The Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley Newsletter

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Deanery Synod:

Weds 8 June, 7:30pm at St David's Shenley Green, B29 4HH.

Thursday 20 October, 7:30pm, venue tbc.

Both of these will be in-person meetings.

Admission of new Churchwardens:

Sunday 10 July	venue tbc.
Wednesday 13 July	venue tbc.

Swanwick gathering for Clergy and LLMs:

Tuesday 14 June – Thursday 16 June
'Centred in Christ – A Time of Restoration', led by Bishop Rowan Williams.

Bishop David writes: I am delighted to invite you to this year's Swanwick gathering for Clergy and Licensed Local Lay Ministers in Church of England Birmingham. The Planning Group and I have shaped these few days as an opportunity for retreat and refreshment. I expect that each one of you will set aside this time as an obligation, in person or, if necessary, on-line.

Bishop Rowan Williams has kindly agreed to lead us in reflecting on Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes, Matthew 5: 1-10, as the heart of our three days together.

Prior registration for residential and/or on-line participation is essential.

To register follow this link: www.dio.org.uk/Swanwick2022

The Revd Andrew Hobbs will be licensed at St Andrew's Church Barnt Green on Weds 18 May at 7:30pm.

Meet our new priest

As I write its almost four weeks since my priesting at Immanuel, Highters Heath and so far it has been a total joy. I've loved those moments at Holy Communion and especially ministering to those folk who I've known, prayed with and grew up with over the last decades. These people who I'm now privileged to serve have journeyed with me, first as a Girl Guide leader in the parish, and then later as a licensed lay reader and, in the last few years, in my discernment and formation as Local Minister Ordained. Joy is the right word to describe this ministry and I highly recommend it to all those who are wondering about their call to serve in God's church. The only drawback and fall back to earth is the mundane reality of getting covid (again). As I write this in isolation I'm really looking forward to Easter and worshipping and walking with the lovely folk of Immanuel Highters Heath. Many thanks to all who supported this latest step in my vocation to be a disciple of Christ and especially to my family, to Debbie Collins our priest in charge and my supporting minister, and to all who have prayed and offered words of encouragement over the last few months and years; I'm truly humbled and deeply grateful.
Sandra.

Revd Marc Catley has asked us to share this news:

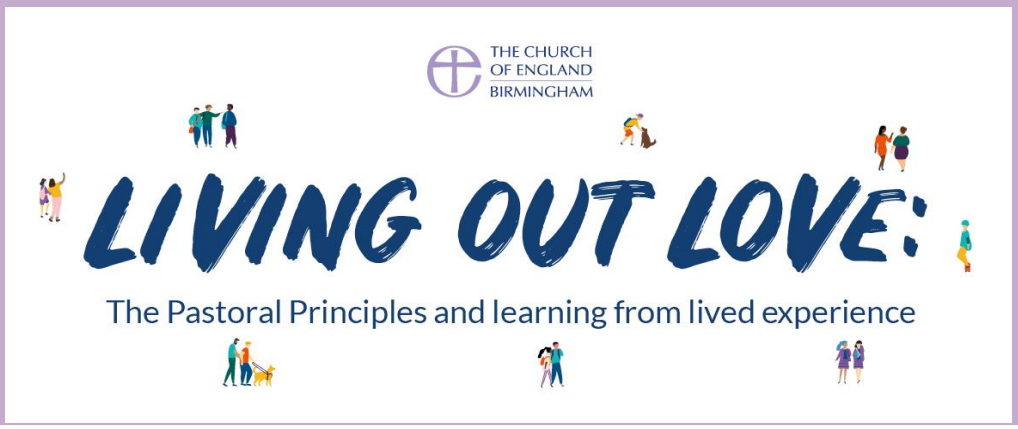
Our Dad, Peter Roe, was incumbent at Hockley Heath and Packwood in the 1990s prior to his retirement in 2000. Dad passed away in June 2020 and as churches were shut due to the pandemic we were unable to have a church service.

