

## New Archdeacon of Newark appointed

A clergyman who had his 'call' to the priesthood confirmed while teaching in a Retford Comprehensive School, has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Newark.

The Revd Canon David Picken (48), who is currently Team Rector of High Wycombe in the Diocese of Oxford, said he was looking forward to returning to the area where he had many happy memories. "I've always thought it was a wonderful place and the people are so friendly and warm. I'm also really pleased to be coming to work in a diocese which has a clear vision of where it is going, while maintaining close contact with parishes." The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler said: "We're very pleased that David and Cathy will be joining us in the coming months. David brings a broad range of urban and rural parish experience



and a passion for mission and renewal, particularly from a catholic perspective. His most recent ministry in a town-centre has helped him prove how a church can be relevant and engaged at the heart of a community – working with those in need and offering essential support and care."

David grew up in Hednesford in Staffordshire with his two foster

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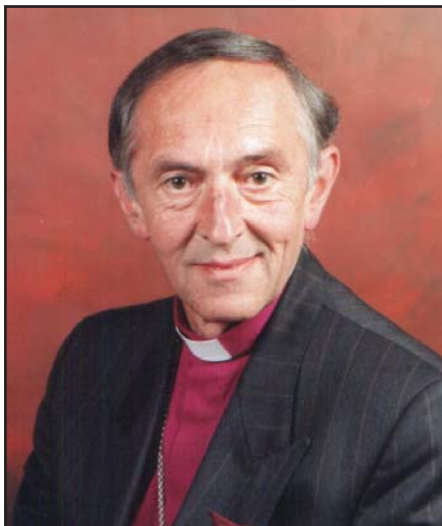
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## Tribute to former Bishop of Sherwood

The former Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Alan Morgan, who retired from the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham in 2004 died on Monday 24th October. Bishop Alan, who was known by many as 'the coalfields bishop' made a huge contribution to working for regeneration of the coalfield areas across the country and was part of the government's Coalfield Task Force headed by John Prescott in 1997.



The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler said: "Bishop Alan was a tireless campaigner on behalf of the marginalised and the poor and his time in the diocese was marked by his passion for justice and single-minded efforts to bring people together. He was also someone with a real human touch and compassionate approach to those of much faith and those of little."

Bishop Alan was appointed as the Bishop of Sherwood in 1989. Originally from Swansea in South Wales, he graduated with a BA in Philosophy and history from St David's College in Lampeter and then studied at St Michael's theological College in Llandaff. Following curacies in Wales, he moved to Coventry East Ministry Team in 1972 as Team Vicar of St Barnabas. In 1978 he became the Bishop of Coventry's Officer for Social Responsibility and was appointed as Archdeacon of Coventry in 1983. His passion for the Church's social responsibility was reflected in his involvement with a range of organisations. He was chair of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, a trustee of the national AIDS Trust and a trustee of the Charities' Aid Foundation, as well as linking with a whole range of other church and voluntary groups from Family Life and Marriage Enrichment to social housing groups. In Nottingham he was chairman of the East Midlands Churches Forum and president of a number of charities, including Framework Housing. At a national level he was chairman of the General Synod's Board of Social Responsibility's Working Party on the Future of the Family, which produced a report called 'Something to Celebrate' in 1995. He was also part of the Coalfields Task Force and went on to continue the work as Chair of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

There was a private family funeral.

## Nottingham city minister becomes Cathedral Canon

A Christian minister for one of Nottingham's largest city centre churches, David Shearman, is to be installed as a new ecumenical canon for Southwell Minster.

David Shearman, who leads the Christian Centre on Talbot Street in Nottingham, has been the senior minister at the Assemblies of God church since 1977. He has also written several books, is an international author and serves on several charitable boards including Christian Solidarity Worldwide, which campaigns for persecuted Christians.

David will be installed as an ecumenical canon at a service of Evensong at **3.30pm on Sunday 4th December 2011** in Southwell Minster.

Talking about his new role at the Cathedral, David said: "I am honoured to be offered the position as honorary Ecumenical Canon for Southwell Minster. I truly believe that the church is the hands and feet of Jesus, the only hope of the world and I am excited to serve its wider mission in this capacity."



