

# The Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley

## Newsletter

Issue 9

### Upcoming events:

#### Wednesday 23 November, 7pm

Safeguarding Officers networking meeting on zoom—please see the email from Laura Rutherford

#### December Chapters

There will be two chapter meetings during the week starting 12th Dec. Feel free to come to whichever you're able to — details to be circulated shortly.

#### January Chapters

##### Moseley and Shirley

Thursday 5 January 12–2pm

Church House, opposite St James the Great Shirley

##### Kings Norton

Thursday 12 January, 12-2pm

Holy Trinity Lickey

**The next issue of the newsletter will be out in mid-December; please email any contributions to me by Friday 9 Dec.**

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### Thanksgiving Service for Priscilla White

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life and ministry of Priscilla White as part of Evensong on Sunday 15 January, 3.30pm at Birmingham Cathedral.

Priscilla had been incumbent of St Faith and St Laurence Church, Harborne, for 10 years, a member of General Synod and the elected chair of the diocesan House of Clergy. Priscilla's profound commitment to the life of the Church and her thoughtfulness and wisdom in Bishops Council, have made an enormous contribution to the Church of England Birmingham.

*"May she rest in peace and rise in glory"*



## Meet Tom, our new CFM



Hello! I've just started a role as Children and Families Mission Enabler for the deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley.

I'm starting off based in Kings Norton and working out of Hawksley Academy, working with children and families in the school and community. Over the next three years, my work will take me across the deanery and I look forward to being able to meet loads of people, get to grips with the work that is going on here and to see how I can be part of what's going on.

I've lived in Quinton, in west Birmingham for the past 14 years and live with my wife, Carys and two children, Fran and Luca. We love spending time outside, growing things at our allotment and eating pizza, sometimes all at once.

I'm excited to get to know this deanery better and see how I can be part of more children and families getting to know the love of Jesus.

## Invitation from Patrick Gerard to an Advent Carol Cluster Service at Tanworth



Dear all,

Once again St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth, will be hosting an Advent Carol Cluster Service at **6pm on Advent Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**. Last year the service took place at Lapworth because Tanworth had building work in progress. This year it will be back in Tanworth. I have agreed to take a lead in organising the service because Tanworth has no vicar at present. I would like to invite you and your congregations to the service, which is a great opportunity to meet the other local churches.

This is a choral service and there is a particular invitation to people interested in singing with the choir to contact Anne Ellis, Director of Music at Tanworth about arrangements for the choir.

I am keen to hear from Clergy or Readers who will be attending and would like to robe and take a role at the front of church.

Hoping to see you on Advent Sunday.

Best wishes,

Patrick

# #toys 4 birmingham

**Donate a gift, or organise a local collection, to support families across Birmingham in these difficult times.**

**We're looking for new, or good-as-new, toys, crafts, and books to help keep Christmas special...**



- 🎁 Gifts for children 0-16
- 🎁 Children's books
- 🎁 Board games (complete)
- 🎁 Craft materials (pencils, crayons, felt-tips, sharpeners, unwanted/unopened craft kits)

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to accept electronic or battery-operated items.

**Already support a charity toy appeal? Please keep doing that!**

Please deliver unwrapped gifts to **Edgbaston Cricket Ground** on:

**SAT 3RD & SAT 10TH  
DECEMBER 10-2PM**

Give money for gifts at [thrivetogetherbham.org/toys](https://thrivetogetherbham.org/toys) or buy gifts online and deliver to: **T4B, Edgbaston Stadium, B5 7QU** (by Monday 12th December)

E: [LouiseW@thrivetogetherbham.org](mailto:LouiseW@thrivetogetherbham.org) M: 07973 523702

**THRIVE  
TOGETHER  
BIRMINGHAM+**

**bpcn**  
Birmingham PlayCare Network

**edgbaston  
foundation**

**Birmingham  
MAIL**

**Warwickshire  
County Cricket Club**

**BirminghamLive**

## The Bishop of Birmingham

The Rt. Revd David Urquhart stepped down as Bishop of Birmingham on 18th October 2022 having reached the retirement age of 70 and after 16 fulfilling years in the diocese.