We have now arranged a Memorial Service for him on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 11.30 am at St Thomas' Church, Church Street, Garstang, Preston, PR3 1PA.

If anyone wishes to attend, we would appreciate it if we could be advised via this email address for catering purposes: phrmemorial@gmail.com

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Regards
Jo Ravenscroft and Fran Westlake



Brand new resource 'Living out Love' for young people.

Six powerfully short films unfolding the lived experience of six people around the issues of:

Acknowledging prejudice – Anthony's experience of racism

Speaking into silence – Jenni's experience of voluntary childlessness

Addressing ignorance – August's experience of being transgender

Casting out fear – Darren's experience of addiction

Admitting hypocrisy – Ruth's experience of being gay

Paying attention to power – Andy's experience of disability

Designed to be used with young people but can be powerfully used with adults too, with the intension of enabling you to create and facilitate a safe space to explore these topics in either easy to use 30 minute or 60 minute versions.

The link to the videos will be put on the Parish Mission Support facebook page

For more information email Emma Sargeant at emmas@cofebirmingham.com

Confirmation Services 2022

The following Confirmation Services are planned this year:

At the Cathedral

16 April (Sat) 8pm	Easter Vigil	Bishop Anne
5 June (Sun) 11am	Pentecost	Bishop David
20 Nov (Sun) 11am	Feast of Christ the King	Bishop Anne

Please contact April Steadman in the first instance for details of Cathedral Confirmations: april.steadman@birminghamcathedral.com

In the deanery

12 June (Sun) 10am	St Chad's Rubery	Bishop Anne
18 Sept (Sun) 4pm	Immanuel Church Highters Heath	Bishop David

Birmingham Churches Together are producing monthly newsletters to help keep you updated with the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

You can download the March issue: https://www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Bham-2022-Games-CT-news-March-2022.pdf

Further information about activities and events planned by Birmingham Churches Together in relation to the Commonwealth Games can be found here:

https://www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/commonwealthgames/

Deanery Project Team

The Project Team will next meet on the 26 April and would value any feedback or comments about the proposed Oversight Areas, as they currently stand.

The Church of England Birmingham website has some useful information regarding People and Places, including:

Frequently asked questions: https://www.cofebirmingham.com/about-us/what-we-do/people-places/faqs/

What is an Oversight Minister:

https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f0f763ab8605/content/pages/documents/oversight-minister-summary-sheet.pdf

Link to the Oversight Ministry booklet:

https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f0f763ab8605/content/pages/documents/190049-p-p-ministry-booklet_parish-brochure-v826888869679.pdf

On the following page is the map and data for the proposed Oversight Areas, as they currently stand – we anticipate these will change as discussions take place.

Possible Oversight Areas Map

Possible Oversight Areas- Data

Area	Parishes (Tradition)	Total Population	Population Excluding Other Faiths
E01	Frankley Rubery Lickey Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green Rednal	33179	32486
E02	Northfield Shenley Green	24878	23439
E03	Bournville Cotteridge	12742	12213
E04	St Stephen & St Wulstan, Selly Park Christ Church, Selly Park Stirchley	25858	21927
E05	Balsall Heath Moseley St Mary & St Ambrose St Agnes, Moseley	42804	23595
E06	Brandwood Hazelwell Kings Heath	28105	23743

