

## 'Be a fool - and vote!'

### General Election message from the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham

The new Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler, issued a message to Christians across the diocese, encouraging them to take the opportunity to vote and to do so carefully with others in mind – especially the most vulnerable.

#### Be a fool - and vote!

I still recall the first time I went to vote. I was excited that I could be involved and play my part in electing a new Member of Parliament. Actually it still excites me, because so many in history, and even today, have never had such an opportunity or privilege. There is a danger we lose sight of this, or become weary wondering if it really matters or makes a difference.

So I am writing to you all to encourage you and everyone in God's church to place their cross on the voting papers when the General Election comes. It is a privilege and a responsibility, one we should exercise and not ignore. But where should the cross be placed?

Ted Heath, once Prime Minister, wrote that whilst it was not the

role of Christian leaders to recommend support for one political party or another, it was their role to enunciate the principles on which political decisions were to be taken.

So what principles are we looking for as we place the cross on the voting paper?

First to listen to others, to find out what the issues are, and to listen to God as we worship in these coming days.

Secondly to be bothered to vote, make voting a prayer time, placing the cross with prayer, faith and care.

Thirdly, to place the cross selflessly considering others and the dignity of all human beings first, especially the poorest and most vulnerable in society and in the world. We should not vote on the basis simply of self-interest.

Fourthly to place the cross dedicating ourselves to be more active in serving our fellow human beings, and thanking God for all he gives us to share, with loving responsibility for our planet, God's good creation, and for one another.



The over riding principle is that we place our cross on the voting paper in the same Spirit that Jesus carried and placed his cross deep in the earth, listening to his Father, in prayer, selflessly for those who were poor, and commending himself and those around to God.

*+Paul*

**The full text of Bishop Paul's message see the diocesan website:**

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

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## Two clergy step into key partnership roles

**T**wo clergy moved into key partnership roles in the city and county last month, with one taking up a place on 'One Nottingham's' management board and another working directly with local groups and organisations to develop new ways of working together across communities.

The Archdeacon of Nottingham, the **Ven Peter Hill**, was elected as the Faiths Advocate on the Board for 'One Nottingham', which is the Local Strategic Partnership for the City, bringing together public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations to champion a long term vision for Nottingham and tackle disadvantage.

The **Revd Liam O'Boyle**, formerly Team Vicar in Clifton took up the new post of Partnerships Officer for the Diocese this week. Prior to ordination, Liam worked in welfare rights and social policy in the city of Nottingham for Nottingham Law Centre & Nottingham CAB as well as other community organisations.

## Join Bishop Tony for a cycling adventure this summer

The Bishop of Sherwood, the Rt Revd Tony Porter is inviting anyone to join him and his wife Lucille on an Oakhall cycling holiday in Austria, when he will be the guest speaker.

**Code: ZC08,**

**Dates: Sat 24 Jul - Sat 31 July,**

**Cost: £438**

The cost includes return flights from London to Munich with British Airways, airport transfers, three- star hotel accommodation with ensuite rooms for two (rooms for three or four also available), breakfast and evening meals after arrival.

Current airport taxes and charges: £87

Bike hire approx: £55

**To book please visit [www.oakhall.co.uk](http://www.oakhall.co.uk) or call 01732 763131 for a summer brochure.**

**Please refer to brochure or website for full information.**



## Day of Prayer for the Police

As part of the national Day of Prayer for the Police everyone is welcome to join a local event at the Sherwood Forest Community Church, Main Street, Blidworth, on **Thursday 13th May 2010 for a service, which will run from 11.30am to 1.30pm.**

Anyone interested in attending should contact Tony Dennis, Equality & Diversity Manager, for Nottinghamshire Police, who is also the Notts Police Christian Police Association point of contact:

**Tel 0115 9672602 or 07815**

**886020 or email:**

**[tony.dennis@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tony.dennis@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)**

## Spring Craft Fair at Southwell Minster

Following the success of the cathedral's Winter Craft Fairs an additional Spring fair will be held on **Saturday, May 15th from 10am to 4pm.** There will be over 60 specialist quality craft stalls in the Nave selling everything from ceramics to jewellery, glass to furnishings. The extensive range of crafts available, represent fantastic gift ideas for the whole family. Refreshments will also be available inside the Minster. Entry to the event is by £1 donation.