## Key roles for children & young people

**K**ey roles for children and young people formed part of the discussions at Diocesan Synod, when representatives of the clergy and members of local churches met at the Samworth Church Academy in October. Bishop Paul presented a proposal to Synod about authorising lay assistants to administer communion, which would potentially allow children to distribute the bread and wine.

Director of Education, Claire Meese said: “I welcome this as a natural extension of what we do. Young people are being trained to

Paul said his involvement with the 25th Anniversary of the Church of England’s Committee on Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns earlier that month had led him to reflect on a number of areas. He told members he wanted everyone to examine ways that the diocese could increase and encourage involvement and leadership from those of diverse ethnic backgrounds. He also said he would like to see more young people involved in the leadership of churches. He said: “If I could have my own way I would want

health, the weather, social and financial changes. It is our responsibility to value the wisdom of the aged. It is also our responsibility to help older people grow in faith, even come to faith for the first time.”

A new budget for 2012 was presented to the Synod, with proposals to increase deanery share by 2 per cent. Director of Finance, David Meredith explained that the money given by parishes would account for 69 per cent of the total income needed. The overall expenditure planned for the diocese will be

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lead worship and being trained to lead worship in schools....It seems imperative to me that we find ways of them contributing meaningfully.”

Retired priest, the Revd David Bartlett questioned the motion on the basis that those administering communion should be people of long-standing Christian commitment, who had demonstrated they were responsible and wise. But Bishop Paul said: “There are some 10 year olds who have been worshipping in their parish church for 10 years and are already exhibiting longevity, seriousness and engagement.” Following further discussion the motion to ask the General Synod of the Church of England to debate Canon B12 and the regulations related to it about the distribution of Holy Communion was passed without abstentions.

Addressing the Synod, Bishop

to see at least two young people on every PCC – at least where there are young people in the church. I say two because they would be able to support one another in the role... Now if you think your PCC is not a suitable place for young people to be, I would suggest that means the nature of the PCC and how it operates needs some serious examination. A well run, collaborative style PCC, who see their main task as leading the parish in God’s mission is a highly suitable place for young people to participate.”

The Bishop also said the diocese should be re-examining and challenging the way the elderly are valued in our society. He said: “It is our responsibility to speak up for, and lead the way in showing care, to the elderly, healthy and sick, and in particular to show care for those most vulnerable to the impact of ill

£8.9m, with 90 per cent of this going towards employment costs of clergy and some lay staff. The budget was passed by the Synod with 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.

The Revd Professor Simon Oliver, from the University of Nottingham, who is also Canon Theologian for the Diocese, presented a paper on the Anglican Covenant. He was part of a small group who produced a teaching document to help the provinces understand what it is all about. Talking about the Anglican Communion, he said: “It’s terribly important that we recognise that the Christian gospel can’t be unlocked by any particular Christian culture, we always have things to learn from others.”

Further presentations during the afternoon included an update on the Nottingham Winter Shelter, a new Vocations Strategy and a paper on deployment.

## Events & information. . . Events & information. . . Events & informatio



### You are invited to a free Lead Theft Reduction Seminar in Nottingham

Smith of Derby, in association with Nottinghamshire Police and Southwell & Nottingham DAC, is holding a free Lead Theft Reduction Seminar, in a bid to help the Church community reduce the risk of this type of crime.

The evening will start with an informal chat over light refreshments followed by practical guidance from Richard Stones, Nottinghamshire Police. Gary Henshaw, Smith of Derby Church Security Manager, will also give a brief presentation on how their Church security product ChurchCAM can help save your Church building from vandalism.

Representatives from English Heritage, SmartWater and Ecclesiastical will also be present.

**Date: Thursday 1st December 2011**

**Venue: St Leonards Community Centre, Bramcote Lane, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2ND**

**Time: 6pm-8pm, doors open at 5.30pm**  
(Light refreshments will be served)

**To book your free place on this seminar please contact: Kerrie Broderick, Church Security Administrator on 01332 345569 or email [kerrie.broderick@smithofderby.com](mailto:kerrie.broderick@smithofderby.com)**

### Piano, Processional Cross, Candlesticks, Office/Reception Furniture, Equipment and Files - everything except a cuddly toy!