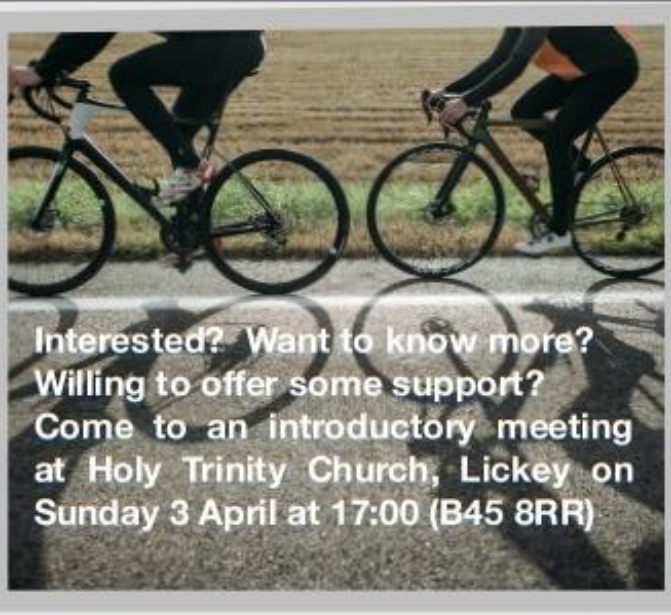
Area	Parishes	Total Population	Population Excluding Other Faiths
E08	Longbridge West Heath Allen's Cross	34427	33486
E09	Kings Norton	28374	26933
E10	Billesley Common Highters Heath Yardley Wood Wythall	39696	35702
E11	The Ascension, Hall Green St Michael, Hall Green St Peter, Hall Green	38344	25434
E12	Shirley	35412	32115
E13	Salter Street Tanworth-in-Arden	15192	13779
E14	Dorridge Nuthurst-cum-Hockley Heath	10775	10429
E15	Baddesley Clinton Lapworth Packwood	2904	2846

CYCLE CHURCH

Church of England Birmingham - Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley

Ride Leaders Wanted - to help lead 8-10 cyclists on a looped ride from Holy Trinity, Lickey to different Churches in the deanery.

Details and Contacts: For further information and questions please email Rev'd Phelim O'Hare on ad.knms@cofebirmingham.com



Interested? Want to know more? Willing to offer some support? Come to an introductory meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Lickey on Sunday 3 April at 17:00 (B45 8RR)

CYCLING CHURCH IS A FRESH EXPRESSION OF FAITH THAT SEEKS TO BUILD A WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY THAT EXPLORES CHRISTIAN LIFE AND DISCIPLESHIP IN AND AROUND THE GROWING NUMBER OF CYCLISTS WHO ARE ON THE EDGE OF OUR CHURCH AND PARISH LIFE.

IT'S OPEN TO ANYONE WHO LOVES CYCLING, LOVES GOD AND IS OPEN TO DEEPENING THEIR APPRECIATION OF JESUS' PROMISE OF 'FULLNESS OF LIFE' THROUGH PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, FELLOWSHIP AND, OF COURSE, LOVING SUPPORT AND SERVICE OF OTHERS.

Cycle Church is sponsored by the deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley and the parish of Lickey and Blackwell.

Our deanery and parish are committed to safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults and to the safer recruitment of all volunteers. A Ride Leader requires a Church of England DBS and safeguarding training, references and an application. Following an initial conversation a copy of the person specification for the role will be given to you, to help inform you further.

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Workplace Chaplaincy news from around the deanery

Longbridge Retail

Val Dalton has resumed her Retail Chaplaincy in Longbridge and writes…

"I was a bit worried about going back; would I be recognised? Well, that worry was unfounded – a member of staff waved to me as I came up the travelator, and was really pleased that I was back in store. As I walked around my 'patch' I was warmly welcomed and it was good to renew old friendships. I heard about new babies born during the pandemic, and about family bereavements in the worst of circumstances. There had been staff changes too – new people to meet and chat to. Out on the High Street there were new Managers to meet and sadness as I noticed that some businesses had closed. Some conversations were deeper than others, as is always the way, but I was thrilled that people I had formed a relationship with before the pandemic were able to share their stories with me. I discovered one lady went from work after my regular weekly visits and told her husband about the wonderful support she had received from me.

