

Niftynotes

news & information from the Diocese

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#FollowTheStar this Christmas

The Church of England has launched its campaign for Christmas 2018, and it's called #FollowTheStar.

A range of resources for churches, families and schools have been provided to help people celebrate the season and to share the good news of Jesus' birth.

The main aim of #FollowTheStar is to encourage people into a local church service or event. Here are five ways in which your church can get involved:

Order a booklet called A Journey Through the 12 Days of Christmas. It has been written by The Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley and features a welcome from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The booklets are available individually and in bulk-savings packs for congregations and visitors.

Download and buy posters, logos and other resources. In addition, digital resources can be found on the CofE website.

Update your church page on A Church Near You!



The site receives more than 10 million page views each year and 50% more services and events were listed last year than the year before. Make sure services are tagged with 'FollowTheStar' as well as 'Christmas', 'mince pies', 'mulled wine', 'Advent' and 'Christmas carols' as appropriate.

Be a 'star church' by displaying stars prominently. The bigger and more visible the better. If possible, illuminate at night and share a photo on social media on Friday 21st December to be part of the 'Night of the Stars'. More details will follow on this.

Share Christmas videos and social media posts through church accounts, especially an interactive family Advent calendar that is being produced.

The campaign is the result of collaboration across Church House, Lambeth Palace, Bishopthorpe Palace, diocesan

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Building friendships in the barn

Having met initially in a marquee in the paddock behind the home of Pioneer Minister, the Revd Alison Jones', the Potting Shed Church now have the use of a large barn near Caunton, which was offered by a local farmer.

The barn is very rustic with hay bales forming a stage, and café style tables and chairs; there is plenty of space on Sundays for family activities, worship and teaching with the ethos 'We are Church' . . . and Alison adds that events which aren't services - providing the opportunity to invite people - have brought 'so much joy and fun'.

Such an event was their anniversary celebration hog roast and barn dance in the barn on 7th September which was also a fund-raiser for Keframa School in Uganda. A drumming workshop, Father's Day, World Cup Day and Family Fun Day have also been resounding successes.

The Potting Shed Church have trialled three sessions of a pre-school group over the summer from May to July for carers, mums etc from 9.30am to 11am, called Little Seedlings. "It's not just toys and coffee," explains Alison. "There's a weekly theme based around a Bible story. We want to love and care for mums and carers. We're now running them fortnightly and it's a real success. These aren't church goers – we are serving the



community and helping to build friendships - and we hope they will come to a service at some point. We may also run a parenting course.

"God is very much in this project. It's such an improbable thing: a barn in the middle of nowhere. It's based on word of mouth, building relationships, meeting people where they are and responding accordingly."

The age range is from one to 88 and as a rural church that's very

unusual; nearly a third of the congregation are children.

"It's hard to share what's happening in people's lives; we can't see it but there is deep stuff going on and God is definitely at work.. but it takes time and nurturing to bear fruit."



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New ACNY website could save time and money

Phase two of the website A Church Near You has been launched and now includes news and notices sections, page analytics and the ability to switch domains so churches can use their ACNY pages as their main website.

Churches looking to update their website are advised to check out the latest version of ACNY – it could save them time and money.

All ACNY editors should now have details of the latest updates. There are a number of reasons why churches should be keeping their A Church Near You page up to date:

- The site receives around 10 million page views a year with 50% more traffic in December 2017 compared to December 2016
- Many of these visitors are coming to ACNY for the first time, 82% in fact. A lot of the enquiries churches receive through the site are for weddings and christenings
- People regularly visit A Church Near You first as it often appears top in search results
- A Church Near You is free to use and by using it as your website you can free up money for other church projects
- The site meets modern security and accessibility standards, saving churches lots of time and resource
- There are plans to regularly add new features and functionality
- By using tags provided, you are highlighting the good work of your church nationally.

If your church hasn't filled in its A Church Near You page yet, you can find out how to do it at the helpdesk:

<https://achurchnearyou.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

To find out what ACNY could do for you, go to:

www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-england-digital-labs/labs-learning/why-your-church-should-be-using-church

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communicators and members of General Synod. The hope and prayer is that #FollowTheStar will help people across the country to take the life-changing Christmas journey this year.

