

Niftynotes

news & information from the Diocese

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A fresh focus on our ministry among 0-11 year olds

'Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'
Matthew 19:14

At the upcoming Diocesan Conference in October, I look forward to sharing more about our new YoungLIFE initiative. As you will have heard me say many times before, I believe there is nothing better that anyone can do with their life than become a follower of Jesus Christ. It is an amazing privilege and joy to see young lives touched by the love of God. I am expectant for all that the Lord is going to do over the next 12 months as I join Nick Harding and others in a fresh focus on our ministry among 0-11 year olds in parishes across the Diocese. This will include working closely with 21 churches who are seeking to make a step change in their outreach and ministry with children. A step change is a significant shift that affects the whole life of the church. It is going to need all of us to look carefully at how children and



their families are welcomed into our churches and nurtured in their faith – we can all play a part, especially through our prayers.

There is so much great work being done across the Diocese already and this special focus of my ministry over the next year will also be about celebrating this work. I will be taking time between Lent and Pentecost to visit churches and schools to be with children, giving thanks for all those who already serve as committed staff and volunteers teaching and nurturing them.

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Wider Younger Deeper

Summer scheme to feed children in the park

Paul Howard, who is the Partnerships Officer for Older People in the diocese, recognised a need to help people at the other end of the age range – children who were going hungry during the school holidays. Here he tells how a team from St Wilfrid's, Calverton, responded to that need and helped hundreds of children

It was a very good summer this year, a record breaker by all accounts, but it sticks out in my mind because the older people at our church, St Wilfrid's, decided to feed the children of the village. We found out that in what appears to be a well-off corner of England we have over 50 children receiving free school meals and that is just in the infants and junior schools in our village (7,000 population).

What we did not want to do was single these kids out from everyone else, so we took the decision to feed everybody who asked for it.

We had eight volunteers, all but two were retired people. We contacted two churches locally who had a food bank and social eating schemes and asked how we accessed food to make packed lunches; we were delighted when both offered to help, and we received our first load of food from Fareshare.

A word of warning; we received so much food that we had to borrow an upright fridge freezer and a large chest freezer and find room to store all the dry goods. Our system was simple; we met at 11am and made 40 sandwiches; we loaded them into a car at noon, along with drinks, fruit, cake, crisps, and more drinks. We put everything out onto a picnic table then walked around the park telling everybody to help themselves to food and drink.

We ran the scheme for five weeks, from Monday to Friday. On the first day we did get a visit from a local council worker in a van asking if we had permission to be on the park, which we had to admit we did not. The next day a local councillor came to ask what we were doing but after we explained who we were and where we came from and showed our badges and a large Church of England banner they decided we could stay as long as we were not selling anything. Sometimes it is easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask permission.

We had many conversations with parents about why we were feeding everybody and how they could access church activities like Little Wilf's and Messy Church; we were surprised how many people drove to the park and I think there were quite a few people looking for company.

www.growingdisciples.co.uk



Many of the meals we gave out went to the same children and families who with pride told me that they had been there every day. Children spoke of not having any breakfast and others asked if they could take food to their sisters and brothers who were at home. One day it was raining and the volunteers had shoved everything into the car when a very wet nine-year-old banged on the window asking for something to eat. The volunteers got out and served him whereupon his little brother appeared in the rain-drenched bushes shouting can I have some as well.

One of the best quotes came from a ten-year-old girl who told me how she and her brother had

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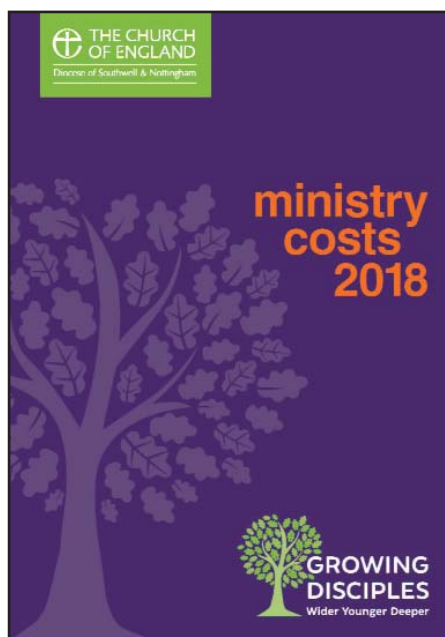
Mission and Money

Around 350 people attended the three ‘Mission and Money Matters’ events held around the diocese in the last week or so.

