

Director of Education moves to London post

Director of Education for the Church of England across Nottinghamshire, the Revd Dr Howard Worsley, has been appointed as the new Director of Education for the Diocese of London.

Howard Worsley, who has been in his role for the past five years, said he is looking forward to the new challenges the post will bring and being more able to engage with national policy makers.

He said: "The past few years working with churches and school across the Diocese have been challenging and rewarding and have left me convinced that Church Schools are the most strategic zones of ministry that the Church is currently involved in. I'm looking forward to having a strategic impact in the new post and being involved on the national scene."

Howard will take up the new role on 1st March 2010.

Chief Executive for the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, Nigel Spraggins said: "Howard has been a stimulating colleague, who thinks outside the box, and is also a very caring person. Here



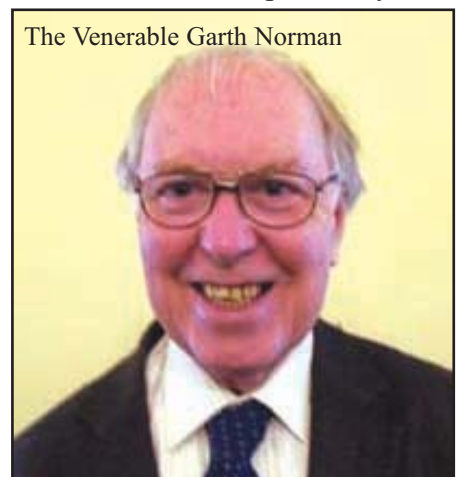
in Nottinghamshire he has overseen some major developments in Education with the first Church Academy in Mansfield, new affiliations with community and private schools, the development of school chaplaincies and the beginning of Further Education chaplains. Young people's work has also been pushed forward with a network for youth workers across our parishes and the development of a youth website. We know he will have great things to contribute to his new post and wish him well for the future."

Howard was brought up in London, and after university he taught as a secondary school teacher, both in Egypt and in this country, before taking up a post

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New Chaplain for retired clergy

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Tony Porter, paid tribute to the The Venerable Garth Norman (Archdeacon Emeritus of Bromley & Bexley) following the end of his term as the Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy. He said "Garth was conscientious and pastorally



The Venerable Garth Norman

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Choral music awards held at Southwell Minster



Dean's Award (RSCM Bronze Award) for Proficiency in Choral Singing - Lee Breedon, St Mary's Church, Greasley; Anne Broxham, S. Leonard's Church, Wollaton; Sarah Hall, St Leonard's Church, Wollaton.

Bishop's Award (RSCM Silver Award) for Proficiency in Choral Singing - Lauren Breedon, St Mary's Church, Greasley; Beth Noble, St Leonard's Church, Wollaton; Lizzie Rudin, St Leonard's Church, Wollaton

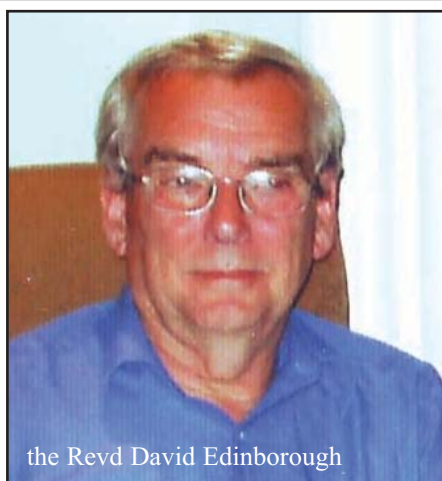
Bishop's Award for Long Service for singers and organists who have given 25 years or more service - Brenda Lord, St Mary Magdalene, Keyworth; Sybil Griffiths, All Saints, Cotgrave; Dr Stan Heptinstall, St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote; David Hanford, St Michael & All Angels, Bramcote. Ken Saunders, St Mary's, Greasley.

David Machell, local composer of the anthem 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended' is also pictured.

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sensitive and made a wonderful contribution in the ministry he has been exercising".

