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A New Day Dawning

The Bishop of Sherwood, Andy Emerton, share his reflections on a transformative year:

Just before Christmas my daughter, who is in year 6 at school, came home singing the Matt Redman song 10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord). She was learning it in her school choir and then performed it to the school (suitably socially distanced of course) and so I heard it repeatedly for a few weeks! It is a brilliant worship song but the line that I kept hearing her hum to herself and that struck a chord with me was: “The sun comes up, It’s a new day dawning, It’s time to sing Your song again”.

2020 was an unprecedented year. One that we will not quickly forget. It was dominated by Covid-19 and all the tragic ramifications of that. Untimely death, economic woe and perhaps hardest of all for many of us, significant restrictions on our lives. We all, in our own ways, experienced levels of loneliness and painful loss, having to face up to not being able to pursue our usual routines or engage in life as we are used to doing.

It was also a hugely challenging year for the Church. Our buildings were closed to public worship for extended periods of time, we had to accelerate our development of online worship and face the complex question of how to maintain missional engagement, especially with the vital demographics of children, young people and families. We weren’t able to ‘Bless the Lord’ in ways that many find strengthen faith, raise hope, and bring joy. Our sacramental worship was limited to partaking in one kind, and our sung worship, whether traditional or contemporary, was off limits for all but the professional musicians, restricted by face masks and lacking the opportunity to engage in building relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

And yet we are still to worship: “The sun comes up, It’s a new day dawning, It’s time to sing Your song again, Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing, When the evening comes”.

Back in September I was walking past Southwell Minster early one morning. I had recently started my new role as the Bishop of



Sherwood. We were in the midst of a global pandemic, my family of three teenage children were dealing with the challenges of moving half-way across the country and I was wondering quite what I had done. Then I saw

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the beauty of the sun rising through the mist behind the Minster, a new day dawning, and I sensed the Spirit stir hope in my heart. Christ was very present. The One who entered darkness, his glory veiled, and yet the One whose light shines in that darkness, the risen One who the darkness cannot overcome. I found 10,000 reasons for my heart to sing: “to worship His Holy name, To sing like never before”.

As we enter this New Year let’s remember that a New Day has Dawned. Let’s celebrate all that was achieved by the Church in 2020. The people that were supported by innumerable food banks, community projects and love your neighbour initiatives.

Those that came to faith in Christ through the witness and reach of online worship, services and evangelistic courses. Let’s give thanks for all the scientists, researchers, administrators, technicians, logisticians who have brought these vital vaccines into

existence in record time. Let’s look forward to being able to sing our song again. To be able to come together as the Body of Christ, to open our mouths, to raise our voices: “To worship his holy name”.

“For the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.” Revelation 21:23

Andy Emerton
Bishop of Sherwood

The Wall of HOPE at Southwell Minster

Many of us are in need of a shot of hope this Christmas, and Southwell Minster has taken delivery of a huge consignment of hope – in the shape of the ‘Wall of HOPE’, a ‘prayer installation’ that has been touring England’s cathedrals and arrived this week for its latest stop in Southwell.

The ‘wall’ consists of four six-foot-high, backlit letters spelling out the word ‘hope’. Situated at the far, east end of the cathedral, in front of the High Altar, they stand in striking contrast to the ancient architecture around them and provide an opportunity to reflect on the hope of the gospel as we approach the end of a difficult year.

The aim is to make people stop and think about what hope means today. They are there as an invitation to prayer and special ‘hope prayer cards’ will be

available to visitors to fill in; those prayers will later be prayed in the Minster, bringing people’s hopes and needs to God this Christmas season.

The Wall of HOPE can be seen in Southwell Minster until the new year, any time during opening

hours, currently 11am-3pm daily. Any changes to opening hours will be communicated at <https://www.southwellminster.org/your-visit/>



National Lottery Heritage Fund - Reopening statement

National Lottery Grants for Heritage are opening in two phases.