They heard about changes to the way Parish Share is calculated, explored the idea of Ministry Costs, and considered how we should respond to the generosity of God.

A booklet has been produced which explains some of the ideas discussed – you can download it by clicking the link below:

http://southwell.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/SD_2018MinistryCosts_WEB.pdf



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The YoungLIFE work will culminate in a celebration weekend for children and their families at Pentecost 2019. Our youngest disciples are of great value in the Kingdom of God and there is much we can all do to welcome more children and their families into all that God has for them. Do pray for us as this work gets underway and look out for more information over the coming months!

**With every blessing,
Bishop Paul**

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come every day to see us and it was fantastic how they had made so many new friends because they had all sat down together to eat and talk. It seems to me that Jesus had it right, whenever he did anything, he did it with food.

We made over 1,000 sandwiches, and handed out over 1,100 drinks, 700 packets of crisps, two very large boxes of apples, one box of oranges, and two boxes of bananas.

Check all the sell by dates and don't be tempted to give away out of date food even if there is nothing wrong with it.

We had 15 children who came every day and an overall total of 375 people who ate with us - 333 of these were children and 55 adults.

Many children just wanted a drink and a packet of crisps or a piece of fruit which perhaps enhanced their lunch.

One lady came to tell me that both her and her Mum last year had seen children asking people with picnics in the park for food and they had prayed that something like this would be done.

We were given food from Fareshare via Bestwood Church, and Carlton St Paul's gave us £50 and a load of bread; a local charity, The Jane Pepper Trust, underwrote the event and we spent £153.67p mostly on drinks and crisps.

Sacrista Prebend

A Study Day ‘Faith in Detection’

Saturday 20 October 2018

Alison Milbank will challenge with questions like “Why are there so many detective dramas on television?” and “What deeper mysteries does this genre seek to explore?”

£20

Starts at 9.45am with coffee and ends at 3.45pm with tea; bring your own lunch

To book please contact Sacrista Prebend on 01636 816833

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Opening Minds is listening!

The Revd Clare Tyack, Chair of Opening Minds, the Diocesan Strategy Group for Mental Health, explores the importance of belonging and listening to each other's stories.

Belonging – in a family or group or church – gives us a sense of who we are and, when we are valued and loved, it helps us to know that it matters we are here.

Opening Minds – the strategy group for mental health in the diocese – believes strongly that church should be a place where people with mental health difficulties can find that sense of belonging and be welcomed and included. In the prayer diary for 'Livability', Mat Ray writes: "Every church provides a place of welcome in its local community. They work to create opportunities and spaces where all can belong and journey together."

There are now Mental Health Awareness Guides in over 30 of our churches. They seek to work with the incumbent and Parochial Church Councils to raise awareness of the needs of people with mental health issues and to ensure that they are included in the life of the church. One of the fundamental needs of people with mental health difficulties is to feel that they are heard and understood; that there may be times when they are able to participate in worship and church life and other times when this is just not possible. Each person has



their own unique story to tell. (The guidelines 'How to Share a Story' can be found online at <http://southwell.anglican.org/mission-ministry/seeking-justice/mental-health>).

That's why Opening Minds is focusing on stories. Called 'Your Story... My Story... God's Story', we want to encourage people in the telling of their stories and in our listening. To be heard – to be able to voice our hopes and fears in a safe space – can be transformational. One church, using the Livability course called 'Lifting the Lid', has enabled this sharing and listening to happen. When mental health difficulties impact on people's lives they can feel that they are in a lonely place. Sometimes it seems that people ignore these difficulties, but it may be simply that they have no idea what is going on for them.

Earlier in the year I was invited by a church member in Retford to visit the Idle Valley Nature Reserve near Retford to learn

about the 'Muddy Fork' project. Here people with mental health difficulties and volunteers work on gardening and landscaping projects. Something of their stories can be read online. John wrote: "When I'm having a really bad day the team we have got really know what to say to cheer me back up... Just wanted you to know what this has done for me".

