

Upcoming events:

Deanery Synod

Thursday 20 October, 7:30pm
The United Church of St Paul,
Balsall Heath, B12 9JU.

There are no chapter meeting during August.

Confirmation Services

Sunday 18 September, 4pm
Immanuel Church, Highters Heath.

Sunday 20 November, 11am
Birmingham Cathedral.

Cycle Church

Saturday 20th August,
9:00am

Sunday 25th September, 1:30pm

Please contact Phelim for more information
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There will be no deanery newsletter in August.



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Articles of Enquiry 2022

We would be grateful if Articles of Enquiry could be completed online and submitted by 29th July.

The form can be found here:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ArchdeaconsArticlesOfEnquiry2022>

Guidance notes to help with completing the form can be accessed via a link on the form itself.

Archdeacons visitations to churchwardens

Archdeacon Jenny, Phelim and Nick Forknell (Deanery Lay Chair) will be undertaking visits to all churchwardens over the next couple of months; if you would like to arrange a time for your visit, please contact Deb (Deanery Support Officer)
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Admission of Churchwardens and Deanery Chapter

It was wonderful to be at the services of Admission of Churchwardens at Holy Cross Church Billesley and SS Mary and Ambrose Edgbaston, and we thank all our wardens for their hard work and service. Chris Chalmers took some lovely photos of the service at Holy Cross:



We were also pleased to welcome Bishop David to a Deanery Chapter meeting, which was held at St John the Baptist Longbridge. The meeting started with a time of prayer, followed by a lunch. A big thank you to all who contributed food and helped set up and clear away.



Meet the Deanery Project Team—part II

This month we introduce you to the rest of the project team.

Tariro Matsveru, curate at All Saints Kings Heath

It has been really good being part of the project team. It helped me as a new curate to get to know more about the diocese, my deanery and the vision for the future. The team itself is made up of people with knowledge of different parishes and dynamics and also different experiences who have been a good resource when discussions are happening.



Nick Forknell, Deanery Lay Chair

I'm pleased to be part of the Deanery Project Team as part of my responsibilities as Lay Chair and I've found it most interesting to look at and discover the variety and scope of the parishes within the Deanery. I recognise the need to reorganise the way in which the Church of England in Birmingham Diocese functions in order to meet its stated targets as part of the ongoing Transforming Church initiative. I pray that I can bring a useful and helpful perspective from the lay members of our congregations to the discussions on Oversight Areas.



Phelim O'Hare, Area Dean

As area dean of KNMS I'm delighted to be part of this project team that has a focus to provide a realistic and reasonable response to the diocesan strategy of People and Places. It is an exciting time to be ministering in a church that has undergone immense changes over the last number of years and seeks to adapt to even more change in the coming years. The experience and wisdom and local knowledge that our project team brings to how we make strategic initiatives work has been a blessing and support to me, and sometimes gentle and affirming challenge. I've loved being part of a team that just 'gets it' and wants to make a positive impact into how we respond to the mission and action of God.



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Deb Jewison, Deanery Support Officer

It has been a privilege to be on the project team and to draw on the experience and wisdom of others in the group in learning more the deanery and the churches within it. I look forward to thinking more about how we can respond to changes in the future, and and seeing what new opportunities for mission and ministry arise.

Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson

Archdeacon Jenny is on the project teams for the three deaneries in the Birmingham Archdeaconry. Her knowledge and experience bring a very helpful overview and background to People and Places, and she offers useful guidance about how oversight areas might work and could look 'on the ground'.



FOLLOW ALONG WITH US

As we journey in to a new year, we invite you to join with an international community of people as together we pray for hope, justice and transformation in our world.

Read written prayers or watch video prayer messages shared by Anglicans from around the world as together we pray with hope.

If you haven't already subscribed, you can get the prayers by weekly email. [Click here to subscribe by email.](#) Or join in on social media.

To subscribe by email and see some of the other resources available: <https://www.lambethconference.org/resources/prayers/>

Meet our new curates!

We are delighted to welcome four new curates to the deanery:

Mike Darbandi, Gas Street South

My name is Mike. I'm married to Caroline and we have two boys, Jasper (2) and Boaz (1) - we live in Dickens Heath. I'm passionate about reaching the lost and growing the Church. In my spare time I'm most happy making a tasty meal or delicious cake and having a dining table full of people - some of my creations can be seen on @mikes__table on Instagram. For my curacy, I'm leading the planting of a new church, Gas Street South, which has a remit from CoEB to be the 2nd Resource Church of the city.