He welcomed the Revd David Edinborough, a retired priest with Permission to Officiate, as the new Chaplain and said "David is hugely respected in the Diocese and extremely well known. He will make a brilliant successor to Garth".



the Revd David Edinborough

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as schools trainer for Scripture Union in the North West of England. From there he was ordained and served as a curate at All Saint's, Huthwaite, before taking on parish ministry in urban Nottingham at St Peter's Church, Old Radford, in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. In both posts, ministry in schools and amongst children and young people was the key element of his ministry and in addition to learning fire-eating and various other 'magic tricks' he also researched a doctorate investigating how children come to faith and what influence this has on their development across life. In 2000, he became Director of Studies at St John's Theological College in Nottingham teaching education, mission and ethics to people preparing for ministry in the Church of England. He was also vice chair for the Diocesan Board of Education and became a project officer to a new 'Dearing school'. He was appointed as Diocesan Director of Education in 2004 and is currently chair of the National Association of Church Directors of Education. Howard has been involved in contributing articles and papers on education and children's spirituality in the past few years – including the book 'Through the Eyes of a Child'. More recently he published his own book 'A Child Sees God', which researched and examined the ways in which children of different ages and backgrounds responded to stories from the Bible.

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Money, money, money...

Finances dominated the discussions at Diocesan Synod in October, when church members and clergy met to approve the budget for 2010 and heard how the recession is affecting clergy pensions.

Deaneries will be asked to pay up to 1½ % extra in parish share next year, although increases could be as low as 0.5 %. Chair of the Finance Committee for the Diocese, Michael Arlington, said in previous years the Diocese had been using up surplus money - drawing on reserves - and had been able to spend more than it

clergy pensions were being affected by the current economic situation, Michael Arlington explained that over a 10 year period clergy housing and stipends had gone up on a level with inflation, but pension costs had tripled. He explained the changes proposed in clergy pensions would not affect those due to retire soon, but would have the biggest impact on young clergy retiring in 30 or 40 years time. A diocesan task group was set up to look into clergy pensions and reported its recommendations to synod members. It concluded that a

in 2010, but an increase in pension contributions would be made.

Although Southwell & Nottingham Diocese is among the country's most generous givers – now lying in 5th place nationally – Colin Slater (General Synod rep) told members there was still room for improvement as they considered a new national report – *Giving for Life*. The report approved by the Church of England's General Synod suggests that church members should give 5% of their average income to the church and

‘ If we take it seriously it will revolutionise life in our parishes... ’

received in income. But he said the 2010 budget would be a break-even budget that depended on each deanery contributing 100 % of what they were being asked to pay. He said: “Some always make sure they pay 100 % and some find ways to give more. Whatever system is used it is important that you find ways to raise 100%.” Brian Clarke from Newstead Deanery said: “I welcome this opportunity – it's a brave decision to go for it and I think the onus is on us to make the 100%.” The budget for 2010 was agreed and set at £8½ m, which is up about £150,000 on the current year's planned spending.

Giving an overview of how

defined benefit scheme should be kept, but changes should be made including increasing pension age to 68 and increasing the accrual period from 40 to 43 years for a full pension. Members heard that retired clergy provide a lot of ministry and their ministry is relied on in many parishes. Michael Arlington said: “I feel we have a commitment to look after our clergy into their retirement.”

In addition to discussions on clergy pensions, the synod also saw results of a clergy questionnaire about remuneration and pensions, which helped inform the recommendations. Members agreed there would be no increase in stipends for clergy

consider giving a further 5 per cent to charities and mission agencies.

Colin Slater said: “There is a cost to giving sacrificially, as a result we will have less to spend on ourselves and will have to adjust our lifestyles.”

He explained that more than 40 per cent of givers do not give regularly, but said he believed the national report had the potential to have a significant impact across the Diocese. He said: “If we take it seriously it will revolutionise life in our parishes...if people achieved the 5% target we would have an extra £2m and could support Mission Development Fund and be in a position to consider appointing extra clergy!”