During phase 1, grants are available from £3,000 to £100,000. These grants are open to organisations across the UK, and we have a budget of £10million between now and the end of the financial year. The focus for phase 1 applications must be resilience and/or inclusion. The Heritage Fund wants to support organisations working with heritage to adapt and respond to the very changed environment they are now operating in. A resilience project could include reviewing business models and plans, developing plans to reopen to the public with social distancing, and other new ways of working.

We are also piloting an interest free loans scheme, which is open to organisations who have received funding from us previously. The loans - available from £50,000 to £250,000 - are aimed at organisations looking to restart and develop their income generating potential.

Phase 2 commences from early February 2021, when we will resume accepting National Lottery Grants for Heritage from £100,000 up to £5million. Revised application guidance will be published at this time. The guidance will provide examples of what we will and won't be able to fund, including options more applicable to faith based or church organisations than there may be at the present time.

Although the reopening of our project funding represents a return to our core business, it is not a return to business as usual.

The Heritage Fund will be prioritising projects that respond to the new context presented by the impact of the pandemic, which will be felt by society throughout 2021-22. Applications are expected to remain competitive and although the ambitions for heritage set out in the Strategic Funding Framework launched earlier this year still stand, there has necessarily been a prioritisation exercise to focus on those that will play their part in recovery.

As well as the mandatory inclusion outcome – a wider range of people will be involved in heritage – we will be looking for projects that:

- Boost the local economy
- Provide job creation and encourage skills development
- Support local health and wellbeing
- Encourage rebuilding community cohesion

Projects will also be expected to take steps to create positive, and reduce negative, environmental impacts.

The Heritage Fund is interested in applications from church projects that can deliver on these priorities for heritage and people. This could include works of repair and restoration where they contribute



to the above priorities. Local engagement teams across the UK will be able to advise and discuss these with applicants, through the Expression of Interest process, when phase 2 commences in February 2021.

After an intense year of delivering COVID-19-related revenue and recovery support for the heritage community across the UK, The Heritage Fund needs to ensure lottery funding is as effective as possible in supporting the national recovery. There are still difficult times ahead. The positive news is that thanks to National Lottery players, funds available for heritage projects in the new financial year are on track to be back to pre-COVID-19 levels.

There are also opportunities right now for organisations working with heritage to learn new skills, build capacity and strengthen resilience available through Digital Skills for Heritage and business support and enterprise development initiatives, and church communities are encouraged to look at these as well.

Christmas funding boost for All Saints Church, Eaton

A much-loved East Midlands church is to share in a £483,000 funding payout from the National Churches Trust.

A £10,000 National Churches Trust Cornerstone Grant will help fund the installation of a kitchen and toilets at All Saints church in Eaton, a Grade II listed building, helping the church to better serve its community.

Broadcaster and journalist Huw Edwards, Vice President of The National Churches Trust, said:

“The UK's historic churches and chapels are a vital part of our national heritage and have done so much to help local people during the COVID-19 lockdown. But to survive, many need to carry out urgent repairs and install modern facilities. The cost of this work is far beyond what most congregations can pay for themselves.”

“So I'm delighted that All Saints church in Eaton is being helped with a £10,000 National

Churches Trust Cornerstone Grant. The grant is an early Christmas present for the historic church and will help secure the future of this historic building.”

A total of 45 churches and chapels in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will benefit from the latest grants from the National Churches Trust, the charity supporting church buildings of all Christian denominations across the UK.

In 2020 the Trust has awarded 260 grants totalling £1,723,000, including recommendations on behalf of other funders with £200,000 of the funding provided by the Wolfson Foundation.

Grants will be available in 2021 to projects at churches, chapels and meeting houses and applications can be made by Christian places of worship in the UK that are open for regular worship. From repairing a roof to helping to install an accessible toilet - and many other projects - the National Churches Trust's grants help keep churches open for worship and community activities and allow them to continue to serve local people and communities.