Due to the reorganisation of Dunham House we are able to offer many items for a small donation (some items are free) to Churches and individuals. A few more valuable items offered for 'silent auction'. The up to date list can be found at <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/24697486/Items%20available%20from%20Dunham%20House.pdf> or you can get the list, photos and other details from [carolepark@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:carolepark@southwell.anglican.org) or phone 01636 817242.

### Important changes to Copyright Law affecting all churches

The Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 (CDPA) was amended with effect from 1 January 2011. The changes affect non-for-profit organisations such as charities, community halls, churches, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

The effect of this change is that if sound recordings (CD's, cassettes etc) are played during church activities, or during direct activities of the church in the local community (church fetes, outreach events etc) a Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL) Church Licence is now required. This requirement is in addition to the PRS for Music Church Licence which some of your churches may already have.

**Further information explaining the changes to the law in more detail can be found at:**

[www.ccli.co.uk/ppl](http://www.ccli.co.uk/ppl)

**or contact:**  
**Chris Williams**  
**01323 436101**  
**[cwilliams@ccli.co.uk](mailto:cwilliams@ccli.co.uk)**



# Prayerdiary

## In January we pray for. . .

- Sun 01 Jan**      **Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Stephen Morris)**  
PRAY for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia The Most Revd William Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
- Mon 02 Jan**      **Ruddington, St Peter; St Peter's Primary School (Andrew Buchanan)**  
Aba - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Most Revd Ugochukwu Ezuoke
- Tue 03 Jan**      **Normanton-on-Soar, St James; Sutton Bonington, St Anne; Sutton Bonington St Michael (John Davey)**  
Aba Ngwa North - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathan Kanu
- Wed 04 Jan**      **West Bridgford, St Giles (Lee Proudlove, Isabelle Hamley)**  
Abakaliki - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Benson Onyeibor
- Thu 05 Jan**      **Ranby Prison (Ossie Jesson)**  
Aberdeen & Orkney - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Dr Robert Gillies
- Fri 06 Jan**      **Wilford, St Wilfrid; South Wilford Primary School, The Nottingham Emmanuel (VA) School (Phillip Marsh, Megan Smith)**
- Sat 07 Jan**      **Wilford Hill, St Paul (Chris Hodder)**  
Adelaide - (South Australia, Australia) The Most Revd Jeffrey Driver
- Sun 08 Jan**      **Plough Sunday - we pray for those involved in and concerned for agriculture**  
PRAY for The Anglican Church of Australia The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate of Australia
- Mon 09 Jan**      **BASSETLAW & BAWTRY DEANERY – (Area Dean: Jonathan Smithurst; Lay Chair: John Chambers; Associate Priests: Tim Pownall Jones, Irene Tissington)**  
Afikpo - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Paul Uduogu
- Tue 10 Jan**      **Austerfield, St Helena; Bawtry, St Nicholas; Misson, St John the Baptist (Jonathan Strickland)**  
Agra - (North India) The Rt Revd Samuel Cutting

## In January we pray for. . .

- Wed 11 Jan**      **Beckingham, All Saints; Walkeringham, St Mary Magdalene; Misterton, All Saints; West Stockwith, St Mary the Blessed Virgin (David Henson)**  
Aguata - (Niger, Nigeria) The Most Revd Christian Efobi
- Thu 12 Jan**      **Department for Development for the Diocese, Director of Ministry & Mission, Nigel Rooms and Director of Partnerships & Mission, David McCoulough and their colleagues**  
Ahoada - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Clement Ekpeye
- Fri 13 Jan**      **Blyth, St Mary & St Martin; St Mary & St Martin's Church School; Ranskill, St Barnabas; Scrooby, St Wilfrid (Kate Bottley)**  
Aipo Rongo - (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Dr Nathan Ingen  
Suffragan Bishop of Aipo Rongo - (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Denys Ririka
- Sat 14 Jan**      **Carlton-in-Lindrick, St John the Evangelist; Langold, St Luke; Oldcotes, St Mark (Jane Blatherwick)**  
Ajayi Crowther - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olugbenga Oduntan
- Sun 15 Jan**      **Sisters of the Community of the Holy Cross, Costock**  
PRAY for The Church of Bangladesh The Most Revd Paul Sarker Moderator,  
Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka
- Mon 16 Jan**      **Clayworth, St Peter; Everton, Holy Trinity; Mattersey, All Saints; Gringley-on-the-Hill, St Peter & St Paul; St Peter's Church School (Jonathan Smithurst)**  
Akoko - (Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Gabriel Akinbiyi
- Tue 17 Jan**      **Harworth, all Saints; Harworth Church School (Jackie Johnson)**  
Akoko Edo - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jolly Oyekpen
- Wed 18 Jan**      **Holbeck, St Winifred; Norton Cuckney, St Mary; Norton Cuckney Church School (Simon Cash, Brian Little)**  
Akot - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Isaac Ater
- Thu 19 Jan**      **Lowdham Grange Prison (Vacant)**  
Akure - (Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Michael Ipinmoye
- Fri 20 Jan**      **Retford Area Team Ministry; Clarborough, St John the Baptist; Hayton, St Peter (Mark Cantrill)**  
Alabama - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Henry Parsley  
Suffragan Bishop of Alabama - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Sloan
- Sat 21 Jan**      **Babworth, All Saints; Ranby, St Martin; Scofton, St John; Sutton-cum-Lound, St Bartholomew; Sutton-cum-Lound Church School (Mark Vasey-Saunders, Sue Caddy)**  
Alaska - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Lattime