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Help the Homeless this Christmas

The Nottingham Winter Shelter is a partnership of Faith-Based groups from across Nottingham and the Voluntary Homeless Sector.

From Christmas Eve we are opening a temporary Night Shelter, for twenty-eight nights at Thomas Helwys Baptist Church then a further twenty-eight nights at St Saviours in the Meadows.

We need volunteers to make this project a reality.

Duties will include setting up, clearing down, serving drinks/ snacks, cleaning and lending a sympathetic ear.

For further details please call Alastair Paylor on 07970605511, or via Emmanuel House 0115 9507140.



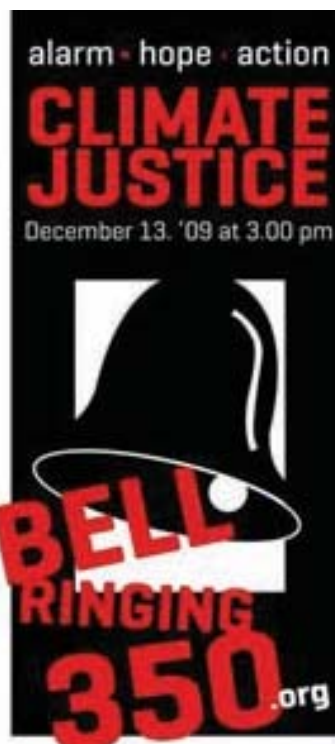
Let the bells ring, the conch shells, drums and gongs sound 350 times for climate justice!

Since immemorial times in cultures across the world musical instruments like bells and drums have been used to warn people of imminent danger – but also to call people to religious service, marking important moments in worship and seeking to connect to God.

Sunday 13 December marks the height of the talks at United Nations climate negotiations in Copenhagen.

At 3pm – marking the end of a high profile ecumenical celebration at the Lutheran Cathedral in Copenhagen, the Church of Our Lady – the churches in Denmark will ring their bells, and Christians around the world are invited to echo them by sounding their own bells, shells, drums, gongs or horns 350 times.

For more information and to get your church involved please go to <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/events-sections/countdown-to-climate-justice/bellringing.html>



Speakers surplus to requirements ...

Following an upgrade to the speaker system at Holy Trinity Church, Southwell, the speakers that were removed are now surplus to requirements. These are serviceable units that would work well as music speakers in a church or church/ community hall. There are two Wharfedale Programme 60; they have an approximate dispersion of 60 degrees in the horn. Also there are two non-directional Ohm speakers (BR-8).

If you can utilise the speakers they are available at no cost if collected.

Please contact Margaret Newstead at admin@holytrinitysouthwell.fsnet.co.uk

Enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch at Launde Abbey this festive season

Christmas Lunches will be available at Launde Abbey from 13th – 18th December and guests will be able to enjoy a four-course meal with all the trimmings, followed by some quiet time in the Abbey grounds or the beautiful sitting room before a final mince pie and cup of tea to end the day.

Further details and to book: General Office at Launde Abbey on 01572 717254 or visit the website: www.launde.org.uk

Prayerdiary

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In January we pray for. . .