The church of All Saints, which stands on an elevated site in the centre of the village of Eaton, was built in 1857-8, replacing an earlier Norman building. The architect George Shaw of Saddleworth was contracted to design a new building in the Decorated Gothic styles of the 13th and 14th centuries. Built of Steetley stone, it consists of a



chancel and nave, with vestry, north porch and a bell turret containing one bell. Shaw also provided the stained glass, except for the east window depicting the Transfiguration which is by J R Thompson of Southwark. There are two features older than the building of the current church: a medieval piscina and an 18th century monument in the vestry.

The project will facilitate the installation of a kitchen and accessible toilet with baby change unit in an extension to the rear of the church. This will provide facilities in a church where there are currently none and which serves as the only community hub in the village.

Lucy Vernon, Churchwarden at All Saints church said: “This funding will help make our church more accommodating to our growing worshipping community of all ages. As a more usable and accessible building, the church will also be better able to serve our village as a community space”.



Prayer diary for February

- Mon 01 Feb** **Worksop St John (Tim Stanford)**
The Diocese of All Saints Cathedral – The Anglican Church of Kenya
- Tues 02 Feb** **The Presentation of our Lord: Candlemas**
Worksop St Paul (Nicolas Spicer)
The Diocese of Aluakluak – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province)
- Wed 03 Feb** **MANSFIELD DEANERY – (Area Dean: Zoe Burton, Lay Chair: David Ince)**
The Diocese of Amazônia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province)
- Thu 04 Feb** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust Kings Mill Hospital (Vacant)**
The Diocese of Amichi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)
- Fri 05 Feb** **Blidworth, St Mary of the Purification; Rainworth, St Simon and St Jude (Zoe Burton)**
The Diocese of Amritsar – The (united) Church of North India
- Sat 06 Feb** **Clipstone, All Saints (Vacant - Area Dean: Zoe Burton, Lay Chair: David Ince, Churchwardens: June Halpin, David Marriott)**
The Diocese of Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands – The (united) Church of North India
- Sun 07 Feb** **The Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Peace and the High Sheriff**
The Anglican Church of Burundi
- Mon 08 Feb** **Edwinstowe, St Mary (Area Dean: Zoe Burton, Lay Chair: David Ince, Churchwardens: Richard Neely)**
The Diocese of Saint Andrews Dunkeld & Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church
- Tue 09 Feb** **Forest Town, St Alban; Mansfield Oak Tree Lane, Worship in Community Centre (Philip Stead)**
The Anglican Missionary District – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (3 Province)
- Wed 10 Feb** **Mansfield, St Augustine, Pleasley Hill, St Barnabas (Vacant: Area Dean; Zoe Burton, Lay Chair: David Ince)**
The Diocese of Angola – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Thu 11 Feb** **DIOCESAN STAFF: Department of Discipleship & Ministry for the Diocese, Richard Kellett and his colleagues**
The Diocese of Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Prayer diary for February