**For further information, contact the Minster Office 01636 817282.**

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## The 'Sanctuary Pledge'

**T**he 'Sanctuary Pledge' produced by the 'Citizens for Sanctuary' ahead of the 2010 election is being supported by Bishop Paul. He will be giving this his backing and invites everyone to keep an eye on what they are producing and to respond accordingly. One of the aims of the 'Citizens for Sanctuary' is to ensure that those who come to the UK in search of sanctuary are not used as a political football in the general election.

The link is: <http://sanctuarypledge.org.uk>

## College of Preachers' Jubilee Commitment

**Bishop Paul has signed up and would like to draw the Jubilee Commitment to the attention of clergy and readers in the diocese.**

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the College of Preachers. Preachers, ordained and lay are invited to put their names to a commitment to 'forward looking preaching, engaging faithfully with the Bible, directly with the congregation and prophetically with the world, to proclaim Jesus as Lord'.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has already added his name, as have several other bishops and leaders of other denominations.

**People can sign up online at [www.collegeofpreachers.org.uk](http://www.collegeofpreachers.org.uk)**

It is planned that the signatures will be dedicated together at an event in London at the end of the year to mark the closing of the Jubilee.

Some of those who have signed the commitment are: Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, Bishop Nicholas Baines, Steve Clifford, Revd Dr Susan Durber, Revd Jonathan Edwards, Bishop David James, Bishop James Jones, Revd Dr Christopher Lowson, Revd John Marsh, Bishop Stephen Oliver, Bishop John Packer, Bishop Robert Paterson, Bishop Nicholas Reade, Revd Roberta Rominger, Revd Alison Tomlin, Revd Dr Simon Vibert, Revd Dr Mark Wakelin, Revd Dr David Wilkinson, Revd Dr Nigel Wright, Revd Dr Stephen Wright.



## Celebration of Sport

Each year, we look to celebrate God's gift of sport by holding a service in a different part of the county. For 2010, we'll be teaming-up with St John's Church, Mansfield. Please join us for this unique celebration.

Special guest, Graham Daniels, Director of *Christians in Sport*, is a passionate and engaging speaker. His Welsh accent, humorous style and passion for Christ & sport combine to make for an interesting evening!

**Sunday 16th May 2010, 6pm**  
**St John's Church, Mansfield, NG18 1QH**

### For more info:

Tim Friend, email: [tim@ministryofsport.org.uk](mailto:tim@ministryofsport.org.uk),  
 tel. 07887 530751

[www.ministryofsport.org.uk](http://www.ministryofsport.org.uk)

## Events &amp; information. . . Events &amp; information. . . Events &amp; informatio

# The Robin Hood Debate

*Who do we think we are?*

at Nottingham Castle

on Tuesday 4th May

starts: 7.30pm

- Discussions led by Panel of opinion formers
- Refreshments included
- free entry with on-line registration  
contact: [nicola@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:nicola@southwell.anglican.org)

*What do the legends say about us in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire?*

*Does the Robin Hood story live and shape our identity?*

*Why is our story always being told by outsiders?*



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## Camerata and the excitement of youth

Youth String Camerata, the midlands-based young ensemble with a fast growing reputation, stages its third concert next month. Once again, the Great Hall at Southwell Minster will be the setting and the event, now eagerly anticipated by the players and their established supporters, will be held on **9th May 2010**.

The group is made up of some twenty local youngsters from nine to fourteen years old who have a passion for music and an unspoilt, instinctive talent to reveal its real meaning and beauty.

Youth String Camerata mainly plays classical pieces for strings, tending towards the serious but also including conventionally popular items, but they weave into their programme threads of modern music which give their concerts a wide and satisfying appeal. The May concert, for example, spans four hundred years of music and ranges from Mendelssohn to Vivaldi, from Handel to Gershwin and from Pergolesi to Wilby.

'Cellestia', a high calibre group of Sarah Huson's advanced 'cello pupils will join Camerata on the afternoon to help them on their musical journey.

**Tickets from the Minster Shop 01636 812933 or from Sarah Severn 079968 688333.**  
[www.youthstringcamerata.com](http://www.youthstringcamerata.com)

## A Pastoral Care Conference

**Forgiveness and Reconciliation - July 26th to 30th 2010**

Bridge Pastoral Foundation, formerly the Clinical Theology Association, is holding its Annual Conference at the Hayes Conference Centre Swanwick.

