocations Adviser (Terry Joyce); Rural Evangelism Adviser (Joanna Dobson); Chaplain to Retired Clergy (David Edinborough); Bishop’s Chaplain for Sector Chaplaincies (Robin Turner).

Partnerships and Mission

Director: David McCoulough; Partnerships Officer (to be appointed); the Deaf Chaplaincy team (Sue Hemsley Halls, Ken Dyson); World Development Adviser (Shelagh Baird Smith); Urban Adviser (to be appointed); Rural Adviser (Derek Hollis).

Catriona Gundlach and Eleanor Dunleavy continue to provide administrative support for the whole department: tel 01636 817232 or email: Catriona@southwell.anglican.org



The Revd David Jones

Give a candle. Promise to pray. Make a difference this Advent.

This Advent, your church can share the hope of Christ in your community with Share the Light, the CMS Advent mission resource. Share the Light involves three simple, yet powerful steps:

1. Give a candle to a friend
2. Promise to pray for them for a year
3. Invite them to a special Advent service at your church

To find out more about this FREE resource pack, contact Phil Evans.
 Tel: 01865 787515 Email: phil.evans@cms-uk.org

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Southwell & Nottingham Diocese is delighted to be joining in with the Big Brew during Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February – 7th March 2010.

The Big Brew is a national initiative from Traidcraft encouraging churches, schools, workplaces and any other group, to host a Fairtrade event any time during Fairtrade Fortnight. Anything from a simple coffee morning to a full day of activities, face painting to a fashion show can qualify as a Big Brew event.

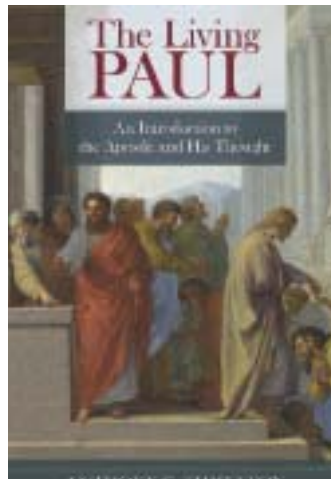
For churches that already support Fairtrade this is a great way to tell others about it and raise the profile of your church and Fairtrade at the same time. For churches that don't yet support Fairtrade the Big Brew would be a good place to start.

Traidcraft will provide every church or group with free publicity materials including posters, invitations and literature which can be personalised to your event. For only £7 there is a Catering Pack containing enough coffee, tea, sugar and biscuits for 100 people. To register your Big Brew event please complete the registration form enclosed in the clergy mailing (also available to download from the Diocesan website) and return it to Shelagh Baird-Smith at Dunham House – with your cheque for £7 made out to Traidcraft if you are ordering the Catering Pack – by January 15th 2010.

Michael Ramsey Prize nominee introduces St Paul

The Revd Canon Professor Anthony Thiselton, Professor of Christian Theology at the University of Nottingham has published his latest book *The Living Paul*. In this accessible book, Anthony Thiselton draws on a lifetime of study and research to introduce the reader to the apostle Paul. ISBN 978 0 281 06110 5 cost £12.99.

Anthony Thiselton is known internationally for his work on hermeneutics and the theory of interpretation. One of his previous books includes *The Hermeneutics of Doctrine* which was recently shortlisted for the Michael Ramsey Prize.



St John's Nottingham Advent Book 2009

Reserve your copy now!

Anticipating the Coming King...daily readings for Advent and Christmas is out now! The book now includes a weekly resource for group reflection by popular demand.

All proceeds from sale of the books go towards student bursaries and the College development fund. Price £4.99 per copy (post free). Discount for bulk orders. To reserve your copy now: Tel: 0115 925 1114 email: college@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk (quote Advent Book)

World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims Sun 15th November

RoadPeace encourages churches and places of worship of all denominations and faiths, schools and community groups to remember road crash victims. It also acknowledges the work of all those involved in the aftermath of a crash — fire, police and ambulance personnel, doctors, nurses and counsellors.