For more information, resources and a presentation on

#FollowTheStar go to:

<http://southwell.anglican.org/followthestar-this-christmas/>

Bishop spends night outdoors to help the homeless

Bishop Tony Porter spent a cold and wet October night sleeping outdoors to raise money for the homeless as part of the CEO Sleepout at Meadow Lane.

He was joined by other bosses and community leaders who were sponsored to sleep out and together and raised more than £43,000 through sponsorship to support Notts-based charities Emmanuel House and The Friary.

Bishop Tony, whose generous supporters have so far raised over £2,000, said: "This is the third time I have spent a horrible night in the cold but I cannot just walk by on the other side when there are people in Nottingham who are enduring this every night."

CEO Sleepout is a charity set up to fight homelessness and poverty; it encourages people from business communities in cities across the country to sleep out and raise money from their contacts.

Hot food was provided by the Eden Softplay enterprise which is based at St Saviour's Church in The Meadows, Nottingham.



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Resources available to fight modern slavery



The Clewer Initiative, the Church's campaign to end modern slavery, urged people to get involved with Anti Slavery Day on Thursday 18th October.

Locally, working in partnership, the Diocese, Salvation Army, Police Commissioner/ PCC, University of Nottingham and Nottingham Citizens hosted a business engagement event on the 18th at 6.30 pm in The Council House, with speaker Shayne Tyler.

Clewer have put together a range of activities and resources that people can use to fight the scourge of slavery – go to www.theclewerinitiative.org to get involved and find resources.

The work and profile of combatting Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking continues to grow locally and nationally (with significant increase in successful prosecutions) through different partnerships the Diocese is involved with.

For example, the safe car wash app was launched earlier this

year. There have been over 7,000 downloads leading to almost 1,900 reports. As a result, the modern slavery helpline has opened 11 cases, featuring 69 potential victims.

If you want to download the app you can find it in the App Store or Google play. Then, when you are having your car washed, use the app to complete a short survey about the working conditions at the car wash. If there is a high likelihood that modern slavery is occurring you will be asked to report your concerns anonymously to the Modern Slavery Helpline.

Partnerships Officer Liam O'Boyle is working with the Salvation Army locally on a community project for survivors and they have linked up with the Survivor Alliance <https://survivoralliance.org/about/>

The Survivor Alliance, a not-for-profit organisation that helps survivors of slavery, has been developed in partnership with The University of Nottingham's Rights Lab.

There is a great opportunity to offer practical help by donating items for gift bags for survivors.

The Survivor Alliance are looking for any of the following:

- Visa gift vouchers that can be spent anywhere
- Grocery vouchers
- Toy vouchers (kids vary in age from 8 - 16, all genders)
- Scarves and/or warm hats
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Biscuits or other baked goods that will last 2 weeks
- Umbrella
- Warm socks
- Flask/thermos for keeping drinks warm
- Boots vouchers for toiletries
- SIM card top-ups

If you can help or want to find out more please contact:

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Partnerships Officer
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Prayerdiary

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In December we pray for. . .

- Sat 01 Dec** **BASSETLAW & BAWTRY DEANERY (Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland; Lay Chair: Rick Brand; Associate Priests: Tim Pownall Jones, Irene Tissington)**
 Kibondo - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sospeter Ndenza
 Kiteto - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Isaiah Chambala
- Sun 02 Dec** **ADVENT Sunday: Today we begin a new Church Year. We give thanks for all that has been and what shall be. We commit to the Lord our Advent Pledges for how we will see to assist Disciples to Grow Wider, Younger and Deeper across our diocese. Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. Amen**
 PRAY for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Porvoo, Bishop Björn Vikström
- Mon 03 Dec** **Austerfield, St Helena; Bawtry, St Nicholas; Misson, St John the Baptist; Everton, Holy Trinity; Mattersey, All Saints (Jonathan Strickland, Becky Hancock)**
 Kibungo - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ntazinda
 Kigeme - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Assiel Musabyimana
- Tue 04 Dec** **Beckingham, All Saints; Walkeringham, St Mary Magdalene; Misterton, All Saints; West Stockwith, St Mary the Blessed Virgin; Clayworth, St Peter; Gringley-on-the-Hill, St Peter & St Paul (David Henson)**
 Kigezi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Bagamuhunda
- Wed 05 Dec** **Blyth, St Mary & St Martin; St Mary & St Martin's Church School; Ranskill, St Barnabas; Scrooby, St Wilfrid (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Strickland; Lay Chair: Rick Brand; Churchwardens: Andrew Buchanan; Graham Robinson; David Stacey, David Hill, Gordon Ashworth, Maurice Clapham)**
 Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield
- Thu 06 Dec** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: University Hospitals NHS Trust – Queens Medical Centre (Julian Hemstock, Gail Spencer)**
 Kimberley & Kuruman - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Oswald Swartz
- Fri 07 Dec** **Carlton-in-Lindrick, St John the Evangelist; Langold, St Luke; Oldcotes, St Mark (Mark Orr)**
 Kinkiizi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka
- Sat 08 Dec** **Harworth, All Saints (Nicky Skipworth)**
 Kinshasa - (Congo) The Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu



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- Sun 09 Dec** **The work of Sacrista Prebend and its staff (Tony Evans)**
 PRAY for Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)
 Falkland Islands (Parish of) - (Canterbury, Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton
- Mon 10 Dec** **Holbeck, St Winifred; Norton Cuckney, St Mary (David Gough, Richard Hanford)**
 Kirinyaga - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kibichwa
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland: Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen
- Tue 11 Dec** **Retford Area Team Ministry: Babworth, All Saints; Ranby, St Martin; Scofton with Osberton, St John, Sutton-cum-Lound, St Bartholomew (Cora Yarrien)**
 Kisangani - (Congo) The Rt Revd Lambert Botolome
 Nord Kivu - (Congo) The Rt Revd Muhindo Isesomo
- Wed 12 Dec** **Clarborough, St John the Baptist; Hayton, St Peter; North Wheatley, St Peter & St Paul, with West Burton; Bole, St Martin with Saundby; Sturton, St Peter & St Paul; with Littleborough, North Leverton, St Martin; South Leverton, All Saints (Mark Cantrill)**
 Kita Kanto - (Japan) The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Hirota
- Thu 13 Dec** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: University Hospitals NHS Trust – Queens Medical Centre (Julian Hemstock, Gail Spencer, Lynn Raynor)**
 Kitale - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis
 Suffragan Bishop of Kitale - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Samson Tuliapus
- Fri 14 Dec** **East Drayton, St Peter with Dunham-on-Trent, Darlton, Ragnall, Fledborough (Bronwen Gamble)**
 Kitgum - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Wilson Kitara
- Sat 15 Dec** **East Markham, St John the Baptist; Askham, St Nicholas; Headon, St Peter, with Upton; Grove, St Helen (Bronwen Gamble)**
 Kitui - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Josephat Mule
- Sun 16 Dec** **Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Amanda Lees)**
 Kivu - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana
- Mon 17 Dec** **Elkesley, St Giles; Bothamsall, Our Lady and St Peter; Eaton & Gamston, All Saints'; West Drayton, St Paul's (Cora Yarrien)**
 Kobe - (Japan) The Rt Revd Augustine Kobayashi
Church of Norway: Diocese of Borg, Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt
- Tue 18 Dec** **Rampton, All Saints; Laneham, St Peter; Treswell, St John the Baptist, with Cottam; Stokeham, St Peter (Peter Sheasby, Bronwen Gamble)**
 Koforidua - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Revd Felix Annancy
- Wed 19 Dec** **Ordsall, All Hallows; (Sue Caddy) Kollam - Kottarakkara - (South India) The Rt Revd Dr Oommen George**
 Krishna-Godavari - (South India) The Rt Revd George Tantepudi
- Thu 20 Dec** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Chief Executive for the Diocese, Nigel Spraggins and the executive staff**
 Kondo - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Given Gaula

In December we pray for. . .