A reduction of £15 is available to those paying before June 17th.

Details: Rae Lewis, 25 Rivergreen Crescent, Bramcote, Nottingham, NG9 3ET. 0115 8540744, email: [rae.lewis14@googlemail.com](mailto:rae.lewis14@googlemail.com)

Angela Ryan, Bridge Pastoral Foundation, 8 Kingsmead Road North, Prenton, Birkenhead, CH43 6TB. 0151 652 0429, email: [info@bridgepastoral.org.uk](mailto:info@bridgepastoral.org.uk)

[www.bridgepastoral.org.uk](http://www.bridgepastoral.org.uk)

# Prayerdiary

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## In June we pray for. . .

- Tue 01 Jun**      **Blyth, St Mary & St Martin; St Mary & St Martin's Church School; Ranskill, St Barnabas; Scrooby, St Wilfrid (Richard Spray)**  
Daejeon - (Korea) The Rt Revd Michael Kwon
- Wed 02 Jun**      **Carlton-in-Lindrick, St John the Evangelist; Langold, St Luke; Oldcotes, St Mark (Jane Blatherwick)**  
Dallas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd James Stanton  
Suffragan Bishop of Dallas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Revd Paul Lambert
- Thu 03 Jun**      **Chaplains in Higher Education: Nottingham University, John Bentham, Henry Curran); Nottingham Trent University (Richard Davey)**  
Damaturu - (Province of Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Abiodun Ogunyemi
- Fri 04 Jun**      **Clarborough, St John the Baptist; Hayton, St Peter (Mark Cantrill)**  
Honduras - (Province IX, USA) The Rt Revd Lloyd Allen
- Sat 05 Jun**      **Darlton, St Giles; Dunham-on-Trent, St Oswald; Dunham-on-Trent Church School; East Drayton, St Peter; Askham, St Nicholas; East Markham, St John the Baptist; Grove, St Helen; Headon-cum-Upton, St Peter (Julia Jesson)**  
PRAY for the Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN) as it gives greater visibility and serves the co-ordination of Anglican leadership in advocacy for responsible environmental stewardship.  
Delaware - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd Wayne Wright
- Sun 06 Jun**      **All who farm in Nottinghamshire – Derek Hollis, Rural Officer**  
PRAY for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico The Most Revd Carlos Touche-Porter  
Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Mexico  
*Linköping Bishop (Martin Lind)*
- Mon 07 Jun**      **Bothamsall, Our Lady & St Peter; Elkesley, St Giles; Eaton, All Saints; Gamston, St Peter; Gamston Church School; West Drayton, St Paul (Vacant: Area Team Rector: Tony Walker; Lay Chair: Jill Woodsford; Churchwardens: Alison Waite, Mary Howard, Audrey Hind, Peter Barnett, Alan Dunning)**  
Delhi - (North India) The Rt Revd Sunil Singh
- Tue 08 Jun**      **Clayworth, St Peter; Everton, Holy Trinity; Mattersey, All Saints; Gringley-on-the-Hill, St Peter & St Paul; St Peter's Church School (Jonathan Smithurst)**  
Derby - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Alastair Redfern  
Derby - Repton - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Humphery Southern