For special prayers and resources, please contact RoadPeace, 020 8838 5102, email: info@roadpeace.org, www.roadpeace.org

*RoadPeace
dedicated to supporting
road crash victims*

Prayerdiary

www.southwell.anglican.org

Compiled for Nifty Notes

In December we pray for. . .

- Tue 01 Dec** **Bole, St Martin; North Wheatley, St Peter & St Paul; North Wheatley Church School; Sturton-le-Steeple; Sturton-le-Steeple Church School (Mark Cantrill)**
World AIDS Day - PRAY for greater awareness of HIV and AIDS
- Wed 02 Dec** **Holbeck, St Winifred; Norton Cuckney, St Mary; Norton Cuckney Church School (Simon Cash, Brian Little)**
Western Izon - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Edafe Emamezi
- Thu 03 Dec** **Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Clive Smith, Jackie Allen)**
Western Kansas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd James Adams
- Fri 04 Dec** **Ordsall, All Hallows (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Smithurst; Lay Chairs: Ann Hickman, Jill Woodsford, Peter Stanley; Churchwardens: Barbara Burrows, John Plumtree)**
Western Louisiana - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd David MacPherson
- Sat 05 Dec** **Laneham, St Peter; Rampton, All Saints; Stokeham, St Peter; Treswell, St John the Baptist (Felicity Ferriter)**
Western Massachusetts - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Gordon Scruton
- Sun 06 Dec** **Diocesan Readers (Alison Cox, Lay Training Officer; Chris Perrett, Warden; Barbara Coleman, Readers & RLM CME Officer)**
Western Mexico - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Lino Amaero
Kuopio (Bishop Wille Riekkinen)
- Mon 07 Dec** **East Retford, St Swithun; St Swithun's Church School; Retford, St Saviour; West Retford, St Michael the Archangel (Tony Walker, Joanna Dobson, Julia Jesson, Charlie Maloney)**
Western Michigan - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Robert Gepert
- Tue 08 Dec** **Shireoaks, St Luke; St Luke's Church School (Jackie Allen)**
Western New York - (Province II, USA) The Rt Revd Michael Garrison
- Wed 09 Dec** **Worksop Christ Church (Martyn Alvey)**
Western Newfoundland - (Canada, Canada) The Rt Revd Percy Coffin

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- Thu 10 Dec** **Diocesan Registrar, Chris Hodson and his colleagues**
Western North Carolina - (Province IV, USA) The Rt Revd Granville Taylor
- Fri 11 Dec** **Workshop St Anne; Workshop St Anne's Church School (Simon Cash, Paddy McBain)**
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Gerard Mpango
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Marko Badeleya
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Naftal Bikaka
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sospeter Ndenza
- Sat 12 Dec** **Workshop St John; Workshop St John's Church School (Neil Hogg)**
Wiawso - (West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Ackah
- Sun 13 Dec** **The Lord Lieutenant, Sir Andrew Buchanan and the High Sheriff, John Michael Rowan**
Willochra - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd Gary Weatherill
Borg (Bishop Helga Haugland Byfuglien)
- Mon 14 Dec** **Workshop, St Paul (Bill Brown)**
Winchester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Michael Charles Scott-Joynt
Winchester - Basingstoke - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott
Winchester - Southampton - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Paul Butler
- Tue 15 Dec** **Workshop; St Mary & St Cuthbert; Workshop Priory Church School; Carburton, St Giles; Clumber Park, St Mary the Virgin (Nicolas Spicer, Philip Corbett)**
Windward Islands - (West Indies) The Rt Revd Calvert Friday
- Wed 16 Dec** **MANSFIELD DEANERY – (Area Dean: George Butler; Lay Chair: Pam Bishop)**
Worcester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd John Inge
Worcester - Dudley - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd David Walker
- Thu 17 Dec** **Rampton Hospital Retford (Chrissy Wood)**
Wusasa - (Province of Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ali Lamido
- Fri 18 Dec** **Blidworth, St Mary of the Purification; Rainworth, St Simon and St Jude (Hazel Robinson, Beryl Allsop)**
Wyoming - (Province VI, USA) The Rt Revd Bruce Caldwell
- Sat 19 Dec** **Clipstone, All Saints (Malcolm Garratt)**
Yambio - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Peter Yacoub
- Sun 20 Dec** **Diocesan Synod (Pam Bishop, Chair of the House of Laity and Mark Tanner, Chair of the House of Clergy)**
The Most Revd Stephen Oo Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon

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Suffragan Bishop of Yangon - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Joseph Pe
Uleåborg (Bishop Samuel Salmi)

- Mon 21 Dec** **Edwinstowe, St Mary; Edwinstowe Church School (Alistair Littlewood, Angela Fletcher)**
Bishop of Yei - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Adeba
- Tue 22 Dec** **Forest Town, St Alban; Mansfield Oak Tree Lane, Worship in Community Centre (Philip Stead)**
Yewa (form. Egbado) - (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Simeon Adebola
- Wed 23 Dec** **Ladybrook, St Mary the Virgin (Mark Adams)**
Yirol - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Benjamin Mamur
- Thu 24 Dec** **Mansfield Queen Elizabeth Endowed (VA) School, Samworth Church Academy (Angela Smythe)**
Yokohama - (Japan) The Rt Revd Lawrence Minabe
- Fri 25 Dec** **Mansfield, St Augustine (Graham Holloway)**
Yola - (Province of Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ibrahim Markus
- Sat 26 Dec** **Mansfield, St John the Evangelist (Mark Adams)**
York - (York, England) The Most Revd John Sentamu
York - Beverley - (York, England) The Rt Revd Martyn Jarrett
York - Hull - (York, England) The Rt Revd Richard Michael Frith
York - Selby - (York, England) The Rt Revd Martin Wallace
York - Whitby - (York, England) Vacant
- Sun 27 Dec** **Southwell Cursillo (Rob Wiggins)**
Ysabel - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Richard Naramana
- Mon 28 Dec** **Mansfield, St Lawrence (Vacant: Area Dean: George Butler; Lay Chair: Pam Bishop; Churchwardens: Susan Wood, Jackie Hopper)**
Yukon - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) The Most Revd Terrence Buckle
- Tue 29 Dec** **Mansfield, St Mark (George Butler)**
Zanzibar - (Tanzania) Vacant
- Wed 30 Dec** **Mansfield, St Peter and St Paul; St Peter's Primary School (David Fudger)**
Zonkwa - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) Vacant
- Thu 31 Dec** **Mansfield Woodhouse, St Edmund King and Martyr; Mansfield Woodhouse Church School (Allan Scrivener)**
Zululand - (South Africa) The Rt Revd Dino Gabriel



Natal News & Information

Anticipating endings and beginnings

Link Officer, Barbara Holbrook writes:

As we get to this time of year, one of the big differences between Natal and Southwell and Nottingham is highlighted. Just as our schools are settling in to their year, South Africans are looking forward to their summer holidays. Schools break up over the Christmas period for their long summer break, and in the new year starts the new school year, so for them this is a time of anticipating endings and beginnings.

For some young people, they will be leaving school for the last time. The challenge of finding work is as prevalent in South Africa as it is here. The churches in Natal have a lot to teach us about working in their community. Everyone who visits them cannot help but be astounded by the work that the churches are doing in providing assistance to child headed households, AIDS victims and the many needy people around them.

There is also a need for working with entrepreneurs in the churches who are looking to start businesses. How do we help them develop their work and benefit the people around them? How do we help the businesses to be



founded on Christian principles? The people in the townships of Natal do not recognise the Fair Trade logo, ethical purchasing decisions are the province of the rich like ourselves, but we all need to learn from the mistakes that we in the west have made in exploitative commerce and unfair trade..

While Bishop Rubin was over with us at the end of October, we had a visit from Mike Clargo of Reconxile, and next year a few of us will have the chance to visit Natal and share some of his insights in mentoring and supporting new and developing businesses run by our brothers and sisters in Natal, and to pass on Mike's insights so that the people of Natal can provide such mentoring in the future. If you would like to be part of that, let us know as soon as possible.



Meanwhile, this month please pray for all those who are preparing to leave school and full time education, and those families for whom the provision of school fees is a difficult burden to bear.