- Fri 12 Feb** **Mansfield, St John; Ladybrook, St Mary (Chris Lee)**
The Diocese of North Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Sat 13 Feb** **Mansfield, St Lawrence (Vacant: Area Dean: Zoe Burton, Lay Chair: David Ince; Churchwarden: Anthony Hodson)**
The Diocese of Northwest Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Sun 14 Feb** **Diocesan Synod (Michael Wilson: Chair of the House of Laity and Chair of the House of Clergy)**
The Anglican Church of Canada
- Mon 15 Feb** **Mansfield, St Mark (Caroline Phillips, James Curry)**
The Diocese of South Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Tue 16 Feb** **Mansfield, St Peter and St Paul (Caroline Phillips, James Curry, Pippa Scott)**
The Diocese of West Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Wed 17 Feb** **Mansfield Woodhouse, St Edmund King and Martyr (Nicola Carnall)**
The Diocese of Antananarivo – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- Thu 18 Feb** **SECTOR MINISTRIES: Newark Hospital (Liz Franklin)**
The Diocese of the Arctic – The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province)
The Diocese of Antsiranana – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- Fri 19 Feb** **Perlethorpe, St John the Evangelist (Vacant: Area Dean: Zoe Burton, Lay Chair: David Ince; Churchwardens: Stephen Shakespeare, Kenneth Clark)**
The Diocese of Araucanía – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- Sat 20 Feb** **Warsop, St Peter & St Paul Sookholme, St Augustine (Angela Fletcher)**
- Sun 21 Feb** **Southwell Cursillo (Denis Tully)**
The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- Mon 22 Feb** **NEWARK & SOUTHWELL DEANERY – (Assistant Area Dean: Andrew Porter; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson)**
The Diocese of Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America
- Tue 23 Feb** **The Riverside Group of Parishes - Averham, St Michael and All Angels; Kelham, St Wilfrid; North Muskham, St Wilfrid, South Muskham, St Wilfrid (Vacant but supported by Georgie Hadley and Assistant Area Dean: Andrew Porter; Lay Chair: Michael Wilson, Assistant Churchwarden: Jenny Quickmire, Hilary Snell)**
The Diocese of Northern Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America

Prayer diary for February

- Wed 24 Feb** **Balderton, St Giles; Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints; Coddington, All Saints (Louise Holliday, Philip Smith)**
The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church
- Thu 25 Feb** **Farnsfield, St Michael; Kirklington, St Swithin; Maplebeck, St Radegund; Winkburn, St John of Jerusalem (Chris Pearse)**
The Diocese of Arizona – The Episcopal Church The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (VIII (8) Province)
- Fri 26 Feb** **The East Trent Group of Parishes - Besthorpe, Holy Trinity; Collingham, St John the Baptist; Collingham, All Saints; Girton & Spalford, St Cecilia; South Scarle, St Helena, Winthorpe, All Saints; Langford, St Bartholomew; Holme, St Giles, Harby (with Swinethorpe), All Saints; North & South Clifton, St George the Martyr; Thorney with Wigsley, St Helen (Mandy Cartwright)**
The Diocese of Arkansas – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province)
- Sat 27 Feb** **East Stoke, St Oswald; Syerston, All Saints; Elston, All Saints (Liz Murray)**
The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)
- Sun 28 Feb** **The Chancellor of the Diocese (Mark Ockelton)**
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Events & information



You're invited to a series of four evenings designed to allow you to find space and resources to empower you to hear God's call to serve on your life. You may be thinking about where God is calling you to serve in your church, workplace or community. It may be a calling to licensed ministry, ordained ministry, chaplaincy, mission or ministry in your sphere of influence (whether that be the school gates or the boardroom).

These evenings will help us look at who we are in order to hear God's voice for where we are called to serve. To sign up, contact kate.hurst@southwell.anglican.org

Family fun at Southwell Minster

Join everyone at Southwell Minster for some Advent and Christmas themed activities, available on their website or at the north door from until 8th January.

Enjoy a star-led trail around Southwell Minster in your family bubble. Be like a Wise Man following the stars as you retell the story of Christmas using windows, sculptures and art found throughout the Minster. Take one of our stars home to decorate and hang it on your Christmas tree.



There is also a fun Christmas activities pack, including a word search and the chance to make your very own angel, and two Christmas videos.



You find them at www.southwellminster.org/theme/informal-family-fun/

The Sharing Table

Refugee Roots (formerly The Rainbow Project) have published a high quality recipe book to showcase some of the work of this important charity with Refugees and Asylum Seekers, based at St Stephen's Hyson Green.

The Sharing Table is beautifully produced with great recipes from North Africa, Iran and Central Africa.

Mouth watering pictures of 40 vegetarian recipes alongside photos of people involved with Refugee Roots make this a great gift.