## In June we pray for. . .

- Wed 09 Jun**     **Harworth, all Saints; Harworth Church School (Jackie Johnson, Irene Tissington)**  
Derry & Raphoe - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Kenneth Good
- Thu 10 Jun**     **Department of Education for the Diocese**  
Dhaka - (Bangladesh) The Rt Revd Michael Baroi
- Fri 11 Jun**     **North Leverton, St Martin; North Leverton Church School; South Leverton, All Saints (Felicity Ferriter)**  
Diocese in Europe - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell  
Suffragan Bishop of Diocese in Europe - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd David Hamid
- Sat 12 Jun**     **Bole, St Martin; North Wheatley, St Peter & St Paul; North Wheatley Church School; Sturton-le-Steeple; Sturton-le-Steeple Church School (Mark Cantrill)**  
Eastern Kowloon - (Hong Kong) The Rt Revd Louis Tsui
- Sun 13 Jun**     **All engaged in the Healing Ministry throughout the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham**  
PRAY for The Anglican Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) The Most Revd Stephen Than Oo Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon
- Mon 14 Jun**     **Holbeck, St Winifred; Norton Cuckney, St Mary; Norton Cuckney Church School (Simon Cash, Brian Little)**  
North Mbale - (Uganda) Vacant
- Tue 15 Jun**     **Ordsall, All Hallows; Sutton-cum-Lound, St Bartholomew; Sutton-cum-Lound Church School (Sue Caddy)**  
Diocese of the Free State (formerly Bloemfontein) - (South Africa) The Rt Revd Patrick Glover
- Wed 16 Jun**     **Laneham, St Peter; Rampton, All Saints; Stokeham, St Peter; Treswell, St John the Baptist (Felicity Ferriter)**  
Western Kowloon - (Hong Kong) The Rt Revd Thomas Soo
- Thu 17 Jun**     **Regional Chaplain for South & East Region RAF, ATC Wing Chaplain (Michael Asquith)**  
Diocese on the Coast formerly (Ikale-Ilaje) - (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joshua Ogunele
- Fri 18 Jun**     **East Retford, St Swithun; St Swithun's Church School; Retford, St Saviour; West Retford, St Michael the Archangel (Tony Walker, Joanna Dobson, Charlie Maloney)**  
Dogura - (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Clyde Igara
- Sat 19 Jun**     **Shireoaks, St Luke; St Luke's Church School (Jackie Allen)**  
Doko - (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Uriah Kolo

## In June we pray for. . .

- Sun 20 Jun**     **Diocesan Readers (Alison Cox, Lay Training Officer; Chris Perrett, Warden; Barbara Coleman, Readers & RLM CME Officer)**  
 PRAY for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) The Most Revd Peter Akinola Archbishop, Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria and Bishop of Abuja  
*Härnösand (Bishop Tuulikki Koivunen Bylund)*
- Mon 21 Jun**     **Worksop Christ Church (Martyn Alvey)**  
 Dominican Republic - (Province IX, USA) The Rt Revd Julio Khoury
- Tue 22 Jun**     **Worksop St Anne; Worksop St Anne's Church School (Simon Cash, Paddy McBain)**  
 Dornakal - (South India) The Rt Revd Dr Satyanandam Devamani
- Wed 23 Jun**     **Worksop St John; Worksop St John's Church School (Neil Hogg)**  
 Down & Dromore - (Armagh, Ireland) The Rt Revd Harold Miller
- Thu 24 Jun**     **Worksop, St Paul (Bill Brown)**  
 Dublin & Glendalough - (Dublin, Ireland) The Most Revd John Neill
- Fri 25 Jun**     **Worksop; St Mary & St Cuthbert; Worksop Priory Church School; Carburton, St Giles; Clumber Park, St Mary the Virgin (Nicolas Spicer, Philip Corbett)**  
 Dunedin - (New Zealand) The Rt Revd George Connor
- Sat 26 Jun**     **MANSFIELD DEANERY – (Area Dean: George Butler; Lay Chair: Pam Bishop)**  
 Durgapur - (North India) The Rt Revd Dutta
- Sun 27 Jun**     **The Lord Lieutenant, Sir Andrew Buchanan and the High Sheriff, Amanda Farr**  
 PRAY for The Church of North India (United) The Most Revd Purely Lyngdoh  
 Moderator, CNI & Bishop of North East India  
*Soer-Hålogaland (Bodoe) (Bishop Tor Berger Joergensen)*
- Mon 28 Jun**     **Blidworth, St Mary of the Purification; Rainworth, St Simon and St Jude (Hazel Robinson, Beryl Allsop)**  
 Durham - (York, England) The Rt Revd Thomas Wright  
 Durham - Jarrow - (York, England) The Rt Revd Mark Bryant
- Tue 29 Jun**     **Clipstone, All Saints (Vacant: Area Dean: George Butler; Lay Chair: Pam Bishop; Churchwardens: David Marriott)**  
 Dutse - (Province of Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Yesufu Lumu
- Wed 30 Jun**     **Edwinstowe, St Mary; Edwinstowe Church School (Alistair Littlewood, Angela Fletcher)**  
 East Ankole - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Elisha Kyamugambi  
 West Ankole - (Uganda) The Rt Revd William Magambo



# Natal News & Information

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## Confirmation funds this year will go to the Natal School Link

**O**ne big story, one hundred small stories – that’s the vision for our link with the Diocese of Natal. As we look at developing ‘small story’ links between groups within the diocese, we are including links between schools. The opportunity for our children and young people to share their lives with others from a different country will help them to grow as world citizens and kingdom people.