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bholbrook@btinternet.com

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2 FUNERAL COURSE

Behind the scenes at the Crem!
Led by Barbara Coleman
7pm
Mansfield Crematorium

3 So you've got a church school in your parish!

Led by Maureen Collins
10am-3pm
Dunham House, Southwell
Bookings: alisonj@southwell.anglican.org

3-5 Rural Ministry Training Course

The Arthur Rank Centre,
Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire.
For further info contact 024 7685 3073 or email:
admin@arthurrankcentre.org.uk

3 & 10 Child Protection Training for Leaders

Led by Nick Harding & Barbara Selley
7-9.30pm
Dunham House

5, 12, 19, 26 & December 3 Four Weeks of Guided Prayer

Led by Sylvia Griffiths and team
10am-12.30pm £35
St Martin's Church, Sherwood

7 The Spiritual Journey

Led by Valerie Rampton
10am-3pm
Venue to be advised

7 Negotiating Skills

Led by David Griffiths and David Hallett
9.30-4.30pm
Venue to be advised

9-13 In Service Study Weeks – Ways of Christian Spirituality

Led by Christina Baxter, Ben Fulford and David Runcorn
St John's College, Nottingham
£265 full board
Booking and further details from Academic Administrator 0115 968 3216 or e-mail:
academic@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

12 The Art of Self Emptying: Empowering the Healers Part 1

Led by Jean Lamb
10am-3pm
St Alban's House
(Bring lunch to share)

14 Child Protection Training

Led by Nick Harding and Barbara Selley
9.30am-4pm BYOL
The Magdalene Centre, Sutton in Ashfield

14 FUNERAL COURSE

The Funeral Itself
Led by Barbara Coleman and Pat Hemstock
9.15-3.30pm BYOL
Holy Trinity Southwell

16-19 Leading your Church into Growth

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick
£239 per person. Details:
www.leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk
To book contact Tracie Hunt 01274 604904, email: :
tracielycig@yahoo.co.uk

16 November – 11 December 4-Week Study Unit: John's

Gospel and Johannine Letters

Led by Stephen Travis
St John's College, Nottingham
Booking and further details from Academic Administrator 0115 968 3216 or e-mail
academic@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

17 Taking Good Assemblies and Lessons

Led by Maureen Collins
9.30am-1pm
Dunham House

17 Building Effective Relationships with Schools

Led by Maureen Collins
2-4pm
Dunham House
(*a free lunch if you come to both of these events)

17 Children can Worship!

A practical session on leading and encouraging worship with children.
Led by Nick Harding
7.30-9.15pm
Church Centre, Carlton-in-Lindrick

21 A Celebration of Healing Ministry

Led by Tony Porter, Beatrice Brandon, Paul Bentley and Jeff Cuttall
12.00-5.30pm followed by an Open Celebration Service with the laying on of hands and anointing 6.30-8pm
Christ Church, Worksop £5

Contact: Catriona Gundlach, 01636 817 232, email: catriona@southwell.anglican.org