- Fri 21 Dec** **Retford, St Saviour; East Retford, St Swithun; West Retford, St Michael the Archangel (Ben Clayton, Sue Caddy, Kate Bottley, Churchwardens John Coates, Heather Paxman)**
Kongor - (Upper Nile, South Sudan) The Rt Revd Gabriel Agot
- Sat 22 Dec** **Workshop Christ Church; Shireoaks, St Luke (Luiz Lima)**
Kontagora - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim
- Sun 23 Dec** **Sisters of the Community of the Holy Cross, Costock**
Kubwa - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko
- Mon 24 Dec** **Christmas Eve: As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, we pray for ourselves that we might invite Him to be born again in us as we Grow as Disciples**
Kuching - (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Danald Jute
Kuching - (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Nelson Bulang
Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Ole Christian Kvarme
- Tue 25 Dec** **Christmas Day - The greatest birth in history is celebrated today. We pray for all Christians across the world with whom we have links as the Saviour of the world is acclaimed. O Come Let us Adore Him!**
Kumi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Edison Irigei
- Wed 26 Dec** **St Stephen: Today we recall the first Christian martyr. Someone will lose their life today because they proclaim Christ. In the midst of celebrations take a moment today to reflect upon this and pray for those who do not count the cost in being a sacrificial offering**
Kushtia - (Bangladesh) The Rt Revd Samuel Mankhin
- Thu 27 Dec** **St John: 'The Word was made Flesh and Dwelt Among Us'. With these words John acclaims the Incarnation of God and Man. Today we are thankful for John's gift and for all evangelists in the Church**
Kutigi - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jeremiah Kolo
Kwara - (Kwara, Nigeria) The Most Revd Olusegun Adeyemi
- Fri 28 Dec** **Holy Innocents: This sombre commemoration of the death of the young is a sharp counterpoint to the celebration of new birth. Please pray today for those who are innocent victims of aggression**
Kwoi - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Paul Zamani
- Sat 29 Dec** **St Thomas Becket: Today we commemorate another martyr. We give thanks for Thomas's gift of faith and pray for Justin, his successor.**
Kyoto - (Japan) The Rt Revd Stephen Kochi
- Sun 30 Dec** **The first 'quiet day' of the week, with no feast day. Take a few minutes today to be thankful for things that can be celebrated from the last week. We remember those who have not been able to see family and friends as they have been caring for others and serving in the emergency services**
Kyushu - (Japan) The Rt Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto
- Mon 31 Dec** **John Wyclif: Today we recall the life of one of the churches great reformers. We thank God for the vision we have to Grow Disciples and for the year ahead as we seek to introduce new people to Jesus Christ as our Lord**
Lafia - (Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godwin Robinson

World links news - Holy Land

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Retreatants see how the Diocese of Jerusalem conveys the Christian message

A group from Southwell & Nottingham have been on retreat in the Holy Land. David Lane, Holy Land link contact outlines highlights of the visit.

During the retreat the group spent an hour each day in prayer and reflection, including the retreatants' personal take away from each day reflecting on an incident, story or encounter, incorporating theological and spiritual guiding principles and practices.

Having returned home retreatants are each compiling short papers integrating pre-retreat expectations, knowledge, signs of personal transformation and commitments. The papers will be used to write a final report to be shared with both diocesan bishops and partnership committees. It is hoped, too, that the retreatants will present within deaneries.

After the first day (See August issue of Nifty Notes) the group visited Jerusalem, experiencing the check-point at Kalandia. At the Princess Basma Centre on the Mount of Olives, which provides comprehensive rehabilitation for children with disabilities and treats children with cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, head injuries, osteoporosis,

neuromuscular diseases, burns learning difficulties/disabilities ADHD, the group heard of its ministry and its limitations.

The day continued with visits to the Mount of Olives and Stations of the Cross on the Via Delarosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. At Christ Anglican Church in the Old City the group heard of CMJ's mission in the Holy Land, both past and present. At St George's Cathedral, the group met with Archbishop Suheil Dawani and later with Dean Hosam Naoum to learn of the ministry of St George's Cathedral.

In Bethlehem the group heard from Revd Dr Munther Ishaq on the future of Christianity in the Holy Land before visiting the Aida Refugee Camp. At Beit Sahour (Shepherd's Field) Jeries Khoury spoke about settlements as an obstacle to peace and a challenge for the two-state solution.