Of course, the question is always ‘how do we do that, then?’

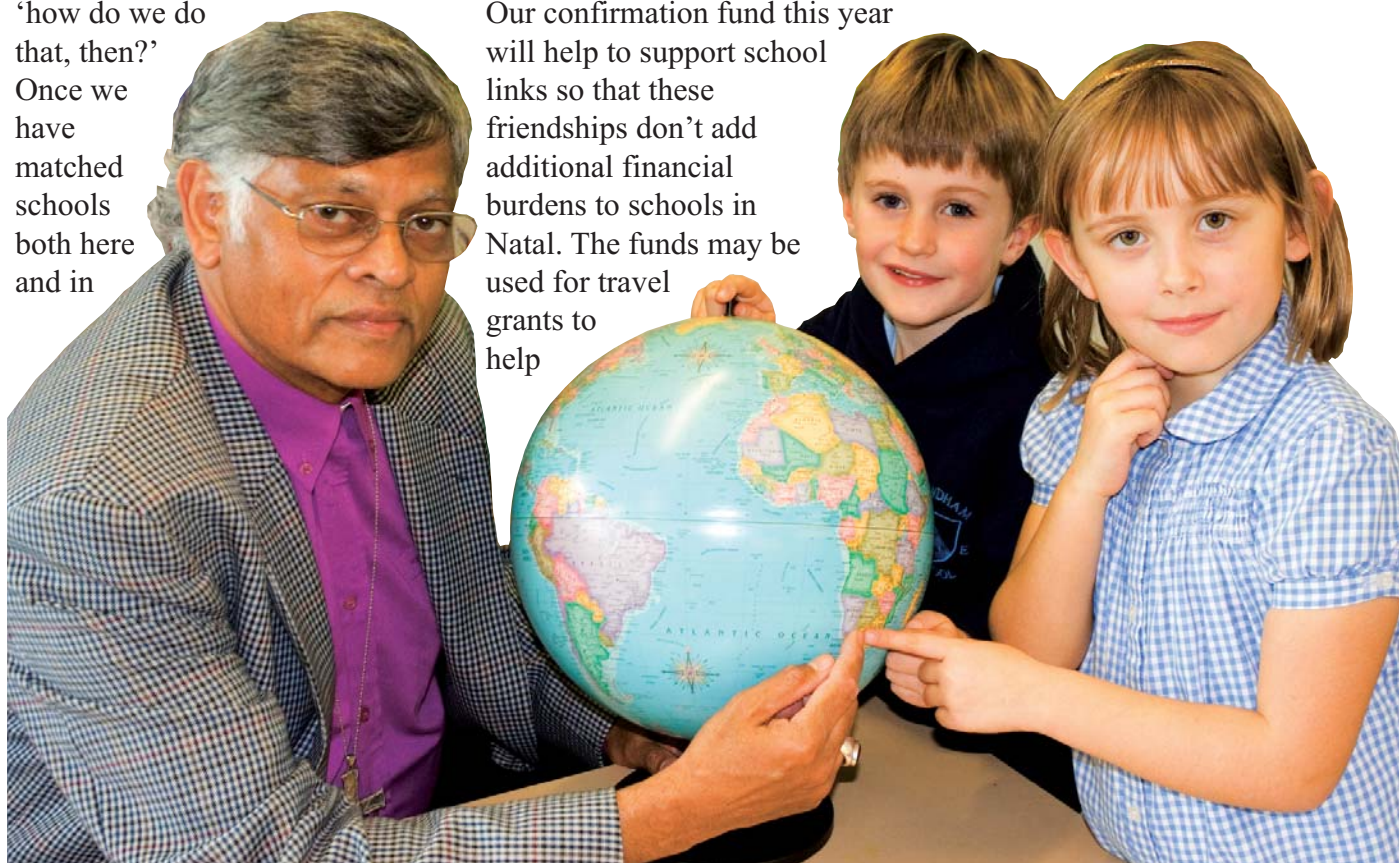
Once we have matched schools both here and in

Natal, they will need to talk to each other. This may be through internet conversations, or it may be through visits. Link Officer, the Revd Barbara Holbrook explains: “As we encourage these, we are very aware that the technology and finance that we take for granted here, is often a luxury in Natal. There, some children don’t go to school occasionally because their only school uniform is not dried out from washing – this means that they miss out on meals that day as well”.

