

## Hope in the face of death

*'so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone' (Hebrews 2.9)*

I enjoy food. I like the huge variety of tastes that exist. I will always go for savoury rather than sweet, whereas Rosemary goes the other way. Our taste buds are a small part of the extraordinary way that we are made.

But we have all experienced tasting something that is 'off' or simply unpalatable because it is too bitter (or sweet). Death has a bitter taste. I have sat with people dying and heard death; both the very quiet, still final breath and the horrible death 'rattle'. I have seen death; finding two of my best friends lying dead in the road when I was a teenager is an image that has never left me. But so too sitting by my Dad's bedside waiting for him to wake up, yet knowing he would not, is imprinted on my brain. I have smelt death; it is not pleasant. On that occasion I also tasted something of it; the stench in the air was so strong that it affected my taste buds.

On Good Friday Jesus 'tasted' death. He willingly approached death, gave himself up to it and tasted it. He did not simply take a small bite and then spit it out

because the taste was too unpleasant. He knew it was going to taste foul but he went right on and consumed it all. Consumed it, ate it up, until there was nothing left on death's plate.



In tasting death Jesus dealt with death for us all. God raising Jesus from the dead on the first Easter Day was his way of saying 'Yes' death has been consumed; it has been overcome; it has been defeated. All that now lies ahead is life, resurrection life, Jesus kind of life.

Now there has been quite a lot of talk around our society about death recently; soldiers losing their lives in Afghanistan and the question of assisted suicide being two examples. Soldiers laying down their lives for the sake of others reflect something of Jesus

laying down his life for us all. When we consider death we must remember that every person is valuable in God's eyes, whatever their state of health or well-being might be. Taking life, either our own, or that of another, is not our prerogative. Our life is in God's hands; that is this present life and our future resurrection life with Christ. For death is not the end; death does not finish things; the risen Jesus tells us there is a sweet taste of life in all its fullness now, and of life to come with God.

This Easter as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection let it inspire us with hope in the face of death and a taste for living, both now and forever with the Lord.

*+Paul Southwell & Nottingham*

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## Come as you are *Back to Church Sunday*

Even though September seems a long way off...it's not too soon to be thinking about this year's *Back to Church Sunday* resources. For those who are familiar with the project, there is a simple new way to sign up for resources on the national website at: [www.backtochurch.co.uk](http://www.backtochurch.co.uk)

The website states: "*Back to Church Sunday* is now the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church. The initial focus was to invite 'back' those who used to attend, but we want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend can be guaranteed an especially warm welcome."

Last year Church of England churches welcomed back 53,000 people on *Back to Church Sunday* 2009, a 71 per cent increase on 2008, as part of a growing initiative that saw more than 80,000 people come back to church across the UK on one Sunday in September. In this diocese some 100 churches took part.

Statistical returns from participating churches suggest that an average of 19 people returned to each church after receiving a personal invitation. Parishes in each of the Church of England's 44 dioceses were joined by congregations from Churches Together in Scotland, the Church in Wales, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed, Salvation Army and Elim Pentecostal churches nationwide, and Anglican churches in Australia, Argentina, New Zealand and Canada. *Back to Church Sunday* began in Manchester in 2004, spread to Wakefield Diocese in 2005, nine dioceses in 2006, 20 in 2007, and 38 in 2008, when an estimated 37,000 people came back across the UK.

This year's resources focus on the same invitation to '**Come as you are**' and there are posters, invitation and prayer cards and a DVD which can all be ordered by churches directly from the website. The last date to register your church and place orders for resources is 15th June 2010. This year *Back to Church Sunday* is on Sunday 26th September – anyone who would like to know more about how their church can participate and take the opportunity to be part of something much bigger, contact Rachel Farmer tel 01636 817218 or check out the national website: [www.backtochurch.co.uk](http://www.backtochurch.co.uk)

## Getaway Guide 2010

This annual guide is designed for full-time Christian workers, and contains over 30 properties in the UK, France and Spain. Good value holidays and some extra reductions are given when booking through the Guide. Most are self-catering, but some offer bed and breakfast.