## In January we pray for. . .

- Sun 22 Jan**      **Sisters of the Community of St Laurence, Sacrista Prebend**  
 PRAY for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil The Most Revd Maurício Araujo de Andrade Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia
- Mon 23 Jan**      **Dunham-on-Trent, St Oswald; Dunham-on-Trent Church School; Askham, St Nicholas; East Markham, St John the Baptist; Grove, St Helen; Headon-cum-Upton, St Peter; East Drayton, St Peter; East Retford, St Swithun; St Swithun's Church School; Retford, St Saviour; West Retford, St Michael the Archangel (Julia Jesson)**  
 Albany - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Love
- Tue 24 Jan**      **Bothamsall, Our Lady & St Peter; Elkesley, St Giles; Eaton, All Saints; Gamston, St Peter; Gamston Church School; West Drayton, St Paul; North Leverton, St Martin; North Leverton Church School; South Leverton, All Saints (Stephen Wales)**  
 Algoma - (Ontario, Canada) The Rt Revd Stephen Andrews
- Wed 25 Jan**      **Bole, St Martin; North Wheatley, St Peter & St Paul; North Wheatley Church School; Sturton-le-Steeple; Sturton-le-Steeple Church School (Mark Cantrill)**  
 The Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabukala Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya  
 All Saints Cathedral - Garissa Missionary Area - (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Mutisya Bishop - Episcopate of the Armed Forces - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Colonel Peter Simiyu Suffragan Bishop of All Saints Cathedral Diocese - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Robert Martin
- Thu 26 Jan**      **Laneham, St Peter; Rampton, All Saints; Stokeham, St Peter; Treswell, St John the Baptist (Felicity Ferriter)**  
 Amazon - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Saulo Mauricio de Barros
- Fri 27 Jan**      **Ordsall, All Hallows (Sue Caddy)**  
 Amichi - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ephraim Ikeakor
- Sat 28 Jan**      **Shireoaks, St Luke; St Luke's Church School (Jackie Allen)**  
 Amritsar - (North India) The Rt Revd Pradeep Samantaroy
- Sun 29 Jan**      **Homelessness Sunday – we pray for the homeless and those living in poverty around us**  
 PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana
- Mon 30 Jan**      **Workshop Christ Church (Martyn Alvey)**  
 Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands - (North India) The Rt Revd Christopher Paul
- Tue 31 Jan**      **Carburton, St Giles; Clumber Park, St Mary the Virgin; Workshop; St Mary & St Cuthbert; Workshop Priory Church School; (Nicolas Spicer)**  
 Antananarivo - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Samoela Ranarivelo Bishop of Tulear - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Todd McGregor



# Natal News & Information

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## A time of endings & new beginnings at Christmas

*Link Officer, The Revd Barbara Holbrook writes:*

This time of year is one of those times when you realise the difference geography makes. Our friends in Natal are now into their summer holidays. Christmas at their churches, instead of being a busy time of carol services and mince pies is that quiet period when many people are off on their summer holidays. Exams will be over and school years ended. Hot summer days make things a bit lethargic, but school uniforms must be bought and family and friends visited. It seems odd to us that this all happens over the Christmas period!