After visiting churches in Tiberius the group spent the rest of the day with Fr Fuad Dagher in Shefa Amre looking at ministry in Galilee, its challenges and potentials. From overnight by the Sea of Galilee the group spent a full day in Nazareth with Fr Nael Abu Rahmoun considering

challenges facing the youth, Fr Samuel Barhoum studying church schools in Israel and their problems and Fr Hanna Daleh the difficulties facing clergy and their families in Israel/Palestine.

Sunday was spent worshipping with different communities in the West Bank, enjoying some free time and savouring a traditional Palestinian-Jordanian dinner. The next day was equally hectic visiting Jacobs Well in Nablus, as well as St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Mount Gerizim and the Samaritan Museum with a presentation on the Samaritan Community from the High Priest. At St. Luke's Hospital the group heard from Dr Walid Kerreh on the ministry of healing before setting off to Zababdeh to visit the Penman Clinic, meet with Fr Salim Dawani, question St. Matthew's Youth Group and have dinner with St. Matthew's Community.

On the final day the group visited the Arafat Museum before meeting for two hours of reflections, suggestions and possibilities for the future of partnerships.

- Read the first-hand account of the retreat at <https://holylandvisit.wordpress.com/>

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Trying to make sense of the End of the World:

How should we respond to forecasts of the end of the world and a coming apocalypse? Will there be a ‘tribulation’ and a ‘rapture’? And what does the Bible really say about the end of the world and the return of Jesus?

These questions keep swirling around—but it is not always easy to find sensible answers.

A study morning led by the Revd Dr Ian Paul, will look at the teaching of Jesus, Paul and others in the New Testament to see what they really thought, including:

- What did people believe in New Testament times?
- How did Jesus teaching change that?
- How do we make sense of difficult passages, like Mark 13, Matt 24 and 1 Thess 4?
- What are the ‘rapture’ and the ‘tribulation’ and are they in the Bible?
- What is the meaning of the millennium?
- How is the modern State of Israel connected with the NT?



- How should we respond to predictions of Jesus’ return?

It turns out that expectation of ‘the end’ was important to the first followers of Jesus—but in ways very different from what might be found in the latest Hollywood blockbuster.

As Advent approaches, with its exploration of the theme of Christian hope, this is a great time to sort out the understanding of this important New Testament idea.

The study morning runs at Christ Church, Chilwell from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 10th November, with coffee available from 9.30am.

Tickets are available at £9.50 per head for the morning including refreshments; click <https://goo.gl/xr83ZZ> to start ordering.

Church Repair, Renovation & Restoration grants

Had a quinquennial recently?

Need serious repairs to your church roof, tower, stonework, fenestration, heating etc?

The Alexander and Caroline Simmons Trust, based in Southwell, may be able to help, giving grants to churches in this Diocese for over 60 years. Why not talk through the funding options with Tony Brown, the Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan funding advisor, who may suggest that you fill out a simple one page application to the Trust.

This can be found here - <http://southwell.anglican.org/church-life/churches/grants/>

Even if you are successful, you may not receive all the money you need but it will encourage others funders to come on board.

If there is anything you don’t understand about the form, please contact Katie Senior, Clerk to the Trustees katieesenior@hotmail.com or Tony Brown: tonybrown@southwell.anglican.org tel: 01636 817239