Copies are available from Claybury International, The Pixmore Centre, Pixmore Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 1JG. Tel: 0845 434 0021. email: [admin@claybury.com](mailto:admin@claybury.com)

The Guide costs £5 (includes postage & packing in the UK) and Claybury will send an invoice with your copy.

### 26th – 30th April 2010 Five Day Individually Guided Retreat Led by Glenn Martin

A retreat just for you! A time to be still and a time to reflect. A time to listen and to be listened to. A time for you and a time for God. A time for you and a time for God. A time to rest and a time to be refreshed. An individually guided retreat is an opportunity to enjoy some time apart with a spiritual guide to accompany you each day. The retreat will be silent throughout to enable you to encounter the mystery of God in prayer, Scripture, worship and space. Price: £299 including all meals and accommodation. Contact Launde Abbey on 01572 717254 or visit [www.launde.org.uk](http://www.launde.org.uk)

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## £1.6M for historic places of worship in the East Midlands

English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) have announced more than £1.6 million to support urgent repair work to twenty Grade I and II\* listed places of worship in the East Midlands. The grants were awarded under the organisations’ joint Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme.

The Grade II\* Church of St Martin of Tours in Bilborough, hosted a regional press launch for the scheme in February and received £107,000 which will help to address the urgent need for repairs to the tower roof structure and coverings, the parapet wall and other high level tower masonry.



The Revd Amanda Cartwright, priest in charge of Bilborough and Strelley, said: “The Places of Worship Grant supported by English Heritage and Heritage Lottery Fund is an incredible gift to St Martin’s Church and the local communities of both Bilborough and Strelley.

“Without this grant the future of this church would have been unsure, the funds required for the restoration work were way beyond the resources of the local community. For over 500 years people of this community have worshipped in this church. It is set at the heart of the parish and community, and holds a special place in many people’s hearts.”

The event was attended by the Regional Head of English Heritage, Dr Anthony Stretten, Jon Breckon EH grants Administrator, Amanda White EH Architect, Ben Robinson, EH Archeologist and Joan Bray representing The Heritage Lottery Fund. The Archdeacon of Nottingham, Peter Hill, and Nigel Spraggins, Chief Executive for the Diocese were also there, along with Keith Goodman, Treasurer for The Notts Historic Churches Trust who are also interested in helping fund the repair project.

## Do you have valuable experience to bring to Family Care’s board of Trustees?

Trustees are vital to the success of Family Care. They are responsible for controlling the management and administration of the organisation to ensure it is run effectively, efficiently and within legal and regulatory requirements.

Family Care positively shapes children’s futures through its adoption services and emotional support to children and young people. Could you work with the team of Trustees to ensure Family Care’s future vision is planned and achieved?

**As part of our Trustee recruitment we are also looking to recruit a qualified accountant who, in addition to the above, would be willing to advise and guide regarding our financial strategy, policies and procedures.**

In return we offer you an interesting opportunity, within a supportive team committed to making a difference to local children and families.

**For more information, please go to [www.familycare-nottingham.org.uk](http://www.familycare-nottingham.org.uk) or contact Jackie Worthington 0115 9603010**



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### The Robin Hood Debate:

*Who do we think we are?*

As the new Robin Hood film is set to hit the cinemas in May, this special evening is a chance to go a little deeper into the Robin Hood myths and legends and join in a debate about what it means to us in Nottinghamshire...

What do the stories say to us now?  
Should we be on the side of Robin Hood?  
And who are our modern day  
'Sheriffs of Nottingham'?

On **Tuesday 4th May** 2010

*Doors open from 7pm for 7.30pm start*

*Venue: in Nottingham city  
(location details to follow)*

The debate will include a distinguished panel and chair with questions and comments from the floor.

Entry is free and the evening will include a complimentary glass of wine and other refreshments

See the website for further information in the coming month  
[www.southwell.anglican.org](http://www.southwell.anglican.org)

or contact Rachel Farmer 01636 817218  
email: [rachel@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:rachel@southwell.anglican.org)

### Come for a spring break in Nottingham

#### St John's Extension Studies

Conferences open to anyone.

Take part in a stimulating programme and meet like-minded people. Come alone or bring your church group.

Full-board and single room accommodation. Or come for the day and sleep at home.