It is also a time of looking to new beginnings. Clergy moves usually happen in January, so for some churches there will be goodbyes and hellos to be said, as their priests move away and new priests come into post.

As the time to look forward comes, we will be looking forward to next year's visits. Many of our curates will be visiting Natal in late January, and the planning and preparation is in progress for that. The rector of Richmond, linked to the parishes around Gotham, will be visiting for a month in September, and the



planning has begun for that visit.

The excitement and challenge of journeying to a new place is very present – perhaps a reminder of just one aspect of the Christmas story. Perhaps it's not so strange for Christmas to be a time of endings and new beginnings.

**Please pray** for all those churches that will be losing or gaining priests after Christmas, for the priests and their families as they move, for jobs for partners to be found where they are needed.

**Pray** for all those who have just completed their education and are waiting for their matriculation results and looking for work.

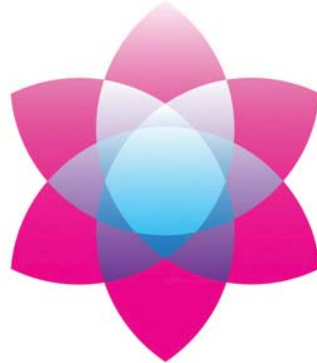


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## Nottingham Young Creative Awards 2012 – Get involved

Young  
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2012



The Young Creative Awards celebrates the creativity of Nottingham City's young people. Through the awards the Council aims to:

- Encourage young people to be creative
- Link young people to business and creative entrepreneurs
- To develop a network and to make connections across education, business and the creative industries in Nottingham
- To provide inspirational mentoring, training and development opportunities.
- To link Nottingham's creativity to national and international business and success

The Council aim to offer mentoring and sponsorship opportunities to prize winners to enable them to develop their practice and develop links and pathways between young people and the exciting range of creative organisations based in Nottingham.

This will be the 4th year of awards and the closing date for entries at the end of March 2012. The awards ceremony will take place on 8th May 2012.

You can support the event by:

- promoting the competition
- encouraging entrants
- offering prizes – we aim to offer mentoring/ professional development opportunities with each category
- sponsorship – you can sponsor an award or any other aspect of the Young Creative Awards

**If you would like more information on how you can support the Nottingham Young Creative Awards please contact Tracy Meadows on 0115 8763319**

**Tracy.Meadows@nottinghamcity.gov.uk or Nigel Cooke 0115 8764997 nigel.cooke@onenottingham.org.uk**

### St Boniface Trust Essay Competition

Following the setting up of the Anglican Ordinariate, St Boniface Trust has been concerned that yet more divisions are being created within both the Anglican and the Roman Catholic Church. The Trust feels that more attention needs to be paid to the understanding of Anglicanism as a distinctive witness in a time when its self understanding is at a low ebb.

There is a degree of urgency and to further this understanding it is offering a prize of £1 000 which will go to the writer of an essay of about 5 000 words on the subject

**“Why I am an Anglican and believe I shall remain so”**

Essay submissions by lay people and clergy of all ages must be received by 1st January 2012 and entries will be judged by a senior cleric within the Church. The result will be announced next Easter and the winning essay placed on our website together with other significant contributions.

**If you are interested in entering please contact the Trust secretary for details: secretary@stbonifacetrust.org.uk or write to David Prior, Secretary, St Boniface Trust, 4 Cley View, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 8NS. www.stbonifacetrust.org.uk**

# What's On

*in December*

**Items to be included in What's On for both Nifty Notes & C Magazine should be sent to Nicola Marsh at [nicola@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:nicola@southwell.anglican.org)**