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 November

- 3** All Saint's Annesley WW1 Exhibition & Flower Festival – free entry. 10am-3pm. Refreshments available in the church hall.
- 3** An Evening of Music (popular songs from opera and music from around the world). Fundraising concert for Women of Faith Nottingham (people seeking sanctuary from persecution). Featuring Il Canto - Martin Vindelis (Tenor) and Cathryn Vindelis (Messo Soprano) with the Women of Faith Nottingham. 5pm, All Saints Church, Nottingham NG7 4DP. Free admission. More details: Courtney Smith 07530 194394; Salani Mutseyami 07448 730581; Dianne Skerritt 07889 782640.
- 3** Winter Craft Fair - 10am-4pm, Southwell Minster. 50+ stall holders, hand made gifts, jewellery, pottery, candles, glass art, handbags, ceramics, textiles and more. Entry £3 suggested donation.
- 4** Keeping the human in the loop: Artificial Intelligence, machine learning and human flourishing. What is AI and how might it affect our lives, both now and in the future? A Talk by Marion Oswald, the founder and director of the Centre for Information rights and a Senior Fellow in Law at the University of Winchester. 5pm, State Chamber, Archbishop's Palace. Free admission, includes Q&A session.
- 10** Mansfield & District Male Voice Choir present 'Aspire' together with The Boots Orchestra and The Singers. 7.30pm, St John's Church Mansfield. Tickets £10 from: Church Office: 01623 642338; M&DMVC - Eileen Lawrence: 01623 455373; The Singers - Meryl Chambers: 01623 554824; The Boots Orchestra - Anne Hicks: 01159 264594 and online at www.mansfieldmvc.co.uk
- 10** All Saint's Annesley WW1 Exhibition & Flower Festival - £5 Commemoration Tea – 4-6pm. Limited tickets due to available space, please see Rosemary, Catherine or Jean. Reflections in Church, a short service with time for contemplation - 6:15pm. Refreshments available.
- 10** Music at St Peter's Nottingham 'Coffee Break Concerts' Autumn 2018. The String Fellowes - as well as repertoire suitable for this Remembrance weekend, the performance will include Mendelssohn's fabulous Octet. Starts at 11am and lasts for one hour. Coffee and biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation.
- 10** Concert for Peace at the Centenary of the end of the World War. Sinfonia Chorale with the Helix Ensemble. Conductor: Richard Roddis. Programme to include: Finzi Requiem da Camera; Vaughan Williams Reconciliation from "Dona Nobis Pacem"; Butterworth Banks of Green Willow; Songs from "A Shropshire Lad": Soloist: Mike Dewis: "Baritone. 7.30pm, St Giles's Church, West Bridgford NG2 6AY. Tickets £15 (centre), £12 (side aisles) £5 students. Available from: Sandra Wakefield 0115 9606236 or www.sinfoniachorale.uk
- 11** All Saint's Annesley WW1 Exhibition & Flower Festival - Remembrance Service – 10:45am Laying of Poppy Wreaths. Refreshments available in the church hall.
- 11** Service at All Saints, Stanton on the Wolds to Commemorate Ending of the 1st World War. 6pm Service, 6.45pm laying of wreaths and crosses by the War Memorial, 6.55pm playing of the Last Post, 7pm lighting of the Beacon, 7.05pm ringing of the church bell. Afterwards singing 1st World War tunes with the St Cecilia Singers, followed by refreshments.
- 15** Music at St Peter's Nottingham 'Coffee Break Concerts' Autumn 2018. Nottingham Bach Choir annual concert of music and readings for Christmas. Starts at 11am and lasts for one

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- 17 hour. Coffee and biscuits from 10.15am. Admission by donation.
Bunny Church Fabric Fundraisers Annual Festive Food and Gift Fayre. 10.30am–3pm, St Mary's, Bunny. Admission – Adults £1, accompanied children (under 16) free. Stalls selling gifts and treats including cupcakes, locally made preserves, chocolate, honey, savoury pies, deli goods, sewing crafts, jewellery, scented candles, wooden crafts, greetings cards, teddy bears. Raffle, tombola, and bran tub. “Nosh in the Nave” - home-made refreshments available all day; light lunches between 12 noon-2pm. Live music.
- 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
- 18 St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Bulwell – The Torkard Evensingers perform a Traditional Choral Evensong (from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer) 4pm.
- 19 Leah Stuttard – early music harp and readings – for Luminare 400. 7pm for 7.30pm start, Worksof Priory <https://youtu.be/9f-UALFRgQk>
- 22 More Than Welcome Training - train your church respond to the challenge of disability. 9.30am-3.30pm at St John's Parish Church, Long Eaton NG10 4NL. Tickets: £20 including refreshments and a light lunch from Eventbrite. Further details: Mat Ray: mray@livability.org.uk
- 23 Doncaster Waites – 7pm for 7.30pm, Worksof Priory <http://www.whitecottagewebsites.co.uk/doncaster/performances.html> Tickets £10 available on door. Jennifer Rowlands: jrowlands@livability.org.uk
- 24 Man Alive breakfast meeting 8.15 – 10.30 am, Betel Community Church, New Basford, Nottingham NG7 7FR. Keynote speaker: Gareth Sands, Governor of Hewell Prison speaking about “The Cross behind bars”.
- 29- 2 Christmass Tree Festival to raise money for local charities. Free entry. 11-4pm, Worksof Dec Priory.