All through the patterns of our lives God's over-arching story reaches out in love to his creation, to us his children, guiding, calling and sustaining. Our stories may be full of questions and doubts – and times of joy as well – but journeying together in faith means listening to God and to one another. Mental Health Awareness Sunday this year – 14th October – is an opportunity to pray especially for people with mental health difficulties, their carers and health workers. There may be someone in your church who would like to share something of their own unique life-journey. Listen to them!

Prayerdiary

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In November we pray for. . .

- Thu 01 Nov** **ALL SAINTS DAY**
SECTOR MINISTRIES: Chaplains in Higher Education: Nottingham University, John Bentham, Megan Smith); Nottingham Trent University (Richard Davey)
 Johannesburg - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Moreo
- Fri 02 Nov** **ALL SOULS DAY**
Lady Bay, All Hallows; Holme Pierrepont, St Edmund (Mark Rodel)
 Jos - (Jos, Nigeria) The Most Revd Benjamin Kwashi
- Sat 03 Nov** **Ruddington, St Peter; St Peter's Primary School (Andrew Buchanan)**
 Juba - (Loryko, South Sudan) Vacant
 Assistant Bishop of Juba - (Loryko, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Fraser Elias
- Sun 04 Nov** **All Saints Day - Today we give thanks for those who inspire us in our faith. We give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith 'in all virtuous and Godly living'. In our parishes, churches and institutions we give thanks for the example of our Patron Saints and those whose Godly living sustained the ministry of these places in the generations before us**
 Colombo - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Canagasabey
 Kurunegala - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando
Church of Norway: Diocese of Agder and Telemark, Bishop Stein Reinertsen
- Mon 05 Nov** **Normanton-on-Soar, St James; Sutton Bonington, St Anne; Sutton Bonington St Michael (Michael Brock)**
 Kabba - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Steven Akobe
- Tue 06 Nov** **West Bridgford, St Giles (Lee Proudlove, Tim Chambers)**
 Kadugli & Nuba Mountains - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Andudu Elnail
 Assistant Bishop of Kadugli & Nuba Mountains - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Osman
- Wed 07 Nov** **Wilford, St Wilfrid (Phil Marsh)**
 Kaduna - (Kaduna, Nigeria) Vacant
 Kafanchan - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Marcus Dogo
- Thu 08 Nov** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Staff at the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham and the Bishop of Sherwood's Office**
 Kagera - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Aaron Kijanjali
 Biharamulo - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Vithalis Yusuph



In November we pray for. . .

- Fri 09 Nov** **Wilford Hill, St Paul (Vacant: Area Dean: Bronwen Gamble, Lay Chair: Stephen Gelsthorpe; Clergy: Andrew Stewart; Churchwardens: Charles George, David Parker)**
Kajiado - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Gadiel Lenini
- Sat 10 Nov** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Regional Chaplain for South & East Region RAF, ATC Wing Chaplain (Peter Hooper)**
Kajo Keji - (Loryko, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Murye
- Sun 11 Nov** **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - This day we pause to remember those who sacrificed so much so that we might live in freedom. We continue to pray for the peace of the world and that those in leadership may look to the interests of all as they seek to serve the common good**
PRAY for Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba
Cuba - (Cuba) The Rt Revd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Luleå, Bishop Åsa Nyström
- Mon 12 Nov** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Bishop's Adviser in Pastoral Care and Counselling (Amanda Thomas)**
Kamango - (Congo) The Rt Revd Sabiti Daniel
- Tue 13 Nov** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Staff at Minster Office**
The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala
Assistant Bishop of Kampala - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Hannington Mutebi
- Wed 14 Nov** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Nottinghamshire Constabulary (David Henson)**
Kano - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Zakka Nyam
- Thu 15 Nov** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: East Midlands Ambulance Service (Kevin Charles, Jon Shaw)**
Kanyakumari - (South India) Vacant
Karimnagar - (South India) The Rt Revd Reuben Mark
- Fri 16 Nov** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue (Vacant)**
Kapsabet - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Paul Korir
- Sat 17 Nov** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Mothers' Union (Robert Breckles, Pat Chapman)**
Karachi - (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Sadiq Daniel
- Sun 18 Nov** **Second Sunday before Advent - In this Kingdom Season we are encouraged to recall those things that point to the wonders of the Divine in our midst. The Church is called to point towards the things of the Kingdom and to encourage people to see the signs of God's activity in the world. We pray for one another today that we may truly fulfil our calling to be Kingdom people**
PRAY for Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)
Bermuda - (Bermuda) The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church: Archbishop Urmas Viilma, Bishop Einar Soone, Bishop Tiit Salumäe, Bishop Joel Luhamets, Bishop Andres Taul
- Mon 19 Nov** **Today we pray for Morgan Smith (Ministry of Sport) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**