- Fri 01 Jan** **Perlethorpe, St John the Evangelist (Alistair Littlewood, Angela Fletcher)**
PRAY for the International Anglican Family Network (IAFN), serving as a forum for the exchange of information about the challenges facing families in different countries and cultures and the practical work being undertaken by churches and individual Christians.
- Sat 02 Jan** **Pleasley Hill, St Barnabas (Graham Holloway)**
Aba - (Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Most Revd Ugochuckwu Ezuoke
- Sun 03 Jan** **The Chancellor of the Diocese (Linda Box)**
PRAY for The Anglican Church of Australia The Most Revd Phillip Aspinall
Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate of Australia
- Mon 04 Jan** **Sookholme, St Augustine; Warsop, St Peter & St Paul (Kathryn Herrod, Paul Lawlor)**
Abakaliki - (Province of the Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Benson Onyeibor
- Tue 05 Jan** **NEWARK & SOUTHWELL DEANERY – (Area Dean: Tony Tucker, Lay Chair: Penny Peterson)**
Aberdeen & Orkney - (Scotland) The Rt Revd Robert Gillies
- Wed 06 Jan** **Balderton, St Giles; Barnby-in-the-Willows, All Saints (Tony Tucker)**
O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- Thu 07 Jan** **Chaplains amongst Deaf People (Ken Dyson, Susan Hemsley Halls)**
Adelaide - (South Australia, Australia) The Most Revd Jeffrey Driver
Assistant Bishop of Adelaide - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Pickard
- Fri 08 Jan** **East Stoke, St Oswald; Syerston, All Saints; Elston, All Saints; Elston All Saints School; Shelton, St Mary and All Saints; Sibthorpe, St Peter (Derek Hollis)**
Afikpo - (Province of Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Paul Udogu
- Sat 09 Jan** **Egmanton, St Mary Our Lady of Egmanton; Kirton, Holy Trinity; Walesby, St Edmund; Walesby Church School (Chris Levy)**
Agra - (North India) The Rt Revd Dr Samuel Cutting

In January we pray for. . .

- Sun 10 Jan** **Plough Sunday we pray for those involved in and concerned for agriculture (Derek Hollis, Bishop's Adviser on Rural Affairs)**
PRAY for The Church of Bangladesh The Rt Revd Paul Sarkar Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia
- Mon 11 Jan** **Cotham, St Michael; Farndon, St Peter, Farndon, St Peter's Church School; Hawton, All Saints; Thorpe, St Laurence (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker, Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: David Lockwood, George Harper, David Britton, Graham Hodgett, John Walker, Mary Cherry-Downes)**
Aguata - (Province of the Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christian Efobi
- Tue 12 Jan** **Kilvington, St Mary; Flawborough, St Peter; Staunton, St Mary (Derek Hollis)**
Ahoada - (Province of Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Clement Ekpeye
- Wed 13 Jan** **Kneesall, St Bartholomew; Kneesall Church School; Laxton, St Michael and Archangel; Moorhouse, Moorhouse Chantry Chapel; Wellow; St Swithin (Chris Levy)**
Ajayi - Crowther - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olukemi Oduntan
- Thu 14 Jan** **Staff at the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham's Office**
Akoko - (Province of Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Gabriel Akinbiyi
- Fri 15 Jan** **Newark Team Ministry: St Mary Magdelene; Christ Church; St Leonard; Newark Christ Church School; Newark Mount School; Magnus C of E School; Coddington, All Saints; Coddington All Saints Primary School; (Vivian Enever, Sam Tredwell, David Anderton, Timothy Pownall-Jones)**
Akoko Edo - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jolly Oyekpen
- Sat 16 Jan** **Caunton, St Andrew; Dean Hole Church School; Cromwell, St Giles; Norwell, St Laurence; Norwell Church School; Ossington, Holy Rood (Sheila Dixon)**
Akure - (Province of Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Michael Ipinmoye
- Sun 17 Jan** **Retired Clergy (David Edinborough, Chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Widow's Officer)**
PRAY for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil The Most Revd Maurício Araújo de Andrade Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia
- Mon 18 Jan** **Boughton, St Matthew; Ollerton, St Giles; Ollerton, St Paulinus (Richard Goodhand)**
Alabama - (Province IV, USA) The Rt Revd Henry Parsley
Suffragan Bishop of Alabama - (Province IV, USA) The Rt Revd John Sloan
- Tue 19 Jan** **Carlton-on-Trent, St Mary; Marnham, St Wilfrid; Normanton-upon-Trent, St Matthew; St Matthew's Church School; Sutton-upon-Trent, All Saints (Sheila Dixon)**
Alaska - (Province VIII, USA) Vacant
- Wed 20 Jan** **Chaplains for People with a Learning Disability (Paul Bentley)**
Bishop of Albany - (Province II, USA) The Rt Revd William Love
Suffragan Bishop of Albany - (Province II, USA) Vacant

In January we pray for. . .