What's On

in November

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

- 1-19** Jean Lamb presents The Way of Priesthood exhibition – St Martin's Church Bilborough: Exhibition workshop for children 'Painting Jesus' £1 on 21 Nov 10-12noon; Open day: 7 Nov 10-4pm; Schools day 11 Nov 9-3pm. Also Sunday by appointment tel 07851 792552.
- 4** The City Debate - 'How dangerous are the banks? Looking for a recovery in trust.' Guest speaker: Chris Brown, Agent - Bank of England Agency for the East Midlands. 6.30pm, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. All welcome! Free entrance. www.nottinghamchurches.org
- 7** Southwell Minster Craft Fair, 10am-4pm. Over 60 specialist craft stalls, including ceramics, jewellery, glass and furnishings. Refreshments. Free entry. Further details: 01636 817281 or www.southwellminster.org.uk
- 7** Rainbow Project Coffee Morning. 10am-1pm. St Stephen's Church, Bobbers' Mill Road, Hyson Green. All welcome! Refreshments, a variety of stalls (clothes, crafts etc) and games.
- 7** St John's, Carrington church & community centre - Tea-Dance, 2pm-5pm, in Room 1. Tickets from Cynthia or Sandra 0115 962 3811.
- 8** Music in the Great Hall 2009 - Supporting the work of Southwell Minster Choir Association. 8pm, Great Hall, Southwell Minster. David Soar baritone & Philip White-Jones piano. WNO Baritone David Soar returns with a programme to include Schubert's Schwanengesang. Admission free (no reservations) with a retiring collection. Details: migh@southwellminster.org.uk
- 8** St John's, Carrington church & community centre. 6.30pm. The Rt Revd Tony Porter, the Bishop of Sherwood, will preside at the great Mass of Rededication. The new altar will be consecrated, the community spaces will be blessed, the organ will be blessed. Everyone welcome – no tickets necessary.
- 11** St John's, Carrington church & community centre open all day for visitors to call in. Mass at 10am, poetry readings during the day, refreshments available.
- 12** Wholeness and Healing Service – The Minster Quire, 7.30pm. The Revd Kathryn Herrod. Further details: the Revd Martyn Alvey 01909 473998.
- 13** Ministry of Sport: 7.30pm Team Talk with Jane Powell, England Hockey Head Coach – As a Christian sports player, coach, ref, fan or anything else, Team Talk is for you! Talks, discussion, prayer & food. 7.30pm. Further details: Sport Ambassador, Tim Friend 07887 530751, email: tim@southwell.anglican.org
- 13** St John's, Carrington church & community centre - Paul Hale (organ consultant, and Rector Chori at Southwell Minster) will give the inaugural recital on the restored organ. 7.30pm. Tickets - £8 on the door – including refreshments.
- 14** St John's, Carrington church & community centre 'civic' and community reception, attended by the Lord Mayor and other community representatives, and by representatives of any charities and grant-making bodies. 1pm. Complimentary tickets to include light buffet available from the Revd Jonathan MacGillivray, 0115 962 1291, email: j.macg@virgin.net
- 15** St John's, Carrington church & community centre. 3pm-5pm: an opportunity to read, relax and listen to live music in beautiful surroundings. Tickets: £3 on the door, to include tea and cake.
- 17** 'Growth through Adversity' – 7.30pm, The Minster Centre. Professor Stephen Joseph, University of Nottingham School of Sociology and Social Policy. Admission Free. Further details: 01636 812649, email: office@southwellminster.org.uk

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- 20** Lunchtime at the Cathedral 2009 - Isata Kenneh Mason Piano + violin and 'cello. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster. Refreshments available. No admission charge, donations invited to help cover costs. Further details: 01636 819233.
- 20** Ministry of Sport: 7.30pm It's a Question of Sport, St James' Church, Porchester – Multimedia Sports Quiz & Talk. Invite sports colleagues, friends or family to hear something of the gospel in a quality, competitive environment centred on sport. Further details: Sport Ambassador, Tim Friend 07887 530751, email: tim@southwell.anglican.org
- 21** St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church Bulwell - Christmas Fayre. 11am with all the usual attractions.
- 24** 'Jesus and the Healing Miracles' – 7.30pm, The Minster Centre. The Revd Professor Alison Milbank, University of Nottingham, Department of Theology & Religious Studies. Admission free. Further details: 01636 812649, email: office@southwellminster.org.uk
- 24** Ministry of Sport: 7.30pm Sports Supper - Eat, Chat & Pray for the Ministry of Sport. For details of the venue contact Sport Ambassador, Tim Friend 07887 530751, email: tim@southwell.anglican.org
- 25** Support Group for Armed Services Families 4th Wednesday in the month 2pm-3.30pm in the Upper Hall. St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church Bulwell.
- 28** Nottingham Bach Choir – Grier Around the curve of the world; Parry Blest pair of sirens; Vaughan Williams Five Mystical Songs. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, High Pavement, Nottingham. Tickets £10 (£8 concession, £5 child). Enquiries email: tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk Also Classical CD 0115 948 3832.