#### Myers Briggs and Leadership

**9–11 April 2010**

An excellent opportunity to explore how personality type affects our approach to leadership. Open to all whether or not you have previous knowledge of your MBTI type.

#### Fit for the Purpose 16–18 April 2010

An excellent opportunity to explore vocation for anyone who knows God is calling them (not necessarily to ordination!). You can choose either a residential weekend or a short distance learning course or both!

#### Further details of these and other summer schools and courses in theology or counselling from

St John's Extension Studies  
Chilwell Lane, Bramcote  
Nottingham NG9 3RL  
[ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk](mailto:ext.studies@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk)

# Prayerdiary

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## In May we pray for. . .

- Sat 01 May**     **Bramcote, St Michael and All Angels; Bramcote Primary School (Paul Reynolds)**  
 Chester - (York, England) The Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster  
 Chester - Birkenhead - (York, England) The Rt Revd Keith Sinclair  
 Chester - Stockport - (York, England) The Rt Revd Robert Atwell
- Sun 02 May**     **Churches Together in Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire (Philip Webb)**  
 PRAY for The Anglican Church of Kenya The Most Revd Eliud Wabukala  
 Archbishop of Kenya & Bishop of All Saints Cathedral Diocese
- Mon 03 May**     **Carrington, St John the Evangelist (Jonathan MacGillivray, Stephen Wales)**  
 Chicago - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Jeffrey Lee  
 Assisting Bishop of Chicago - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury
- Tue 04 May**     **Chilwell, Christ Church; Inham Nook, St Barnabas (Alan Howe, Lillian Heptinstall, Jenny Corcoran)**  
 Chichester - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd John Hind  
 Chichester - Horsham - (Canterbury, England) Vacant  
 Chichester - Lewes - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Wallace Benn
- Wed 05 May**     **Hyson Green & Forest Fields, St Stephen with St Paul (Clive Burrows)**  
 Chile - (South America) The Rt Revd Hector Zavala  
 Suffragan Bishop of Chile - (South America) The Rt Revd Abelino Apeleo
- Thu 06 May**     **Workplace Chaplain (Alison Maddocks); Nottingham City Transport (David Tudor)**  
 Chotanagpur - (North India) Vacant (the Rt Revd P Raju is the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary)
- Fri 07 May**     **Lenton Abbey, St Barnabas (Alan Howe, Jenny Corcoran)**  
 Christ the King - (South Africa) The Rt Revd Peter Lee
- Sat 08 May**     **Nottingham All Saints, St Mary & St Peter (Christopher Harrison, Stephen Morris, Chrissie Little, Alison Maddocks)**  
 Christchurch - (New Zealand) The Rt Victoria Matthews
- Sun 09 May**     **Rogation Sunday - we pray for the farming communities**  
 PRAY for The Anglican Church of of Korea The Rt Revd Solomon Yoon Presiding  
 Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea & Bishop of Busan

## In May we pray for. . .

- Mon 10 May** **Nottingham St Andrew (Richard Clark)**  
Chubu - (Japan) The Rt Revd Francis Mori
- Tue 11 May** **Nottingham St Ann with Emmanuel (Karen Rooms)**  
Clogher - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Michael Geoffrey Jackson
- Wed 12 May** **Nottingham St George with St John the Baptist (Andrew Waude)**  
Coimbatore - (South India) The Rt Revd Manickam Dorai
- Thu 13 May** **Department for Development for the Diocese, Director of Ministry & Mission, Nigel Rooms, Director of Partnerships & Mission, David McCoulough and their colleagues**
- Fri 14 May** **Nottingham St Jude (Graham Hadfield)**  
Colombia - (Province IX, USA) The Rt Revd Francisco Duque-Gomez
- Sat 15 May** **Nottingham St Nicholas (Steve Silvester)**  
Colombo - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Duleep de Chickera
- Sun 16 May** **Sisters of the Community of the Holy Cross, Rempstone**  
Colorado - (USA) The Rt Revd Robert O'Neill
- Mon 17 May** **Nottingham St Saviour (Dave Hammond)**  
Connecticut - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Andrew Smith  
1. Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd James Curry  
2. Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Laura Ahrens
- Tues 18 May** **Radford All Souls; Radford St Peter (Mark Gilmore, Carolyn Gilmore, Jan Leeming, Michael Phillips)**  
Connor - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Alan Abernethy
- Wed 19 May** **Sneinton St Christopher (Ruth Worsley, Alyn Haskey)**  
Cork, Cloyne & Ross - (Dublin, Ireland) The Rt Revd William Colton
- Thu 20 May** **Leisure: Center Parcs (Chris Levy); Mansfield Town Football Club (Tim Mitchell), Notts County Football Club (Mark Tanner); Nottingham Forest Football Club (Steve Silvester), Nottingham Rugby Club (Vacant)**  
Costa Rica - (Central America) The Rt Revd Hector Monterroso
- Fri 21 May** **Sneinton St Cyprian (Andrew Waude)**  
Coventry - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Christopher Cocksworth  
Coventry - Warwick - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd John Angus Stroyan