- Thu 21 Jan** **Markham Clinton, All Saints; Tuxford, St Nicholas; Tuxford School; Weston, All Saints (Colin Wall)**
Algoma - (Ontario, Canada) Thr Rt Revd Stephen Andrews
- Fri 22 Jan** **Winthorpe, All Saints; Langford, St Bartholomew; Holme, St Giles (David Milner)**
Amazon - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Saulo Mauricio de Barros
- Sat 23 Jan** **Besthorpe, Holy Trinity; Collingham, St John the Baptist; Collingham, All Saints; Girton & Spalford, St Cecilia; South Scarle, St Helena (David Milner)**
Amichi - (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ephraim Ikeakor
- Sun 24 Jan** **St John's College, Bramcote (Christina Baxter, Principal)**
PRAY for The anglican Church of Burundi The Most Revd Bernard Ntahoturi
Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana
- Mon 25 Jan** **Harby (with Swinethorpe), All Saints; North & South Clifton, St George the Martyr; Thorney with Wigsley, St Helen (Kenneth Potter)**
Amritsar - (North India) The Rt Revd Pradeep Samantaroy
- Tue 26 Jan** **Bilthorpe, St Margaret; Eakring, St Andrew; Maplebeck, St Radegund; Winkburn, St John of Jerusalem; Farnsfield, St Michael; Farnsfield St Michael's Primary School; Kirklington, St Swithin (Anthony Swaby)**
Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands - (North India) The Rt Revd Christopher Paul
- Wed 27 Jan** **Averham, St Michael and All Angels; Kelham, St Wilfrid; North Muskham, St Wilfrid; South Muskham, St Wilfrid (Sue Spencer)**
Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (formerly Cariboo) - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) Vacant
- Thu 28 Jan** **Epperstone, Holy Cross; Gonalston, St Laurence; Oxtou, St Peter & St Paul; Woodborough, St Swithun; Woodborough Woods Primary School; (Anthony Giles, Michael Taylor, Nick Pelling)**
Angola (Missionary Diocese) - (South Africa) The Rt Revd Andre Soares
- Fri 29 Jan** **Calverton, St Wilfrid; Calverton, St Wilfrid's Primary School (Pat Hemstock, Michael Taylor, Nick Pelling)**
Antananarivo - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Samoela Ranarivelo
Bishop of Tulear - (Province of the Indian Ocean, Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Todd MacGregor
- Sat 30 Jan** **Southwell, Holy Trinity; Southwell Holy Trinity Infant School; (Mark Tanner, Simon Farmer)**
Antsiranana - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Roger Chuen
- Sun 31 Jan** **Homelessness Sunday – we pray for the homeless and those living in poverty around us**
Education Sunday – pray for all who are working and studying in education
PRAY for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia Aotearoa - (New Zealand) The Most Revd William Turei



Natal News & Information

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Pray for those working among people with HIV/AIDS

Link Office, Barbara Holbrook writes:

December 1st is World AIDS Day. Anyone who has visited Natal or talked with our friends there will know of the impact that HIV/AIDS has had on their lives. Most churches will have congregation members who have been impacted. There are many 'child headed households' where both parents have died and the eldest child is acting as parent to the rest of the family. The numbers of families affected is so overwhelming that there is no way that the children can be moved into foster care – the best option is to support the families in their own homes. Many of the churches run breakfast/lunch clubs for these eldest children – but often they take the stew that they are given for lunch and share it out among their younger siblings – it may be the only meal that these younger children have!