Marcus Pagnam, St Mary Wythall.

Having sensed a call to ordained ministry at the age of about 23, it has been wonderful to be ordained deacon (at the age of 51!). To be quite honest I thought I had 'got away with it' as I found my previous 2 jobs working in lay ministry extremely fulfilling. I was youth and worship pastor at St Ouen's Church Jersey 2006-2010 and worship pastor at St John's Church Harborne 2010-2020. However, it seems the Lord had other plans and here I now am. I am delighted to be training with Rev Manda at St Mary's Wythall and am looking forward to all that the Lord has in store. I am also excited that my Beatles tribute band is being resurrected after a 5 year break - I just hope we can all hit the high notes still... And I look forward to getting to know you, the good people of KNMS deanery, and to being mutually encouraged in the Lord.

Richard Brooker, St Philip and St James, Dorridge and Bentley Heath

Richard joins the clergy following a career as Head of Communications, predominantly in Public & Charity Sectors. Married with two grown-up children, he has attended church all his life, serving in various positions. Growing up overseas in Malawi, Richard has been a member of the Diocesan Malawi Task Group for several years. Following service as a member of staff in the Police, both regionally and nationally, Richard also serves as a Chaplain to West Midlands Police and is involved in the Commonwealth Games. Following a two year theological college placement, he is serving his Title Post with Revd Duncan Hill-Brown at St Philip's Dorridge with St James' Bentley Heath.



LtoR Revd Canon Duncan Hill-Brown, Richard Brooker, with Lisa Maines and Derek Timms, Churchwardens.

Meet our new curates!

Rev'd Chloë Hewett – Assistant Curate at St Chad's, Rubery

Hello! I'm Chloë and I'm the new Assistant Curate at St Chad's church in Rubery, working alongside Rev'd Claire Turner. I live outside of the parish with my husband and three children.

My curacy did not begin quite as planned, as I tested positive for Covid two days post-ordination... but despite that small hiccup I have really enjoyed getting to know Rubery and its communities.

I'd liken the experience of starting curacy to learning to drive – it's only post-training that you actually begin to learn! Whilst I have gotten used to being at the front of church during my training, taking on the role of

liturgical deacon has been wonderful, and serving the congregation in different ways both in worship and during the daily life of the church has been life-giving and Spirit-filled. Attending coffee mornings (and spending the morning drinking tea and chatting!), taking home communion to those who can no longer join us in the building, as well as visiting members of the congregation to get to know, have enabled me to hear different stories of the community and get to understand how and why the parish has changed over the years.

I really appreciate my short journey from home to St Chad's; it gives me the opportunity to pray on the way in, for the conversations and opportunities that the day will uncover, and also to reflect on the way home about the people and situations I have been walking alongside and within. I have found this to be especially important as I experience many 'firsts' in my ministry in quite a short space of time. It also provides some space to switch 'modes', from home to church, which is necessary when stepping out of the hectic school run! A work that's still in progress of course, but I am hoping to lay good foundations in this practice that will sustain me and my family through my ministry as a curate and beyond.

I don't feel I need to say that no two days have so far been the same, and I'm trying to make sure I appreciate the moments of quiet in my day, spending time in the peace of the church building, and getting to know the parish and community. These moments, especially sitting in the quiet and being with God, have been a gift which is sustaining me as I find my feet, learn what my ministry might look like and discover what God has placed me in Rubery to learn and to do.



Commonwealth Games news

People from around the deanery are getting involved in the Commonwealth Games in a number of ways. Canon **Janet Chapman** (St Laurence Northfield) tells us about volunteering with the Police Chaplaincy.

Are you excited about the Commonwealth Games being in Birmingham? I am though it was with considerable reluctance that I entered the draws for tickets for the London Olympics back in 2012. Other family members were keen to go so, having obtained tickets for Archery, Rowing and Water Polo, we made it our summer holiday – and I loved every minute of it. I've discovered that cheering people on makes ME feel really great!

So Commonwealth Games 2014 saw us in Glasgow with a daughter being a 'Gamesmaker' (as they called their volunteers.) She spent most of her the time at the Lawn Bowls site whilst my husband and I enjoyed netball, table tennis and badminton as well as the atmosphere.

Now Birmingham and I'm taking the whole period as Annual Leave with tickets to diving, volley ball, rhythmic gymnastics and more netball.