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- 4** Lunchtime at the Cathedral 2009 - Early Music Recorder Ensemble. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster. Refreshments. No admission charge, donations invited to help cover costs. Further details: 01636 819233.
- 4-6** St Helena's Church, South Scarle Christmas Tree Festival. 10.30am-3.30pm each day. A Display of beautiful and varied trees for Christmas Christmas Craft and Cake Stall Light refreshment served all days Home made soup and rolls served Friday and Saturday. Live music while. Sat 5th- An evening entertainment entitled 'The Tree'. Further details: Judy Muirhead Tel 01636 892409.
- 5-13** Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary Magdalene, Newark. Featuring around 40 trees, all decorated by local schools, groups and organisations. Refreshments, seasonal music and stalls. Open: Sat 5 & 12: 9.30am-5pm; Sun 6 & 13: 11am-4pm; Mon 7: Fri 11-10am-5pm. Further details: 01636 706473 from 9am-4pm (excluding lunchtime) or 01636 611778 from 9am-1pm. Entry: £2 adults; accompanied children are free.
- 6** Christian Aid service 'Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all?' - Carols, music and drama for all, in preparation for Christmas. 3pm, St Peter's Church (next to Marks and Spencer), Nottingham NG1 2NW. Led by Paul Heppleston of the Iona Community, with local school and church choirs, drama and singing for all. Charlotte Marshall of Christian Aid will speak about Bethlehem. Collection in aid of Christian Aid. All welcome! Further details: Mary Anderson manders@christian-aid.org
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Please note that the deadline for the December issue of Nifty Notes is 12th November 2009

Comings and Goings. . . Comings and Goings. . . Comings and Going

The Reverend Michael Payne, Associate Minister in the Benefice of Chenies, Oxford Diocese, to be Priest in Charge Tollerton St Peter, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. The Licensing by the Bishop of Sherwood and Installation by the Archdeacon of Nottingham will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 30 November 2009.

The Reverend Mike Skidmore to retire his post as Associate Priest of St Paul's Carlton-in-the-Willows, St James Porchester and St Mark's Woodthorpe as of 30th September 2009.

The Reverend Jonathan Smithurst, Priest in Charge of Everton and Mattersey with Clayworth and Gringley-on-the-Hill, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham was licensed also as Area Dean of Bassetlaw and Bawtry on 1 October 2009. The Reverend Richard Spray has resigned as Area Dean of Bawtry, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese with effect from 30 September 2009, continuing as Priest in Charge of Blyth and Scrooby with Ranskill.

The Reverend Barbara Neill, Associate Minister of Bestwood Park with Rise Park, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, will resign from her post on her retirement on 15th November 2009.

New Readers licensed at Southwell Minster



Nine new Readers were licensed by the Bishop of Sherwood, The Rt Revd Tony Porter at Southwell Minster on Saturday 10th October 2009.

Christian Ecology Link Conference 2009

'Transition Towns – getting involved'

Saturday 7 November 2009, 11am to 5pm

St Mary's Church, Ottery St Mary, Devon

Speakers: Tim Gorrige (internationally renowned writer and speaker on theology and environmental ethics);

Ben Brangwyn (Transition Town Totnes);

Martyn Goss (Director, Church & Society, Exeter Diocese);

Sara Drew (founder member of Sustainable Ottery);

plus workshops in venues around the town led by Br Sam SSF, Martyn Goss and the Sustainable Ottery group.

Cost: £15 (£10 if booked a month before) to include lunch.

Bus transport will be arranged from Honiton railway station to Ottery St Mary.

Details and booking form:

<http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk/conf2009.htm>

Adoption Information sessions held by Family Care

In partnership with Loughborough-based Coram, Family Care's adoption services team is hosting information sessions in Nottingham during National Adoption Week, which runs from November 9 to 15.

The events are particularly aimed at potential adopters from black and mixed heritage backgrounds but everyone is welcome.

The recruitment events are at **Thomas Helwys Baptist Church, Lenton on Monday, 9 Nov, 10am-12 noon; Portland Leisure Centre, The Meadows on Thursday, 12 Nov, 9.30am-12 noon and at the Acna Centre, St Ann's on the same day, 2pm-4pm.**

Contact: Sue North at Family Care 0115 960 3010.