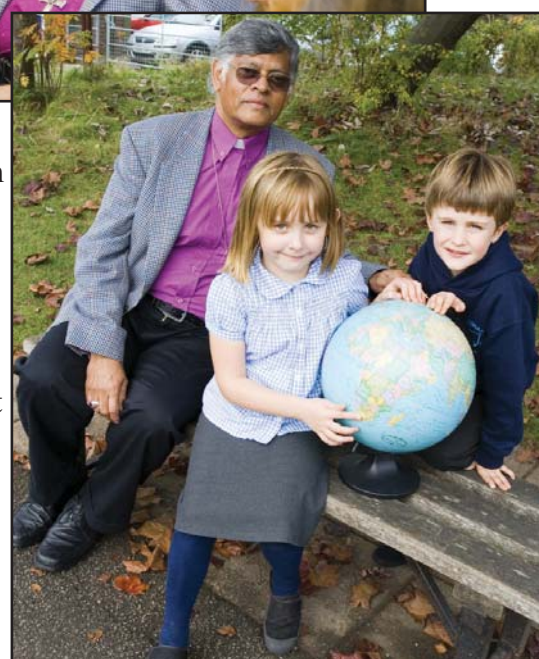
HIV/AIDS is no respecter of wealth. It is not only the poor who are infected. The provision of anti-retroviral medication has improved the prospects for many who are ill. However, the drug regime demands that the medication be taken at a specific time each day, and with food. Here, again, the churches are working with the government, as



they send out visitors to client homes at the correct time each day to ensure that there is food in the house and medication is taken. It is in this aspect that the wealthier people have the advantage – they can almost guarantee that there is food available – whereas a mother with young children in a poorer area may well give her food allowance to the children, leaving her unable to take her medication correctly.

When we see our fellow Christians in Natal engaging with those around them in specific need, there is a challenge to us in how we apply our faith in the world. This challenge is echoed in the Christmas story, as God became poor to live with the poor, engaging with those who needed to know his love.

Please pray this month for all those who are working among



people with HIV/AIDS, both here in our Diocese and in Natal, and for all those affected by the virus, either themselves or through family and friends. Pray, too, that we may be inspired to reach out to those around us who need to hear the message of God's love at Christmas.

Contact Barbara Holbrook on 0115 9383565, email: bholbrook@btinternet.com

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C M E Programme in December

8 "What is RIGHT with the Church of England? A view from Germany"

Led by +John Finney
7.30-9.30pm
Dunham House

Contact: Catriona Gundlach, 01636 817 232, email: catriona@southwell.anglican.org

A Workbook for developing the local church

This workbook can help you understand your local church better; can be a starting point for congregational development; may help identify some organisational matters which need attention; can help you describe yourselves more adequately if you are looking to appoint a new priest or minister; can help the process of co-operating more closely or combining with another congregation.

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Please contact: Mrs Sandra Jones
Tel: 01949 850582

7th – 11th December 2009

An Advent Retreat:

Travelling Towards Bethlehem to be born
Led by John Bell

Advent and Christmas are perhaps the most nostalgia-ridden times in the Christian year, so much so that there are two stories. One was scripted by Hollywood and has to do with robins, bells and drummer boys. The other was ordained by God and it is about the lighting up of insignificant people and places in a divine project. On this retreat we will journey towards Christmas and try to make it feel as if it were the first time. £325 including all meals and accommodation
Please contact Launde Abbey on 01572 717254, via e-mail laundeabbey@leicester.anglican.org or visit www.launde.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