## In May we pray for. . .

- Sat 22 May**     **Sneinton St Stephen, Sneinton St Stephen's Primary School (Malcolm Crook)**  
Cuba - (Cuba) Vacant (The Bishop of Uruguay will provide episcopal oversight until a new Bishop is elected.)  
1. Suffragan Bishop of Cuba - (Cuba) The Rt Revd Nerva Aguilera  
2. Suffragan Bishop of Cuba - (Cuba) The Rt Revd Ulises Prendes
- Sun 23 May**     **Sisters of the Community of St Laurence, Sacrista Prebend**
- Mon 24 May**     **Stapleford, St Luke; Stapleford, St Helen; Stapleford St John's Church School (Peter Huxtable)**  
Cueibet - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Reuben Makoi
- Tue 25 May**     **Toton St George's Army Church; Toton St Peter (Colin Bourne, Jo Stephens)**  
Cuernavaca - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Ramiro Vera
- Wed 26 May**     **Wollaton Park, St Mary (Henry Curran)**  
The Most Revd Rowan Douglas Williams Archbishop of Canterbury  
Canterbury - Dover - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Stephen Venner  
Canterbury - Ebbsfleet - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Andrew Burnham  
Canterbury - Maidstone - (Canterbury, England) Vacant  
Canterbury - Richborough - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Keith Newton
- Thu 27 May**     **BASSETLAW & BAWTRY DEANERY – (Area Dean: Jonathan Smithurst; Lay Chairs: Ann Hickman, Jill Woodsford, Peter Stanley)**  
Curitiba - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Naudal Alves Gomes
- Fri 28 May**     **Babworth, All Saints; Scofton, St John (Vacant: Area Dean: Jonathan Smithurst; Lay Chairs: Ann Hickman, Jill Woodsford, Peter Stanley; Churchwardens: John Gleaden, Mike Board, Roger Moat, Nicholas Kitchen)**  
Cuttack - (North India) The Rt Revd Samson Das
- Sat 29 May**     **Austerfield, St Helena; Bawtry, St Nicholas; Misson, St John the Baptist (Jonathan Strickland)**  
Cyangugu - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Rwubusisi
- Sun 30 May**     **Our Partner Diocese of Natal, Bishop Rubin, the Clergy and People**  
PRAY for The Church of the Province of Melanesia The Most Revd David Vunagi Archbishop of Melanesia and bishop of Central Melanesia
- Mon 31 May**     **Beckingham, All Saints; Walkeringham, St Mary Magdalene; Misterton, All Saints; West Stockwith, St Mary the Blessed Virgin (David Henson)**  
Cyprus and the Gulf - (Middle East) The Rt Revd Michael Lewis



# Natal News & Information

[www.southwell.anglican.org](http://www.southwell.anglican.org)

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## Shared stories with Natal

*Link Office, Barbara Holbrook writes:*

When we talk about the Diocesan Link with Natal, we speak of shared stories. Over the last few weeks we have heard more of these.

One parish in Durban asked if we had any ideas about Lent courses. I pointed them to the Churches Together Lent Course which is supported by the BBC, as the course that we were following as a parish. In later conversations, friends in Natal reported back on using this Lent course, and how they were enjoying it. We shared ideas about how it could be used – they are following it in the context of worship rather than bible study alone. Both churches' Lent groups were enriched by knowing that we are sharing the study with Christians in our Link Diocese.