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Karnataka Central - (South India) The Rt Revd Prasana Samuel

- Tue 20 Nov** **Today we pray for Dave Barlow (Nottingham St Nic's) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Karnataka North - (South India) The Rt Revd Ravikumar Nirranjan
- Wed 21 Nov** **Today we pray for David Riggs (Aspley Benefice) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Karnataka South - (South India) The Rt Revd Mohan Manoraj
- Thu 22 Nov** **Today we pray for Lois Carter (Trinity Church, Nottingham) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Kasai - Mbujimayi - (Congo) Vacant
- Fri 23 Nov** **Today we pray for Anna Welfield (Trinity Church, Nottingham) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Kericho - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Ernest Ng'eno
- Sat 24 Nov** **Today we pray for Emily McDonald (Chilwell with Inham Nook Benefice) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Katakwa - (Kenya) The Rt Revd John Omuse
- Sun 25 Nov** **Christ the King - Today we bring to a close the Church's year and we celebrate the Universal Kingship of Jesus Christ. We remind ourselves that in a world that can often seem so uncertain, Jesus has won the victory over sin through the Cross and we have the promise of his glory before us. We pray today for all those situations in our world where this message most urgently needs to be heard today**
PRAY for The Lusitanian Church (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
Lusitanian Church - (Portugal) The Rt Revd José De Pina Cabral
- Mon 26 Nov** **Today we pray for Charis Hart (Woodthorpe Benefice) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Katanga - (Congo) The Rt Revd Bertin Subi
Assistant Bishop of Katanga - (Congo) The Rt Revd Lawrence Tendwa
- Tue 27 Nov** **Today we pray for Laura Jowett (Nottingham St Nic's Operations) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Katsina - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jonathan Bamaiyi
- Wed 28 Nov** **Today we pray for Charlotte Green (The Potting Shed Church) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Kebbi - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Most Revd Edmund Akanya
- Thu 29 Nov** **Today we pray for Laurie Woodgate (West Bridgford Benefice) who is part of the diocesan intern programme for 2018/19**
Keewatin - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Revd David Ashdown
- Fri 30 Nov** **ST ANDREW'S DAY**
We pray for the leadership of the Younger Leader College (Beth Yearsley, Ruth Lee, Liz Stratton)
Kentucky - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Terry White

World links news - Burundi

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God's faithfulness – past, present and future

Rosemary Cottingham (St Mark's, Woodthorpe), Helen Catchpole (St James', Porchester), and Jane Haywood (Hucknall Team Ministry) attended the 70th Anniversary celebrations of Mothers' Union in Burundi in August. They also visited MU projects in Buye Diocese in N. Burundi; a diocese that is linked with MU Southwell and Nottingham through the Wave of Prayer. Each of their parishes has links with Burundi and the visit was an opportunity to strengthen connections and friendships.

Rosemary writes: God's faithfulness is very evident in the life of the Anglican Church of Burundi. The giving of wooden crosses from the MU in this diocese to each MU Diocesan President was a reminder of some words from Hebrews 13: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever".

Yesterday.... From simple beginnings in 1948 Mothers' Union members have given faithful, dedicated service that has seen women empowered and families and communities transformed. The challenges over the years have been many and great but their faith in God has remained strong.