Like more of our Chaplains, I always pray before I visit, asking for God to guide me to those He wants me to meet, and for just the right words to say…or not! I'm going to shamelessly pinch some words from Richard's article on page two: 'It's a great work and is often joyous and rewarding particularly as you walk away from a meaningful and timely conversation who was 'divinely scheduled' to meet with you'."

JLR Castle Bromwich

Colin Corke is now able to resume his Chaplaincy to the JLR factory in Castle Bromwich. A message was sent out to employees informing them that Colin would once again be available offering support to employees at all levels of the business whether as a general 'listening ear' or for more pressing matters in life such as relationships, change, bereavement etc.

MEET THE CHAPLAIN

Richard Pidgley, one of the team at Cadbury 6th Form College shares the story of his journey to Chaplaincy at the college ...

Two years ago whilst hosting a local ministers' breakfast I met Chris Milton who shared with me his role as a local sixth form college Chaplain and his desire to create a team that would multiply the positive effects of Chaplaincy in the college community. After going through the relevant and necessary checks to be a college Chaplain I finally got my 'staff' badge and was introduced to the college community by Chris.

As a local church leader I talk about mission, I pray about mission and I inspire others to be involved in mission and yet I'm taken up with so many pastoral duties that I often forget to be involved in mission myself! And that's why I love Chaplaincy as it gets me out of my study or church building and into the community. Chaplaincy makes me intentional in mission, it gives me that opportunity to connect with my community in a positive way which is so rewarding and fruitful.

When I go into the college I represent the Kingdom of God and seek to share God's love by listening to students and staff and by offering help, hope and the inspiration the Gospel gives us. I now do a 'tour of duty' for a few hours each week which often means walking around the campus talking to staff members from those in catering, security, maintenance, admin, teaching and senior management. I've found that the staff are open and talkative as I ask them about their role at college and how they are doing. They appreciate that a Chaplain has taken the time to speak with them, listen to their concerns and challenges and offer support and to pray for them. And then there's the students, hundreds of them, all young adults trying to make their way through the rigours and demands of college. Chatting with the students keeps you on your toes and means you have to be relevant! It's great to hear about their hopes and dreams and have the chance to encourage them and cheer them on - it's also a privilege to be in a position of trust working under the head of safeguarding to offer young people support and advice as they face daunting problems and feel unable to go on.

Yes it's a privilege and honour to serve as a voluntary Chaplain. It's extra work to my already full-on week, and yet it's a great work and is often joyous and rewarding particularly as you walk away from a meaningful and timely conversation with somebody who was 'divinely scheduled' to meet with you.

At Cadbury sixth form college the Chaplains work as a team, supporting each other and complimenting each other's unique abilities and gifting. We are thrilled to announce since returning after the pandemic lockdowns we have started a weekly staff prayer meeting and a regular session for students to discuss their thoughts on big subjects like 'Is there a God?' And 'Why is there suffering in the world?'

I'm glad that Chris came to that breakfast two years ago and even happier that he invited me to join with him in Chaplaincy.

Deanery Support Officer working hours

Monday mornings – 4 hours, usually finishing by 1pm

Tuesday – 6 hours, usually finishing by 3pm

Wednesday mornings – 2 hours, usually finishing by 1pm

Thursday – 5 ½ hours, usually finishing by 2:30pm

We're on social media!

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PCC Secretaries Networking Event

We are holding a networking event on zoom for all PCC secretaries, on **Wednesday 27 April at 2pm.**

This will be a chance for PCC secretaries to meet and ask questions and share best practice.

Jan Smart (Diocesan Secretary) and Nicola Booth (Exec Assistant to the Diocesan Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer) will be attending and can offer guidance on matters of governance.

If you'd like to attend, please contact Deb Jewison (deborahj@cofebirmingham.com). Zoom details will be sent out closer to the meeting.

We aim to send out the deanery newsletter during the last week of every month; if you would like anything included in future editions, please contact Deb Jewison.

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It would be lovely to have photos of your churches and events taking place in your parish to share across the deanery.