One parish in Natal has set up a sewing workshop within their parish. They have started producing bags, and sent us over some samples – along with stories of the women who work in the project. We have put in an order for these as part of the Trading link. In this way, we share in their stories and support the church in its work.



One of the young people who went out to Natal last year from St. Mary's Arnold is returning to volunteer for six months in a children's home, we look forward to hearing her story when she comes home.

A parish over here is in the process of writing their story as part of setting up a link with a parish in Natal, and a few other parishes are thinking about whether they, too, would like to build such a link.

It is exciting to hear of stories being shared. As more stories are shared, the Link will grow stronger. As we encounter our faith in another culture and share our story, we grow as kingdom people, and can be inspired to tell our story, not only to friends in Natal, but to our neighbours nearer home.



Please pray for the friendships being formed by the link, that they will challenge, strengthen and enrich the faith story of everyone who is touched by them.

**Contact Barbara Holbrook on 0115 9383565, email: [bholbrook@btinternet.com](mailto:bholbrook@btinternet.com)**

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## C M E Programme in April

### 13 Deeper into Seasons – Easter

Led by Angela Ashwin  
9.45-12pm  
Sacrista Prebend  
To book and for cost details  
please phone 01636 816833

### 13-15 Rural Ministry Training Course

The Arthur Rank Centre,  
Stoneleigh Park,  
Warwickshire.  
For further info contact 024  
7685 3073 or email: admin@  
arthurrankcentre.org.uk

### 17 Working Well Together Consultation

Led by Alison Cox & Val  
Rampton  
9.30am-3.30pm BYOL  
The Magdalene Centre,  
Sutton-in-Ashfield

### 20 Child Protection & the Internet

Led by Nick Harding  
7.30-9.15pm  
St John's Centre, Mansfield

### 21 Deaf Awareness Training

Led by Sue Hemsley-Halls  
10am-12.30pm  
The John Godber Centre,  
Hucknall

### 23 St Mark's Gospel – The Geography of Mark's Gospel and the Significance of place.

Led by Nigel Coates  
7.30pm  
The Minster Centre

### 26 April – 21 May 4 – Week Study Unit: Engaging Culture

Led by Andii Bowsher  
St John's College, Nottingham  
Bookings and further details  
from Academic Administrator  
0115 968 3216 or e-mail  
academic@stjohns-  
nottm.ac.uk

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

## Going for Growth

**The Venerable Bob  
Jackson  
at St John's College  
Nottingham**

2pm-5pm  
28th April-26th May 2010

**Content:** This course about  
how churches grow today is  
for all clergy and other senior  
leaders who wish to see their  
churches flourish and grow  
numerically and spiritually.

**Leader:** The Venerable  
Bob Jackson

**Venue:** St John's College  
Nottingham, Chilwell Lane,  
Bramcote, Nottingham  
NG9 3DS

**Dates:** Wednesday  
afternoons from 2 to 5pm  
28th April to 26th May 2010

**Fee:** £80

**Booking deadline:**  
Friday 16 April 2010

Places MUST be booked and  
paid for in advance.

**To book: contact Anna  
Leyden on 0115 925 1114 or  
email a.leyden@stjohns-  
nottm.ac.uk for a booking  
form or download from  
www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk**

### 5th – 9th April 2010 Spring Working Holiday for the Fit and Healthy Led by the Launde Community

The Working Holiday will involve prayer, learning and working around the Abbey. Each day those participating will have the opportunity to join the daily round of worship in the beautiful Abbey chapel. The work, either in the Abbey or in the gardens, will be done under the direction of the Warden or other members of the Abbey staff. There will also be time to relax in the company of the rest of the group in the evening. Price £135 (Adults) £80 (under 16). Contact Launde Abbey on 01572 717254 or visit [www.launde.org.uk](http://www.launde.org.uk)