Today..... A newly built Cathedral for the Diocese of Rumonge is consecrated; a small



Left: the distribution of medical cards in Buye diocese
Below: the consecration of the new cathedral in Rumonge diocese

congregation in a very poor area of the capital, Bujumbura is preparing to build a church to serve the local community; a MU literacy circle is tackling illiteracy and challenging gender-based violence; income-generating projects are bringing families out of poverty and enabling children to go to school; milk is provided for malnourished infants; the elderly are helped with medical bills. God's Kingdom continues to expand as people's lives are transformed by the Gospel.

Forever..... Whatever the future for this small, landlocked country in the Great Lakes Region of Africa, the Church presses on with vision and determination. At the end of the MU 70th anniversary celebrations Archbishop Martin Nyaboho, assisted by Mrs. Lynne Tembey, the Worldwide Mothers' Union President, undertook a "breaking of the ground" ceremony where a Mothers' Union Centre will eventually be built; a sign of



commitment to future generations, to the Church, and to the country.

For the three of us, we were humbled and challenged by the commitment to prayer and worship, the love and care expressed when life is harsh and poverty unyielding, the joy and exuberance, the hospitality and thankfulness, and the faith that puts a hand in the hand of a God who has been, is and will be faithful.

For further details about the Burundi link contact: the Ven Sarah Clark, email: archd-nottm@southwell.anglican.org

HOLY TRINITY SOUTHWELL

You are invited to join us for

A teaching afternoon

with the Revd Ian Paul

Saturday, 13th October 2.00pm—5.30pm

Making Sense of the Book of Revelation



Ian Paul is a first rate theologian and teacher who possesses the rare combination of a razor sharp and insightful mind along with an engaging communication style which helps a wide range of people engage with the Bible.

Ian is Associate Minister at St. Nic's Nottingham, Dean of Studies at St. John's College, Nottm, Speaker at New Wine, member of General Synod, Author (his most recent publication is the Tyndale New Testament Commentary on Revelation) and Academic Consultant, Adjunct Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary. His award winning blog is Psephizo

What's On

Items to be included in What's On for Nifty Notes should be sent to Nicola Mellors at nicola@southwell.anglican.org

in October

- 6** Saltmine Theatre Company presents 'Chosen'- The story of The Mothers' Union. Mothers' Union Members across the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, in conjunction with historic Southwell Minster and Saltmine Theatre Company, invite you to walk in the footsteps of founder Mary Sumner. 2.30pm, Southwell Minster. Everyone welcome.
- 6** St James, Normanton on Soar: to celebrate the renovation of the 120-year-old Alfred Kirkland pipe organ, a free organ recital by Paul Hale, International Organist and Emeritus Cathedral Organist & Rector Chori of Southwell Minster. Wine and canapés at 7 pm, Concert at 7:30.
- 11** Dr Peter Carter, former Chief Executive of the Royal College of Nursing, will present an illustrated talk on: 'Saint Agatha's legacy: the nursing crisis in the NHS' at All Saints, Hawton, 7pm. Tickets £10 (from RST Music, Cartergate, Newark or entry at door) wine and light refreshments included. All proceeds to Tower and Bell Restoration Fund.
- 13** A teaching afternoon with the Revd Ian Paul 'Making Sense of the Book of Revelation'. 2pm—5.30pm, Holy Trinity, Southwell.
- 18** Professor Julian Evans, formerly the Forestry Commission's Chief Research Officer, will present an illustrated talk on: 'God's Trees' at All Saints, Hawton, 7pm. Tickets £10 (from RST Music, Cartergate, Newark or entry at the door) wine and light refreshments included. All proceeds to Tower and Bell Restoration Fund.
- 18** Engage@7 at Christ Church Chilwell: Is capitalism broken? 7pm. The Rt Rev Mike Hill: presentation, discussion, Q & A. Further details: Christ Church Chilwell Parish Office, 01159222809, email: kathryn@christchurchchilwell.org.uk
- 21** Engage@7 at Christ Church Chilwell: "Looking's OK, right?" The problem of pornography. 7pm. Dr Adrian Chatfield: presentation, discussion, Q & A. Further details: Christ Church Chilwell Parish Office, 01159222809, email: kathryn@christchurchchilwell.org.uk
- 31** St Mary's, Plumtree Light Party - 6-8pm, The Burnside Hall, Church Hill, Plumtree NG12 5ND. All children aged 5-11 welcome with parent/ caregiver. Games, food, crafts, songs, fun. No charge but booking essential: Contact Jackie Clark 0115 937 4915, or Tony Darby 0115 37 5476.