'Carrying the Crosier' is a short film of celebration and window into Bishop David's time with Church of England Birmingham. You can watch this film on the CofE Birmingham YouTube channel, here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YbCnNYwdMs>

Bishop David commented,

*"I shall miss Birmingham very much and am most grateful for the many opportunities to experience faith and friendship across a wide diversity of communities. I have been privileged to serve such a generous and vibrant city region."*

You can watch the Service of Farewell for the Right Reverend David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham, here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmARD07x7Gs>



## Deanery Farewell to Bishop David

On the 6 October we held deanery farewell dinner for Bishop David at All Saints Kings Heath. David Warbrick kindly hosted and catered for the event and we all enjoyed some lovely food and good company.

We racked our brains over a quiz about Bishop David before being entertained by a pantomime which several members of the deanery acted in very enthusiastically!

We wish Bishop David well in his retirement.



  
**Kings Norton  
Parish Presents!**

# International Worship Experience



Music



Instruments



Drums



Singing & Dancing



***Sandwiches & Refreshments***

**3:00pm Prompt**

**26th November 2022**

**Adult £5 Under 15 £2**

Assembly Hall, Hawkesley Church,  
Primary Academy, Kings Norton,  
Birmingham B38 9TR

Tickets are available at the parish office,  
church website, in church, or on the door.

## Report from the Deanery Synod

On Thursday 20 October the KNMS Deanery Synod met at Balsall Heath Church Centre. The focus of this synod was People and Places and the formation of oversight areas. Phelim invited six speakers from around the deanery to share their experiences and thoughts about being part of an oversight area and how these might work on a practical level. All members of the Deanery Synod will be sent the notes from these speakers shortly, so will be available to everyone to read.

Following the speakers, the synod broke into groups and Phelim asked each group to produce a poster outlining seven opportunities and three concerns that they had about oversight areas. The posters were put up around the room and people had the opportunity to read (and photograph) all the posters and chat about them, and it was clear from the posters that there were some common themes emerging across the groups:



### **Opportunities** which oversight areas could offer:

- Sharing 'life event' prep (marriage / baptism / confirmation)
- Worshipping / praying together
- Youth, children & families work
- Sharing best practice / training / safeguarding
- Sharing financial and admin support
- Sharing God's mission
- Nurturing / developing leadership

### **Concerns** about oversight areas:

- Who will be the oversight minister
- Pressure on the oversight minister / burnout
- Spreading people too thinly / lack of capacity in parishes



## Report from the wider deanery chapter

Following the Deanery Synod, a wider deanery chapter met on Thursday 3 November, to which all clergy, readers and churchwardens were invited.

Phelim gave us some deanery updates about upcoming events (publicised in this newsletter) and said that the

focus Deanery Synods would be Racial Justice, Youth Ministry and Environmental Justice.

Emma Sargeant will be visiting Chapter this month to talk about Youth Ministry, and Rev Dele Sotonwa will be attending February's Chapters to talk about Racial Justice.

The meeting then went into breakout rooms to discuss our responses to the next stages of the process and to consider some questions (see below).

After we came back together there was a short time for questions and comment before the meeting closed with prayer.

### People and Places Updates 1:

- **Consent form** - most have now formed and moving to the next stage
- **Recent Synod** - Practical Steps - discussed and shared at recent deanery synod (see email from Deb) chance to discuss some of the salient points in plenary
- **Agree the map** hopefully at 1st or 2nd deanery synod of 2023
- **Oversight Minister Discernment** - Initial conversation between Area Dean, Archdeacon, and Bishop Anne - based on experience, capacity and sense of vocation to the role - appointment/discernment led by Bishop Anne

### People and Places Updates 2:

- **First half of 2023** Appointment of Oversight Ministers
- **Facilitated Meetings** in each OA - convened by AD with perhaps 1 or 2 meetings
- **Local Action Planning** - Meetings facilitated by local leaders/oversight minister looking at missional and growth priorities - hopefully from Spring/Summer 2023
- **Learning Community** of Oversight Ministers - mid 2023

### Discussion Groups

- **In groups (randomly chosen not OA specific):**
- **Response to next stages in the P&P process: Can folk live with this?**
- **Sustaining Momentum: are we missing something? What other stages, steps need to be considered?**
- **Any other issues/concerns to raise at plenary?**

Please contact us with any feedback or questions you might have:

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## Birmingham Warm Welcome: An approach to providing warm spaces

Through the Thrive Together Birmingham team, Church of England Birmingham have been collaborating with voluntary, community and faith sector partners across the city and with Birmingham City Council to develop responses to the Cost of Living Crisis and in particular the response to the rising energy costs.