# What's On

*in April*

**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** You are invited to the big green debate 2 - It's your opportunity to discuss Nottingham's sustainable energy future. 6pm-8.30pm, light refreshments available. Council House, Nottingham. RSVP: 915 2108 or [sustainable.development@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:sustainable.development@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)
- 10** A concert by the St Mary Magdalene Ensemble & The Byron Singers of Russian & American music. 7-30pm, St Mary Magdalene Church Hucknall. Tickets £5, children under 12 are free. Details: 0115 9634385.
- 15** Come along to the Moody and Sankey Sing with the Stapleford Salvation Army Band. St Luke's Church, Moorbridge Lane, Stapleford, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- 17** Prayer Walk - lasting for about an hour and a quarter; beginning with a short introduction in church before setting off around the Nature Reserve. Refreshments available afterwards in the church vestry (bring a picnic if you want to stay a little longer). Starts 10.30am. Details: the Revd David Bignell 0115 925 0060, email: [outreach@attenboroughchurch.org](mailto:outreach@attenboroughchurch.org)
- 17** Ryton Chorale, 7.30pm, Worksop Priory Church. A German Requiem by Brahms, with English Pro Musica, directed and conducted by Anthony Morgan. Vaughan Williams Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis is also included in the programme. Tickets £10, concessions £8, children's tickets free of charge, from: Tourist Information, Worksop Library, Memorial Avenue, Worksop, Bookworm, Spa Lane, Retford, and from choir members.
- 17** Conducting Day - 11am, St Peter's Church, Nottingham. An inexpensive, one day course for new, inexperienced or potential conductors including score preparation; basic techniques; rehearsal methods; gesture and sound liturgical conducting culminating in 5.30pm Choral Evensong conducted by course participants. To book (only £10 per person) 0115 948 3658, email: [office@nottinghamchurches.org](mailto:office@nottinghamchurches.org)
- 18** The Two Counties' Service. 6.30pm at Mansfield Road Baptist Church, Nottingham. <http://www.findachurch.co.uk/churches/sk/sk53/mrbc/>  
Do come and be a part of what promises as always to be a memorable event. This service, which will have a multi-cultural flavour, will include music from the Nottingham Citadel's Salvation Army Songsters and news of interchurch projects sponsored by various Churches in the City of Nottingham.
- 22** It's a Question of Sport: Multimedia sports quiz & talk, specifically for men's ministry groups. The Park Yacht Inn, Colwick, Nottingham, NG2 4DS. 7.30pm. Teams of 5-8. £6 inc 'all-you-can-eat around-the-world buffet'!
- 23** 'The Geography of Mark's Gospel and the Significance of Place' – 7.30pm, The Minster Centre. Canon Nigel Coates. Details: 01636 812649, email: [office@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk)
- 24** Flower arranging for everyone, 2pm-4pm, St Martins Church, St Martin's Road off Strelley Road. Experts and Beginners, come along and make your arrangement, everything provided. Plus tea, coffee & refreshments. Cost £5. To reserve a place phone 0115 9295184.

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- 7** 'The Bombshell in Mark's Gospel: what is faith?' - 7.30pm, The Minster Centre. Canon John Toy. Further details: 01636 812649, email: [office@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk)

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- 14** 'St Mark's Gospel: Ragbag or Record?' - 7.30pm, The Minster Centre. Canon Michael Austin. Further details: 01636 812649, email: office@southwellminster.org.uk
- 14** All Hallows Church, Gedling are proud to present 'An Evening with Gordon Giltrap'. 7.45pm. Tickets for £10 each from David Hodgkinson 07720 349702 or Paul Jeffries 07932 781005.
- 15** Nottingham Bach Choir with Nottingham Symphony Orchestra. 7.30pm, Albert Hall, Nottingham. Tickets £10 (£8 concession, £5 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.
- 16** Celebration of Sport service with Graham Daniels, Director of 'Christians in Sport'. Join us to celebrate sport & faith. No need to book - just turn up! St John's Church, Mansfield, NG18 1QH. Sun, 6pm. Further details: Sport Ambassador, Tim Friend 07887 530751, email: tim@southwell.anglican.org
- 20** Prayer Walk - lasting for about an hour and a quarter; beginning with a short introduction in church before setting off around the Nature Reserve. Tea and coffee will be available afterwards in the church vestry (bring a picnic if you want to stay a little longer). Starts 7pm. Further details: the Revd David Bignell 0115 925 0060, email: outreach@attenboroughchurch.org
- 26** Ministry of Sport: 7.30pm, Sports Supper – Eat, Chat & Pray for the Ministry of Sport. For details of the venue contact Sport Ambassador, Tim Friend 07887 530751, email: tim@southwell.anglican.org