Alongside that, I've been accepted as a volunteer chaplain to the Police and will be doing shifts at several of their 'Staff Welfare Hubs.' Over 100 chaplains have been recruited from across all the faith sectors which seems an enormous number but there are over 3,500 police from 44 forces across the country coming to the region to support the games across the 18 sites. It is the biggest operation the West Midlands Police Force has ever done and you start to appreciate this when you hear them talking about needing 30,000 room nights, 60,000 hot meals etc.

The Staff Welfare Hubs are private spaces for the police to 'chill away from public view.' The one near the Alexandra Stadium is in the church hall at St John's Perry Barr but I will be located at the ones in the city centre and near the university. What will I do? Basically, be a friendly face with time to talk. The Police carry huge amounts of stress and trauma and this can surface when they are away from home and their normal support networks. I will not be doing overt evangelism but I have been issued with a New Testament together with the Psalms Proverbs bearing the West Midlands Police logo as well as a badge and the T-shirt is 'in the post!'



Commonwealth Games news

Deb Jewison (Deanery Support Officer)

I was excited to hear that the Commonwealth Games were coming to Birmingham this year, and immediately wanted to apply to as a volunteer. I've done various bits of volunteering over the years, and was keen to be involved in the Commonwealth Games.

I'm part of Fleet Services, driving officials and coaches between venues. We're based out of Aston University, but can be sent to any of the competition or accommodation venues in the West Mids. As I write this I've done three shifts (eight more to go!) and so far it's been a brilliant experience meeting people from the Commonwealth teams and the other volunteers and driving some of the electric vehicles. I'm looking forward to the rest of the games; please bear with me if I don't respond to emails as quickly as usual as my working hours are a bit all over the place at the moment!



The route of the Commonwealth Games Marathon on July 30th passes Christ Church Selly Park. Ben Green and the folk down there are opening the church from 7am to cheer on the athletes and support the spectators. They will be providing bacon sandwiches, and cakes later in the morning.

People are very welcome to join them in cheering the runners, but do bear in mind there will be a lot of road closures and restrictions in place, so planning in advance is essential!

For information on road closures and parking restrictions in south Birmingham on July 30th, use these links:

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/road-events/marathon>

<https://helpcentre.birmingham2022.com/hc/en-gb/sections/4770576569361-Road-Routes-Marathon>

Daily news about the Commonwealth Games can be found here:

<https://www.birmingham2022.com/news>

Diocesan Golf Team success

Did you know the Diocese has a golf team?

Patrick Gerard is the team manager, and three of the members also come from KNMS: Andy Harris, Paul Cho and Phelim O'Hare.

Patrick writes:

Last week the team took part in the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG) inter-diocesan golf competition held at Moor Hall. It great to have the national competition held in our own diocese! Birmingham fielded our best team in many years and won the Tomczyk Tankard, which I believe is for the best team handicap score in the low handicap team category.

Thank you to Frank Longbottom, who as former captain and president at Moor Hall, acted as a kind of host.

Thank you to EIG and Bishop David for their kind sponsorship of the event.

The next golf event is the Lloyd Trophy competition for clergy and licenced lay ministers in the Birmingham diocese. It is proposed to hold this on Friday 30th September 2022 at Moseley Golf Club. Please encourage other golfers to contact me if they would like to play. The competitions are now open to anyone in ministry licenced by the bishop (including youth workers). If you would like to play but can't do that date please send me your availability on other Fridays in September or October.

Patrick's email address is: patrick@gerard.net



L-R Paul Taylor, Andy Harris, Paul Cho, Phelim O'Hare.

St Michael's Church Baddesley Clinton is net zero carbon

This week the Church of England featured St Michael's Church as one of its case studies about achieving net-zero carbon. St Michael's is a good case study because it has already achieved net-zero by reducing its electricity consumption and buying its electricity from a renewable supplier. There are perhaps 5,000 smaller rural churches in the CofE that could do something similar. To see the films about St Michael's, featuring Revd Patrick Gerard, Churchwarden Graham Hughes and members of the congregation, use this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/electric-heating-baddesley-st-michael>



Picture from the Church of England website

The film about St Michael's was one of eight films publicising case studies on moving to net zero carbon. Other case studies can be viewed using this link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/towards-net-zero-carbon-case-studies>



The recent General Synod of the CofE considered the CofE's "Pathway to net-zero carbon". To introduce the motion the Bishop of Norwich showed this video, which features St Michael's very prominently at the beginning: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_zbx7_UU1k

The General Synod endorsed the 'Pathway to Net Zero carbon' motion by a large majority.