- 1** St Barnabas' Justice and Peace Group with Pax Christi and Nottingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission invite you to meet Fr Johnny Abu Khalil, Parish Priest of St Justin's, Nablus in the Palestinian West Bank, Spiritual Director, St Joseph Latin Patriarchate School in Nablus. 7.30pm–9.30pm, St Barnabas' Cathedral Hall, Nottingham. Details: Patricia 0115 950 9773.
- 2** Lunchtime in the Cathedral - Dan Curtis Jazz. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 3** Sacrista Prebend Retreat House - Advent and Christmas with Lancelot Andrewes led by Alison Milbank. 10am–4pm. For a booking form 01636 816 833 or email: [mail@sacrista-prebend.co.uk](mailto:mail@sacrista-prebend.co.uk) £15. Tea and coffee provided; please bring your own packed lunch.
- 3** Christmas Concert at All Saints Church, Cotgrave. Christmas music interspersed with festive readings by the Persiflage Saxophone Quartet. 7.30pm doors open from 6.45pm. £5 include mulled wine and mince pies, from Val Holmes 07762631834 and Jean Barratt 07837378683.
- 3** Crib Festival and Christmas Fair. 11am-3pm, All Hallows Church, Ordsall, Retford. Enjoy the real spirit of Christmas with our display of nativity scenes and cribs plus Santa, Children's Choir and Christmas sing-a-long. Stalls and attractions, morning coffee and light lunches.
- 3-11** Christmas Tree Festival - St Mary Magdalene Church, Newark. Over 90 trees on display, decorated by a wide range of organisations, businesses and schools. Stalls: Christmas gifts and cards, children's toys and clothes, jewellery and many other items. Home-made refreshments and seasonal music, including live choral singing. Open: Saturdays, 9.30am-5pm; Sundays 4 & 11: 11am-4pm; Mon 5 – Fri 9: 10am-5pm. 'Carols of Praise' on Sun 11, 6pm followed by the raffle draw. Further details: 01636 706473 from 9am-4pm (except lunchtimes) or 01636 611778 from 9am-1pm. Entry: £2 per adult; 20p per child.
- 8** Solemn Mass at Worksop Priory for the Conception of the BVM. 7.30pm. Preacher Fr Guy Jamieson, chair of the local Ecumenical Society of the BVM.
- 10** Town Lantern Walk – starting 4pm, Southwell Minster grounds.
- 10** Carols for Everyone – 7.30pm, Southwell Minster.
- 16** Royal Engineers (V) Band Concert, 7pm, St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church. Admission charge applies. Further details: 0115 9161787.
- 16** Music Cafe – Christmas Rocked. 7pm-9pm, St Lawrence, Gotham. Further details: Matthew and Sarah Riley email: [mandsriley@gmail.com](mailto:mandsriley@gmail.com)
- 16,17** 'The Newark Nativity' - St Mary Magdalene Church, Newark. 7.30pm. Tickets £4 adults, £2 under 11s available from Newark Tourist Information 01636 655 765 and St Mary's vestry 01636 706 473 or book online [www.newarknativity.co.uk](http://www.newarknativity.co.uk)
- 23,24** Cathedral Carol Service – 7pm, Southwell Minster.

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- 6** Lunchtime in the Cathedral - Piano Duet Recital. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 20** Lunchtime in the Cathedral - Centenary of the Scott Expedition. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster.
- 21** Southwell Choral Society joint concert with Louth Choral Society –Dream of Gerontius by Edward Elgar. 7.30 pm, Southwell Minster.

**What's On. . . What's On. . . What's On. . . What's On. . . What's On.**

**28-  
28 Feb  
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'Imaging the Invisible' exhibition of paintings by Iain McKillop in Southwell Minster. Contact: Caroline Jarvis 01636 817 285, email: administrator@southwellminster.org.uk  
Launch of the Diocesan branch of the Missionary Society of St Hilda & St Wilfred at the Crossing with Bishop Paul. After 5.45pm Evensong, Southwell Minster.

**Christmas  
Services at  
Southwell Minster**

**Sunday 4 December**  
5pm, Christingle Service –  
followed by refreshments in  
the Crossing

**Saturday 10 December**  
7.30pm, Carols for Everyone  
Concert - tickets required from  
Minster Shop  
01636 812933

**Friday 23 December**  
7pm, Cathedral Carol Service

**Saturday 24 December**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
2pm, Crib Service  
3.30pm, Choral Evensong  
7pm, Cathedral Carol Service  
11.15pm, Midnight Eucharist

**Sunday 25 December**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
8am, Holy Communion with  
carols (BCP)  
9.30am, Family Eucharist  
11.15am, Festal Choral  
Mattins  
12.30pm, Said Holy  
Communion (Pilgrims'  
Chapel)  
3.30pm, Evening prayer with  
carols

**The Bramcote Nativity  
'The Star Safari'**

Bramcote Village is the location for a spectacular outdoor Nativity drama, written by Pat Ashworth, directed by Julian Hanby and performed by a large local cast in celebration of the 150th anniversary of St Michael & All Angels parish church.