- 3** Mothers' Union Newark Archdeaconry Day. 10am for 10.30am, Jubilee Hall, Ollerton. An Advent Miscellany. All welcome.
- 4** Lunchtime at the Cathedral 2009 - Early Music Recorder Ensemble. 12.15-1pm, Southwell Minster. Refreshments. No admission charge, donations invited. Details: 01636 819233.
- 4-6** St Helena's Church, South Scarle Christmas Tree Festival. 10.30am-3.30pm each day. A Display of beautiful and varied trees for Christmas Christmas Craft and Cake Stall Light Refreshments. Home made soup and rolls served Friday and Saturday. Live music. Sat 5- An evening entertainment entitled 'The Tree'. Details: Judy Muirhead Tel 01636 892409.
- 5** Christmas Market - St Simon & St Jude's Church Rainworth 10am-12noon.
- 5** Shirebrook Miners Welfare Unison Band Christmas Concert at St Simon & St Jude's Church Rainworth, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (includes sherry and mince pie) available from church coffee shop or 01623 793429.
- 5-13** Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary Magdalene, Newark. Featuring around 40 trees, all decorated by local schools, groups and organisations. Refreshments, seasonal music and stalls to buy gifts and Christmas cards. Open: Sat 5 & 12 - 9.30am-5pm; Sun 6 & 13-11am-4pm; Mon 7- Fri 11 - 10am-5pm. Details: 01636 706473 9am-4pm (excluding lunchtime) or 01636 611778 9am-1pm. Entry: £2 adults; accompanied children are free.
- 6** Christian Aid service 'Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all?' - Carols, music and drama for all, in preparation for Christmas. 3pm, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. Led by Paul Heppleston of the Iona Community, with local school and church choirs, drama and singing for all. Charlotte Marshall of Christian Aid will speak about Bethlehem. Collection in aid of Christian Aid. Details: Mary Anderson 01530 417522, manders@christian-aid.org
- 6** Christingle Service, 4pm St Simon & St Jude's Church, Rainworth.
- 7** Mothers' Union Nottingham Archdeaconry Day. St Giles Church Hall, West Bridgford. Advent Celebrations. Tea/coffee from 10am. Meeting 10.30am. Details: Maureen Rodgers 0115 953 1654, email: maureen.rodgers@ntlworld.com Lunch will be served after the meeting. Everyone welcome.
- 10** Ministry of Sport: 7.30pm It's a Question of Sport, Horse and Groom, Linby - Multimedia Sports Quiz & Talk. Invite sports colleagues, friends or family to hear something of the gospel in a quality, competitive environment centred on sport. Details: Sport Ambassador, Tim Friend 07887 530751, email: tim@southwell.anglican.org
- 10** Mothers' Union Province of York Service of Thanksgiving. 2pm Sheffield Cathedral. Tickets: Jenny Hodson 01636 812299.
- 11-13** Christmas Tree Festival St Simon & St Jude's Church Rainworth. 10am-4pm with special visit from Santa. 2-4pm. Entrance £2 adult.
- 11-13** Christ Church Cinderhill, Nuthall Road Christmas Tree Festival. 11am - 6pm. Stalls, Raffle, Tombola Refreshments and Entertainment. 3pm Sunday - Family Carols.
- 12, 13** 'Christmas Tree Extravaganza'- All Saints' Coddington, Near Newark. Come along and see the Local Community Christmas Tree Extravaganza. Open 10am-4pm both days. Entrance Free
- 12** Centenary Celebration Concert. "The Forest Singers" and "Occasional Brass". St Lawrence Mansfield, 7pm. Including Christmas music, readings and carols for audience participation. Tickets £5 including refreshments (mulled wine and mince pies). Proceeds to be donated to the Mansfield Night Shelter. Details and tickets from Ruth 01623 472010.

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- 13** Tree of Memories. 4pm, St Mary's Blidworth. Come and add a Christmas decoration to the tree to remember someone special or give thanks for a joyful event.
- 17** Mansfield District Council Civic Carol Service. St Lawrence Church, Mansfield, 7pm. Followed by glass of wine and mince pie.
- 18** Celebrating the Centenary of the reopening of All Saints Church, Annesley. Christmas Party with an Edwardian theme. Details: the Revd Liz Turner-Loisel, 01623 759 666, email: revd.liz@virgin.net
- 18** St Mary the Virgin & All Souls Parish Church Bulwell - Band Concert by the Nottinghamshire Band of the Royal Engineers (V0). 7pm in the Church tickets £4 (incl light refreshments). Contact: Jillian Naylor, 0115 9161787, email: jillian.naylor@ntlworld.com
- 19** Nottingham Bach Choir – Shoppers’ Carol Concert. 4.30pm, St Peter’s Church, St Peter’s Gate, Nottingham. Tickets £4 (£3 concession & child). Enquiries email: tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk Also available from Classical CD 0115 948 3832, www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk from choir members or on the door.
- 19** Bulwell Churches Together Christmas Service on Main Street Bulwell 10.30am.
- 19** Display of Nativity scenes 2pm- 5pm with light refreshments available followed by Living Nativity and Carols at 5pm, St Mary's Church Blidworth.
- 20** Carol Concert - 6pm, St Simon & St Jude's Church Rainworth
- 24** Christingle Service, 4pm St Mary's Church Blidworth.
- 24** Crib Service - 5pm St Simon & St Jude's Church Rainworth