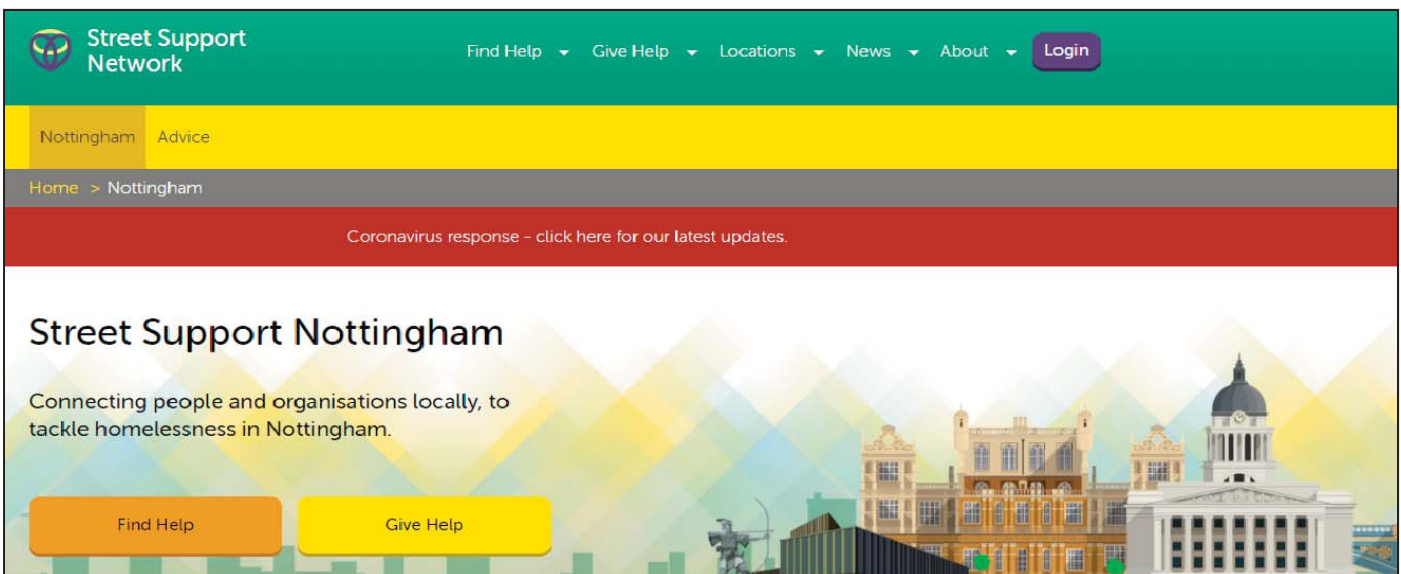
<https://www.refugeeroots.org.uk/news/the-sharing-table-an-inside-look>



Clergy Appointments

The Revd Karen Hanford at present Curate at St Leonard's, Wollaton in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to become Associate Minister at St Helen's, Stapleford in the same Diocese as from 1 February 2021. Licensing date to be announced.

Nottingham homelessness charities launch 'Street Support Nottingham'



This winter, the COVID-19 pandemic will leave even more people homeless and in desperate need of support. It is therefore very timely that this week sees more than 15 charities that support homeless people across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire working together to launch Street Support Nottingham.

This new, web-based service (streetsupport.net/Nottingham/) provides a 'one stop shop' to find or give support for homeless people in our region.

The website provides links for people who are homeless to find all the services they might need, from accommodation and hot meals through to mental health

support and legal advice. Whether provided by charities, churches or local councils, the services will appear on Street Support Nottingham.

The website also provides links for members of the public to donate items such as clothes or food, time in volunteering opportunities or money to local homelessness charities.

This initiative will enable homeless people to find the information they need quickly and easily, reducing the time they might need to sleep on the streets and helping to protect them from the risks associated with begging and sleeping rough.

If you or your church would like to support this initiative through sharing the story in your social media channels, by helping distribute the business cards or by donating toward the cost of the initiative please email: Nottingham@streetsupport.net.