It's a promenade play, where the audience follows the action and is part of the unfolding story in four of Bramcote's best locations, including the pub garden at the White Lion in Town Street. The drama is in the robust spirit of the medieval Mystery plays, and costume and music are of the period – "Not a tea towel in sight," promises Pat.

There'll be a few surprises for the family audience on the three-quarters of a mile journey to the stable at Bethlehem, not least a show-stealing, life-size puppet created by Sue Pyecroft of Bamboozle Theatre. Costumes and props are being made by church and community members, and the project is being supported by Nottinghamshire County Councillors' Divisional Fund and Broxtowe Borough Council's Arts and Events team.

The show is on at **10.30am and 2pm on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December**. It will take place whatever the weather. "We wouldn't mind a bit of snow, especially at some key moments in the play," says Pat. "We're advising the audience to wrap up warm and wear some stout footwear, and we know they'll enjoy the journey." Medieval and Tudor Christmas music adds to the atmosphere, played on early instruments by the specially formed 'Bramcote Pipers' – Ray Wiseman, a lay reader at St Michael & All Angels; and Kate Billmore and Peter Barnard, who regularly perform as 'De Mowbray's Musick' and 'Lys St George'.

**Tickets (£5 and £3) can be bought online at the Nativity site, [www.bramcote.info](http://www.bramcote.info), or reserved by phone (weekday mornings) from the church office on 0115 943 0137.**

**Please note the deadline for the January issue of Nifty Notes is: 12TH DECEMBER 2011**

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**The Revd Joanne (Jo) Stephens**, currently Assistant Curate in the Benefices of Attenborough and Toton in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, to be Team Vicar, St Peter and St Paul's, Hucknall, in the same Diocese.

**The Revd Dr Kon Apokis**, currently Clergy Training Officer in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, has been appointed as the Church Army Director of Education & Training. It is anticipated that he will take up his new role from 14 January 2012.



### 12 new Readers licensed

12 new Readers were licensed on 16th October at the Diocesan Readers Licensing Service.

Pictured from left to right:

Patricia Roberts Thomson, Greg Cowley, Linda Sheppard, Carol Staves, Rachel Bowser, Jenny Lewin, Sandra Brailsford, Mary Jones, Sally Beasley, Mary Baldwin, Ann Hilton, Paul Kirby

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sisters. His father was a carpenter and builder – a skill he says he has not picked up! After graduating with a BA honours degree in English and Religious Studies from London University, he completed a PGCE at Christ Church College in Canterbury.

While at university, he met his wife Cathy, who was training as a teacher. The couple were married in 1985 and David taught for a year in Sussex, before taking up a post teaching Religious Studies at the Elizabethan High in Retford from 1986 to 1987. It was during his time in Retford that his call to be ordained was confirmed, while he and Cathy attended All Hallows Church in Ordsall. In 1987 he went to study theology at Lincoln Theological College and was ordained in 1990.

His first curacy was in the Diocese of Chichester near the beautiful rural setting of Worth Abbey. In 1993 he became Team Vicar of Wordsley in the Diocese of Worcester.

During his time in Wordsley he was a vocations adviser for the diocese, and was also an Area Missioner.

In 2004 David and Cathy moved to the Diocese of Oxford when David took up his current post in High Wycombe. The church is part of a large team ministry covering a multi-cultural population of 90,000, with six clergy, seven churches including three with over 200 members each. David's town centre church is made up of a congregation with a wide ethnic mix, reflecting the varied multi-cultural population of the town and he has been active in working with those of

other faiths. He helped found the local Council for Christian/Muslim Relations, in 2007. Other areas of interest for David include being the chairman of 'On Fire Mission' - a network of Anglicans committed to God's renewal in Word and Sacrament. Under David's leadership, the High Wycombe church plays an active role in the town centre and has developed a night shelter for the homeless in partnership with local agencies. It also acts as the base for a ministry of 'healing on the streets' and the local equivalent of street pastors, called 'Street Angels'. David is passionate about mission and evangelism and sees his role as helping people be free to be followers of Jesus.

David will be taking-up his new appointment in the new year - more details to follow.