**Easter Services at Southwell Minster**

**Maundy Thursday, 1st April**

11am Maundy Thursday  
Diocesan Eucharist  
5.45pm Evensong  
8pm Sung Eucharist with  
Washing of Feet, Stripping of  
Altar and Night Watch

**Good Friday, 2nd April**

9.30am Stations of the Cross  
12-3pm The Three Hours  
Devotion incorporating Good  
Friday Liturgy at 12.30pm  
5.45pm Evensong

**Easter Eve, 3rd April**

5.45pm Evensong

**Easter Day, 4th April**

6am The Easter Liturgy  
8am Holy Communion with  
Hymns  
9.30am Family Eucharist  
11.15am Sung Eucharist  
3.30pm Festal Evensong



Come along to the

# Moody and Sankey Sing

with the

## Stapleford Salvation Army Band



at St Luke's Church  
Moorbridge Lane, Stapleford

Thursday 15th April 2010  
7.30pm

*All Welcome*

**Please note that the deadline for the May issue of Nifty Notes is 12th April 2010**

## Comings & Goings. . Comings & Goings. . . Comings & Goings. . . Co

**The Reverend Stephen Osman**, Priest-in-Charge of Kingston and Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Thrumpton, Gotham and Barton-in-Fabis in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to be Priest-in-Charge of Herrington, Shiney Row & Penshaw in the Diocese of Durham. Licensing date to be announced.

Following the completion of a Pastoral Scheme with effect from 1st March 2010

**The Revd David Milner**, currently Priest-in-Charge of Collingham with Brough, South Scarle with Besthorpe and Girton with Spalford and also with responsibility for Winthorpe and Langford with Holme (Southwell and Nottingham Diocese) is to be Priest-in-Charge of the East Trent Group of Parishes comprising of Collingham with Brough, South Scarle with Besthorpe and Girton with Spalford, Winthorpe, Langford with Holme and Harby with Swinethorpe, North and South Clifton and Thorney with Wigsley (same Diocese). A celebration of the new Group with a special event is to be announced in due course.

## Cherish your churchyard

**T**housands of growing churches are preparing to celebrate Cherishing Churchyards Week this June as part of the UN's International Year of Biodiversity.

The nationwide project is being run by conservation charity Caring for God's Acre (CfGA) and is supported by the CofE's national environmental campaign Shrinking the Footprint. There are an estimated 12,000 CofE churchyards. Around half of them already run biodiversity projects, in rural and urban areas, while remaining respectful to their users, particularly family and friends of those buried there.

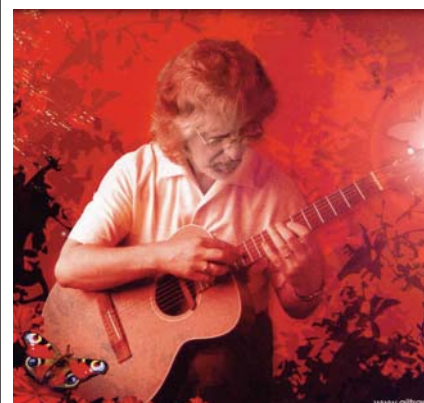
During the week (Friday June 18 to Sunday June 27) CfGA is encouraging churches to run an event to raise awareness and celebrate the treasures of their churchyard. Last year, activities included; church tower tours, scything workshops, guided walks and talks, flower identification, family events and storytelling.

Shrinking the Footprint is encouraging churches to submit wildlife discoveries and projects as part of a new central database.

CfGA spokesperson Andrea Gilpin said: 'Churchyards are unique and special places. Each one is packed full of interesting natural and built features ranging from the beautiful ancient yew trees to the gravestones telling the stories of past Parish inhabitants.'

David Shreeve, the CofE's environment adviser, said: "With its thousands of churchyards in both urban and rural settings, the Church has a major national park involving a vast amount of biodiversity in its care for the whole community. As this is a special year for biodiversity, we would like to start recording this so that we can make everyone aware and appreciate just how important the country's churchyards are for both nature and people."

## An evening with Gordon Giltrap



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