Birmingham Warm Welcome partners recognise that there is already a wealth of existing assets and activity within the city, and we want to help connect the people of Birmingham to this. **If you already provide this type of service, we are asking that you register for Birmingham Warm Welcome so that we may include you in our Warm Welcome Directory.** This will enable our communities to find how to access a Warm Welcome near them.

**Read the** Warm Welcome briefing for churches: [https://mcusercontent.com/4d3bdc48a86214d2d6d15ba64/files/ae6c44ed-9452-9c6c-2b9c-5f29b02ed6b5/Warm\\_Welcome\\_briefing\\_for\\_churches.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/4d3bdc48a86214d2d6d15ba64/files/ae6c44ed-9452-9c6c-2b9c-5f29b02ed6b5/Warm_Welcome_briefing_for_churches.pdf)

The approach is very much based on Places of Welcome which many churches already host but Birmingham Warm Welcome also wants to include activities for specific groups such as activities for adults, children or young people so long as they meet the criteria above.

Fred Rattley, Director of Community Regeneration, recently gave an interview, “Hundreds of ‘warm welcome’ spaces open to all in Birmingham this winter in amazing response” which you can read on the Birmingham Mail website: [https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/cost-of-living/hundreds-warm-welcome-spaces-open-25408349?fbclid=IwAR3VKSZcyIO6LWNVRea5csJorC9wb6gy\\_AGUIOmPBiHFpoxg2OfwGnWVYCI](https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/cost-of-living/hundreds-warm-welcome-spaces-open-25408349?fbclid=IwAR3VKSZcyIO6LWNVRea5csJorC9wb6gy_AGUIOmPBiHFpoxg2OfwGnWVYCI)

Community and faith organisations are asked to sign up to our charter and register their activity using this online form: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74rm78aElr2z44RMvuWUDpLypBVUNec1VTVFUktGVTIXN1IZUU9KMUI3WkiYVyQIQCN0PWcu>

For further information or support please contact the Thrive team through Fred Rattley ( [fredr@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:fredr@cofebirmingham.com)) or Louise White ( [LouiseW@thrivetogetherbham.org](mailto:LouiseW@thrivetogetherbham.org) ).

## Practical suggestions to help parishes save energy and money

The Church of England has produced a new guidance document with practical suggestions to help parishes save energy and money in managing and heating their church buildings for the winter:

[https://mcusercontent.com/4d3bdc48a86214d2d6d15ba64/files/02c14424-6363-a6c7-9253-703213aab108/Practical\\_suggestions\\_to\\_help\\_parishes\\_save\\_energy\\_and\\_money.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/4d3bdc48a86214d2d6d15ba64/files/02c14424-6363-a6c7-9253-703213aab108/Practical_suggestions_to_help_parishes_save_energy_and_money.pdf)

Further guidance about working towards becoming a net zero church can be found on the national CofE website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church>



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

# HOW CAN WE SUPPORT THOSE SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION IN OUR CHURCHES ?

**ONLINE  
SEMINAR  
4PM  
TUESDAY  
22ND NOVEMBER  
2022**

for more information please contact: [Interfaith@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:Interfaith@cofebirmingham.com)

*In this groundbreaking seminar, we will explore the complex world of addiction, and what we can do as clergy and church leaders to support addicts and their families.*

Our guest speakers will be Dr Steve Roberts, former lead therapist at Priory Hospitals, and a Senior Lecturer at Newman University Birmingham, and The Reverend Dr Angie Barker, Director of Seedbeds UK, a leading urban mission organisation based in Winson Green.

This online seminar will last approximately 2hrs, with opportunities to share ideas and best practice.

This project has been funded by Birmingham City Council Public Health.

To book your place, or for more information, please contact me directly,

[Interfaith@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:Interfaith@cofebirmingham.com) / 07801 944 520.

**The Reverend Canon Julian Sampson.**

CofE Birmingham lead on the BCC Health Panel.



# Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 11 til 2**

**St David's Church, Shenley Green, B29 4HH**

**Refreshments** · Dolls · **Toys** · Tombola

**Raffle** · Cakes · **Bottle Stall** · Adopt a toy pet

**Christmas Gifts** · Craft Stall · **Children's Activity** · and more!



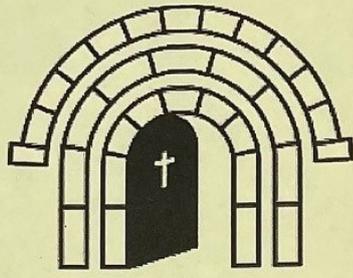
## Join us for Langar Seva

Everyone is invited to share Langar Seva between 12 and 2pm. Langar Seva is a communal vegetarian meal provided by our Sikh friends from Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara in Balsall Heath. This meal is offered freely to any person, regardless of wealth, religion, or status.



**Father Christmas will  
be there with a free  
gift for every child!**

**Everyone is  
welcome**



**St Laurence**  
Northfield

# Nativity Festival

Registered Charity 1132975

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 3pm**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 3pm**

**Come and see LOTS of Nativity sets:**

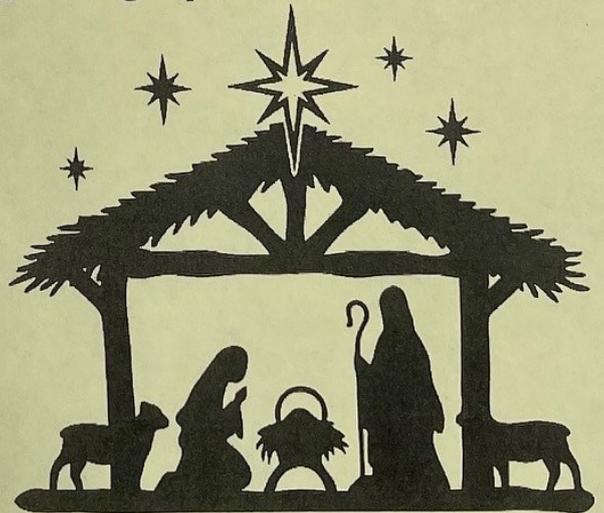
traditional, global, modern - you'll be surprised  
how different they all are! Some have been  
specially made by community groups

**Where:** St Laurence Church, Northfield, B31 2LX  
- an ancient Grade I Listed Church with a Norman  
doorway and a stunning new lighting system.

**Light refreshments**

**Free Admission**

*Donations to support the  
maintenance of the church and  
our link churches in Malawi.*





THAT'S HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

**BIRMINGHAM, ST PETER'S CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER, 18:00**

AMOS TRUST'S Christmas Carol tour stops off at ST PETER'S CHURCH, HIGHFIELD ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM in November, featuring a host of local performers, films, poetry, music, and special guests. **PLEASE JOIN US.**

Proceeds from the evening will go towards Amos Trust's Christmas appeal supporting their work in Gaza. For details, please visit [amostrust.org/christmas-appeal](https://amostrust.org/christmas-appeal)

To book your tickets, please visit [amostrust.org/christmas-2022](https://amostrust.org/christmas-2022)

# MISSION IDEAS THIS TERM

## HARVEST TO ADVENT



### SEPTEMBER

#### Bookbag blessings

Service ideas to pray for those returning to school, college, uni, and beyond.

Bookbag goodies ideas included



### OCTOBER

#### Light Trail



Two different light trails to create around your church or parish.

One has stickers, one has QR codes

### NOVEMBER

#### Take out Advent



Activities to do weekly during Advent - under 11s and over 11s versions

#### 'I Wonder' cards



An online Advent calendar for 11+ with a 'wonder' question every day

#### Wreath prayers



Weekly prayers to use during Advent with your wreath or candle



### DECEMBER

#### Outdoor Christingle



Tried and tested ideas for holding an outside Christingle service

#### 25 things to be thankful for



Daily ideas of things to be grateful for as you open your calendar or light your candle

#### KEY



Intergenerational



For under 11's



For over 11's

Find all these ideas at: <https://tinyurl.com/Autumntermresources>