Our confirmation fund this year will help to support school links so that these friendships don’t add additional financial burdens to schools in Natal. The funds may be used for travel grants to help

with visits or for supporting the technology and costs of developing the links. This way, children and young people in both our Diocese and Natal will be able to grow in their understanding of the world, and the challenge that our faith brings to that understanding.

**Natal Link Officer:**  
**Barbara Holbrook**  
**0115 9383565, email:**  
**bholbrook@btinternet.com**



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## C M E Programme in May

**7 St Mark's Gospel – The Bombshell in Mark's Gospel: what is faith?**  
Led by John Toy  
7.30pm  
The Minster Centre

**8 Spirituality and Story –**  
"Praying Story Together – our story, your story, God's story."  
A day for congregations to come together and connect their story with God's story. This is aimed at groups of 5 or more people from congregations to attend together. So please tell us how many you are bringing when you book.  
Keynote Speaker: The Revd Canon Dr Trevor Dennis from Chester Cathedral  
10am-3.30pm  
Southwell Minster

**10 & 17 Pre-Retirement Course**  
9.30-4pm  
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

**12 An Introduction to Spiritual Companionship**  
Led by Angela Ashwin and Michael Taylor  
7.30-9.30pm  
Burton Joyce Church Rooms

**14 St Mark's Gospel – Ragbag or Record?**  
Led by Michael Austin  
7.30pm  
The Minster Centre

**15 Quiet Day**  
Led by Erika Kirk  
10am-4pm BYOL  
Sacrista Prebend  
To book and for cost details please phone 01636 816833

**17 Holiday Clubs**  
A forum and discussion opportunity for churches to share their experiences and learn new things.  
Led by Nick Harding  
7.30-9.15pm  
Rolleston Village Hall  
24-28 In Service Study Week – Christian Apologetics in a Postmodern World  
What does it mean for Christians to give a reason for the hope that is within them in our contemporary world? How has the rise of our modern world and its transformation into postmodernity affected the defence of the faith? What are the most pressing questions that challenge our faith today- the question of suffering or the dialogue between faith and science?  
Led by Tim Hull  
St John's College, Nottingham  
£265 full board  
Booking 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**

## Genetics, Science and Society

**Saturday 19th June (10am-4.30pm)**  
**Maurice Shock Building, University of Leicester**  
**Cost £10 including lunch**

Exploring Faith and Developments in modern genetics – A joint workshop venture between Leicester Cathedral & The University of Leicester. A hands-on workshop exploring the interfaith between genetics and faith, aimed at church leaders, ordinands, and lay people who wish to become better informed. There will be something for those with some scientific background and something for those entirely new to this world. It will give participants the opportunity to do some work in the lab including extracting DNA, building DAN models and trying to solve a crime with new DNA database technology. There will also be talks and discussions with leading scientists and thinkers in this field.