More Than Welcome training

This course will train your church to respond to the challenge of disability. Whether it's members of the youth group who have autism, older people with sight or hearing loss, people with learning disabilities or families struggling to care for a relative with dementia, every church has members affected by disability.

More than Welcome is for those who want to think about what it takes to support the full participation of disabled people at their church, as well as getting practical support, inspiration and guidance on how to understand the needs of disabled people in their congregation.

Thursday, 22 November 2018
9.30am-3.30pm at St John's

Parish Church, Canal Street, Long Eaton NG10 4NL.
Tickets: £20 including refreshments and a light lunch available from Eventbrite.

For further information contact: Mat Ray:
mray@livability.org.uk
Jennifer Rowlands:
jrowlands@livability.org.uk

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St.Mary's Plumtree

www.plumtree.church

You're invited...



Light Party

at

The Burnside Hall, Church Hill, Plumtree

NG12 5ND

On Wednesday, 31st October 2018

from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

All children aged 5 - 11 welcome
with parent / caregiver

GAMES FOOD CRAFTS SONGS FUN

No charge, but booking essential
Contact Jackie Clark - 0115 9374915
or Tony Darby - 0115 9375476

Please note the deadline for the NOVEMBER 2018 issue of Nifty Notes
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The Revd Jacqueline Lesley McKenna, Lead Chaplain and Bereavement Care Manager at Bassetlaw District General Hospital in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Priest-in-charge of Blyth and Scrooby with Ranskill in the same Diocese. Subject to the usual legalities. Licensing date to be announced

Correction

The Revd Cora Lynette Yarrien at present Assistant Curate at St Paul's, Daybrook in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Team Vicar (Incumbent Designate), in the West of Retford Benefice also in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham

Correction

The Revd Canon Edana Bronwen Gamble at present Rector of the Benefice of Wiverton in the Vale and Area Dean of East Bingham in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, to be Team Vicar (Incumbent Designate), in the Retford Area Team Ministry, in the said Diocese.

The Revd Alice Wiliemhina (Mina) Munns at present Assistant Curate at St Helen, Selston with St Mary, Westwood in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be Priest-in-Charge and Pioneer Minister of St Bartholomew, Cresswell and St Aidan Lynemouth in the Diocese of Newcastle. Licensing date: 7.30pm on Monday 19th November 2018.

Another Sleepless Night

Bishop Tony Porter will be taking part in the third CEO Sleepout at Meadow Lane on Thursday 11th October.

He will be joined by business and community leaders, along with Notts County FC Chairman Alan Hardy, sleeping at the side of the pitch to raise money for the homeless.

Last year the event, staged with the support of Notts County Football in the Community, raised more than £80,000 to help local homelessness charities. That was a massive increase of the first sleepout which raised £46,000.

CEO Sleepout is a charity set up to fight homelessness and poverty. It raises money by encouraging executives to sleep out for one night and to raise sponsorship from business contacts and friends.

Bishop Tony, whose supporters generously raised over £1,000 last year, said: "So why go through a



cold, wet sleepless night again?

In Gavin Featherstone's recent book 'Hockey in the Blood', I was not the only ex-hockey international to have a chapter devoted to me. Also included was the brilliant hockey player Roly Brookeman, now 67, who won 98 caps for England and Great Britain.

"In a soul destroying turn of fortune, he is now living on the streets in Canterbury after his life spiraled out of control following the breakdown of his marriage.

"Homelessness has no favourites, but those of us fortunate to sleep in a warm bed at night cannot look the other way. The CEO

Sleepout raises much needed cash for local charities that care for the homeless – it's the least we can do, with a thankful heart."

If you would like to sponsor Bishop Tony visit his JustGiving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bishop-of-sherwood1>
 Proceeds from the sleepout will go to The Friary, West Bridgford, and Emmanuel House, Nottingham.

To find out more about the CEO Sleepout, click here
<https://www.ceosleepoutuk.com/nottingham/>