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- 1 St Mary's, Bulwell Christmas Fayre. 11am-2pm stalls including cakes, tombola, Christmas, bottles, fancy goods, new & nearly new, books and raffle. Santa's Grotto.
- 1-9 Newark Parish Church 11th Christmas Tree Festival. Over 120 trees decorated by local schools, charities, organisations & businesses. Saturdays: 9.30am-5pm; Sundays: 12.30am-4.30pm; Mon-Fri: 10am-4.30pm. Entrance: adults £2, children 50p. Refreshments, Christmas cards, stalls, music. Festival Carols of Praise – 9 Dec at 5pm.
- 2 Bible Readings and Carols for Advent. Free entry. 6pm, Worksof Priory.
- 8 St Andrew's Advent Quiet Morning. 10am-1pm at St Andrew's Church, Mansfield Road/Mapperley Road NG3 5AD. To book, contact the church office: office@standrewsnottm.org.uk, 0115 9120098
- 14 St Mary's, Bulwell - A Band Concert with Christmas music, played by The Band of the Royal Engineers (V) directed by Band Master, WOI Simon Kerwin (BM) at 7.30pm. Further information and tickets £5 available at Church or 0115 9161787.
- 14-17 Beeston Parish Church invite you to their Christmas Tree Festival. Fri: 10am–4.30pm, Sat: 10am– 4.30pm, Sunday: 12.30–5pm and Mon: 10am–4pm. Seasonal refreshments available. Beeston Centre tram stop and bus station just 2minutes walk away. All welcome.

Please note the deadline for the DECEMBER 2018 issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH NOVEMBER 2018

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

The Reverend Michael Brock at present Priest in Charge of St Anne, Sutton Bonington, St Michael, Sutton Bonington and St James, Normanton on Soar in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to retire with effect from Sunday 13 January 2019.

The Reverend Nichola Jane (known as Nikki) Bates at present Vicar of Christ Church, Stamford in the Diocese of Lincoln to be Vicar of Bestwood Rise Park, Emmanuel and St Mark in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Subject to the usual legalities and DBS. Licensing at 7.30pm on 18 December 2018 at Rise Park. Bishop Paul to officiate.

Places of Welcome

Does your church open up each week to the local community, or would like to? Would you like to be part of an exciting national network called Places of Welcome to help tackle loneliness and isolation in your area?

Places of Welcome is a growing network of hospitality run by local community groups who want to make sure that everyone in their area has a place to go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it.

To find out more visit www.placesofwelcome.org or contact Hannah Buck at Transforming Notts Together Hannah.Buck@transformingnottstogether.org

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A conference for the laity

Members of the laity in Southwell & Nottingham are invited to a conference called Setting God's People Free on 17th November in the Minster School, Southwell.

The Archbishops' Council's report of the same name will be the centre of discussion and learning. The report highlights the need to empower, liberate and enable the 98% of the Church of England who are not ordained, to set them free for fruitful, faithful mission and ministry.

The guest speaker is Alison Coulter, one of the authors of the report, who will speak about why it was written, why it is important for it to be implemented and what are we doing about it. Then after lunch (provided) there will be a series of workshops which will help people to explore aspects of the report's ambitious hopes for the future of the church. There will be the opportunity for people to seek God's will for them in a variety of way.

For a booking form contact Catriona Gundlach on catriona@southwell.anglican.org

Time Travelling 2019



Bookings are now being taken for Time Travelling 2019 RE days at Southwell Minster in March and June. All primary schools are welcome to join in the fun!! Meet your own personal guide and enjoy interactive, fun activities to help children learn about the incredible building and Christianity.

Booking form for Key Stage 2 here: <https://bit.ly/2If0mhW> and for Key Stage 1 here: <https://bit.ly/2xPLLvW>