**To book a place and for further information contact:**

**Jenny Pickard**  
**email: jha4@le.ac.uk**  
**Tel: 0116 252 3319**

# What's On

*in May*

**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)**

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| <b>1</b>      | St Peter's Church, Nottingham - Coffee Break Concerts. Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde - saraBande (conducted by Richard Jenkinson) "The Song of the Earth". Start: 11am. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, with donations welcome.   |
| <b>1-3</b>    | St Luke, Hickling Flower Festival. 'A Celebration of Village Life' 10am-4.30pm. Stalls and refreshments. Admission adults £2 children free. Sunday 2nd 6.30pm Songs of Praise.  |
| <b>1-9</b>    | Art Exhibition at All Hallows Gedling. A selection of work by a range of local artists, including paintings, photos, Mad Hatters Tea Party Dolls, textiles, pictures of Old Gedling, etc. Some works for sale for church funds. Free Admission – Open: 10am-4pm most days but check website for all daily open times. <a href="http://www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk">www.allhallowsgedling.co.uk</a> Details 0115 9561385.                            |
| <b>4</b>      | The Robin Hood Debate Who do we think we are? Join this special evening debate at Nottingham Castle on at 7.30pm. Discussions will be led by a panel of local opinion formers and introduced by short presentations from three experts. Refreshments will be included. Entry is free – to register your place please email Nicola Marsh with your details – email: <a href="mailto:nicola@southwell.anglican.org">nicola@southwell.anglican.org</a> |
| <b>4</b>      | Garage Sale in the Rectory Gardens at Gotham from 2pm to 4pm. Funds for church.   |
| <b>7</b>      | 'The Bombshell in Mark's Gospel: what is faith?' - 7.30pm, The Minster Centre. Canon John Toy. Further details: 01636 812649, email: <a href="mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk">office@southwellminster.org.uk</a>   |
| <b>8</b>      | VE Day 65th Anniversary Celebration - in the Upper Hall, St Mary's, Bulwell - 6.45pm - 9.30pm. Adults 36 Children 12 & under £2.  |
| <b>14</b>     | 'St Mark's Gospel: Ragbag or Record?' - 7.30pm, The Minster Centre. Canon Michael Austin. Further details: 01636 812649, email: <a href="mailto:office@southwellminster.org.uk">office@southwellminster.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>14</b>     | 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.   |
| <b>14, 15</b> | The Borderlands Choir present HERE & NOW, a musical with music by Paul Field and drama by Stephen Deal & Susie Pottinger. This is a lively musical based on Jesus' teaching on the 'Sermon on the Mount' uses music, drama and dance to convey these timeless values. St Lawrence Church, Gotham, 7.30pm each evening. Admission free. Come early to get a seat!  |
| <b>15</b>     | Nottingham Bach Choir with Nottingham Symphony Orchestra. 7.30pm, Albert Hall, Nottingham. Tickets £10 (£8 concession, £5 child). Enquiries email: <a href="mailto:tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk">tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk</a> Also available from Classical CD 0115 948 3832, <a href="http://www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk">www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk</a> from choir members or on the door.                                 |
| <b>15</b>     | East of England Singers 'Brahms Requiem', St Peter's Church, Nottingham, to raise money for St Peter's Church Fund (retiring collection). 11am. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, with donations welcome  |
| <b>16</b>     | 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: <a href="mailto:tim@southwell.anglican.org">tim@southwell.anglican.org</a>   |
| <b>20</b>     | 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. Details: the Revd David Bignell 0115 925 0060, email: <a href="mailto:outreach@attenboroughchurch.org">outreach@attenboroughchurch.org</a>                    |

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

- 22** Church Open Day - St Lawrence Church, Gotham, 10am-4pm, for everyone to come along and look at the newly reordered church. Music, magic, Punch & Judy, puppet making workshops, refreshments, a quiz and more.
- 23** Service of Dedication with the Rt Revd Paul Butler in attendance. This service is to dedicate the newly reordered church. 11am, St Lawrence Church, Gotham.
- 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](mailto:tim@southwell.anglican.org)
- 29** The Cranmer Company of Singers & Chamber Orchestra present ‘Serenata Italiano’, Bottesford Parish Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £8 (adults), £5 (conc) includes a glass of wine during the interval. To book 01949 851046.
- 29** St Peter's Church, Nottingham - Coffee Break Concerts. Les Melomanes - includes music by Marais, Handel and Castello. Details: [www.les-melomanes.com](http://www.les-melomanes.com) Start: 11am. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, with donations welcome.