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- 2-4** Christians in Sport 'Mid-Season Training' Conference, The Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster, £70 (early bird rate) – for anyone involved in sport who wants to find out more about Christ or wants to make a difference for Him. Details: Sport Ambassador, Tim Friend 07887 530751, email: tim@southwell.anglican.org

Christmas Services at Southwell Minster

23 December
7pm, Cathedral Carol Service

24 December
9.45am, Eucharist
2pm, Crib Service
3.30pm, Choral Evensong
7pm, Cathedral Carol Service
11.15pm, Midnight Eucharist

25 December
8am, Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am, Family Communion
11.15am, Festal Choral Matins
12.30pm, Communion in Pilgrims Chapel (BCP)
3.30pm, Evening Prayer with Carols



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Please note that the deadline for the January issue of Nifty Notes is 12th December 2009

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The Reverend Alan Howe to be Priest-in-Charge of St Barnabas Lenton Abbey, remaining as Vicar of Christ Church, Chilwell with Inham Nook in the same diocese. The Licensing and installation by the Archdeacon of Nottingham took place at St, Barnabas Church, Lenton Abbey on Sunday 29 November.

The Reverend David Jones, Officer for Urban Life and Mission in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, retired from the post from Friday 30 October 2009.

The Reverend David Edinborough, retired priest with Permission to Officiate, Southwell & Nottingham Diocese to be Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy. The Licensing by the Archdeacon of Newark took place in Southwell Minster on 20th October during the Retired Clergy Annual Autumn Gathering Eucharist.

The Venerable Garth Norman (Archdeacon Emeritus of Bromley & Bexley) resigned as Bishop's Chaplain to Retired Clergy, Southwell & Nottingham Diocese with effect from 20 October 2009.

The Revd David Stevenson, Priest-in-Charge of Eastwood in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, to be also Priest-in-Charge of Brinsley with Underwood. The Licensing by the Bishop of Sherwood and Installation by the Archdeacon of Newark took place in the Parish Church of St Michael's, Underwood on Monday 2 November.

Celebrate Christingle to help Nottingham children

Go along to your local Christingle service this year and you can help The Children's Society fund vital projects for children and young people, including the STARS Projects in Nottingham.

The STARS project helps turn around the lives of children and young people who are affected by substance abuse, either their own or at home. The Children's Society supports these young people through drugs and alcohol workshops to raise awareness of the issues. Local Christingle services raise money for this project, enabling The Children's Society to make a real difference to improve the lives of children and young people in the community.

Last year, thousands of people came to 173 Christingle services across the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham raising more than £25,000. St Mary Magdalene's in Newark raised the highest amount in the diocese in 2008 with a grand total of £788. By attending your local candlelit Christingle service this year, you can light up the lives of children and young people in your community and make childhood better.



Christingle services are a fun and engaging way to bring together families, friends and communities to celebrate the Christian story in an inspiring way.

To find your nearest Christingle service, visit www.christingle.org or call 0845 300 1128.

Christmas Toys 2009

Family Care will be embarking on its Christmas Toys campaign again this year. Our aim is simple; to provide vulnerable children and young people throughout the Diocese with toys and gifts at Christmas time, which they might not otherwise receive. We can only do this by the generous donations from parishes throughout Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Last year we were able to provide toys for over 1000 children. Christmas Toys 2009 depends on goodwill and hard work from a lot of helpers and volunteers, including parish links, church congregations and those who help sort and deliver in the frantic weeks before Christmas. We have once again very kindly been offered St John's Church, Bilborough as our base. The dates for Christmas Toys to be delivered to the church are as follows:
December 8, 9, 15 and 16 from 9.30am to 1pm.