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- 5** Quiet Day: ‘A Day with D H Lawrence’, led by Revd Prof Alison Milbank, 10am-4pm. Sacrista Prebend, Southwell, 01636 816833.
- 12** Prayer Walk - (lasts approx 1 and a quarter hours) Refreshments available afterwards (bring a picnic if you want to stay a little longer). Starts 10.20am. Further details: the Revd David Bignell 0115 925 0060, email: [outreach@attenboroughchurch.org](mailto:outreach@attenboroughchurch.org)
- 12** St Mary's, Bulwell Summer Fayre - 11am-2pm to be held in the Church and in the church grounds - all the usual attractions - the church will be open for visitors.
- 12** The sopranos of the St Peter's Church Choir perform as part of a weekend festival to celebrate the music of Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (b. 1710) and Robert Schumann (b. 1810). St Mary's Church, 7.30pm: Festival Concert including Schumann's Piano Concerto (Noriko Ogawa, piano). Tickets: 0115 941 9419.
- 12, 13** All Saints Church Thrumpton Flower Festival, 1pm-5pm. Theme: “Sayings” Both days: Church flower displays : Village gardens open: Teas : Village Hall Bar open. Sat only: Stalls, Live Music. Sun 6pm, Songs of Praise. Details: 0115 9830 720
- 13** Kinoulton open gardens 1.30-5.30, 18 gardens open with profits going to St Luke's Church and Cancer Charities. Plant Stalls and Teas.
- 24-27** St Peters & St Pauls Church, Mansfield ‘Patronal Festival 2010’. Open: Thu - 11am-5pm; Fri - 9am-1 pm & 2pm-5pm and Sat - 9am-1pm & 2.30pm-5pm. Flower Festival ‘St Peters at Work’. Fri, 7pm in church, Welbeck Estate Bands & St Peters School Concert; Sat 10am-2pm, Summer Fair (Food, Stalls, etc). Sun 6.30pm, Songs of Praise. Details: [www.stpeters-mansfield.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-mansfield.org.uk) or email: [mail@stpeters-mansfield.org.uk](mailto:mail@stpeters-mansfield.org.uk)
- 26** Nottingham Bach Choir – Come and sing Schubert! Schubert Mass in G; Bach Jesu Meine Freude; Mendelssohn, Te Deum. 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Nottingham. Tickets £10 (£8 concession, £5 child). Enqs: email: [tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](mailto:tickets@nottinghambachchoir.org.uk) [www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk](http://www.nottinghambachchoir.org.uk) from choir members or on the door.
- 26** St Peter's Church, Nottingham - Vivaldi: Gloria. St Peter's Church Choir, also includes Bach's oboe concerto, BWV 1053. Start: 11am. Coffee & biscuits available from 10.15am. Admission free, donations welcome.
- 24** Quiet Day: ‘Poetry and Prayer’ led by Canon Chris Andrews, 10am-4pm. Sacrista Prebend, Southwell, 01636 816833.

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

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



### Open Churches Weekend

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th July

The 'Open Churches' weekend, is a new initiative being launched under the umbrella of the Church History Project and is being piloted this summer by churches in the Newark & Southwell and Bassetlaw areas. A whole host of activities are being planned ranging from churches opening their doors and welcoming visitors, to serving refreshments, guided tours, craft displays and evening concerts.

The Church History project manager, Tracey Akehurst said, "This is a great opportunity to explore these wonderful buildings, all of which are veritable treasure troves of history and archaeology. It's also a perfect opportunity for churches to reach a wider audience and allow them to appreciate their sense of community. Do make a note of the dates in your diaries; let's make this weekend a success and the first of many."

**For more details of this, or any other aspect of the Church History Project, please contact Tracey Akehurst on 01636 817223/traceychp@southwell.anglican.org**



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## Come as you are Back to Church Sunday

Back to Church Sunday 2010 has new resources, a new look and some new ways of ordering packs which can be done on line via the website. **The deadline for ordering packs is June 15th 2010.**

To order now go to:

<http://www.backtochurch.co.uk/page/3010/Registration++Order+Form>

Any questions contact: Rachel Farmer tel 10636 817218  
mobile 077 121 96381 or email: [rachel@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:rachel@southwell.anglican.org)

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### Friday Lunchtime at the Cathedral 2010

12:15 - 1pm

Tea, coffee and juice will be available and you are welcome to bring your sandwiches. There is no charge, but a retiring collection is held to cover costs.

**May 7** Hollygirt School Choirs

**May 21** Orpheus Male Voice Choir

**June 4** The Miller and his Man by F C Burnand & Arthur Sullivan, a drawing room extravaganza, produced by Nick Thorpe

**June 25** Carmina Folk/Jazz ensemble with Lowdham Book Festival

**July 2** Minster School Music Department

**July 16** Ann McClary and Bernard Wright - folk music traditions of these Isles

**August 6** Workhouse Storytellers

**September 17** Celebrating Creation

**September 24** Philip Robinson and Sally Anthony - Piano Duo

**October 1** The Lincoln Mystery Plays – entertaining and informative illustrated talk

**October 15** Southwell Area Transition Town presentation

**November 5** Gun Powder Plot - The Argent Theatre Company

**November 19** Stephen Power and Jeremy Jepson

**December 3** Day Time Voices – Angela Kay

**Further details: Katy Todd, email: [bramleytreecot@btinternet.com](mailto:bramleytreecot@btinternet.com)**