

Bishop Paul shares his vision - let's live humbly and be open to the unexpected

"If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that" James 4:15

The diary for the coming year looks very exciting. There are lots of visits to schools to celebrate 200 years of church schools. There are many planned visits to parishes, hospitals, prisons, deaneries, societies and more. Together we will celebrate the Bible in our culture, history and present as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James 'Authorised' Version. I also have holiday time booked in, family celebrations, quiet days and space to do the day to day desk work. So the diary looks exciting. I am most excited about sharing the vision and strategic direction that have developed through my first year serving with you; how in the next years we will continue to "Join Together in the Transforming Mission of God". The first public meeting for this is the clergy Study Day on 1st March – but there will then be lots of ways to hear and read about this in the weeks and months that follow. So there is a great deal planned. I believe it is right to pray, think and plan ahead.

I believe our Lord Jesus did a great deal of this before he ever entered into his public ministry. The gospels also show him

acting, and responding, strategically all the way through to the Cross, and then in the sending out of the disciples into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit. The story of Acts shows both strategic action and



the unexpected intervention of the Spirit producing fresh directions.

Yet at the same time, as we plan, we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I don't know if I may become ill, or have an accident. I don't know if something may happen to a member of my family which will require lots of time and attention. None of us knows what might happen with the politics of our nation or world. The recent snow and ice made all

of us re-asses some of our plans reminding us of nature's power. We could have the same again this year.

What James was getting at when he wrote to the Christians dispersed across the Roman Empire was to live with an awareness of our own smallness, fragility and ignorance. He was rebuking the business people of his day in particular for their arrogance and presumption about their own work, success and future. He was wanting to bring them back down to human size recognising God's over-arching greatness and purposes. We need to live humbly before God – not with presumptuous pride. We need to be open to the unexpected

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New Cathedral canon aims to encourages public debates on faith

A theology professor at The University of Nottingham hopes to encourage public discussion and engagement with the Christian faith in his new role for the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham.

The Revd Dr Simon Oliver, has been appointed as Canon Theologian of Southwell Minster by the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham and will offer his expertise to the diocese and the Bishop. He will be installed at a service of Evensong in Southwell Minster on **Sunday 13th February 2011, at 3.30pm** and will be placed in the Cathedral's Kelham stall.



Simon said: "I am delighted and honoured to become Canon Theologian of Southwell Minster. A Canon Theologian is a teacher of the Christian faith who encourages others to discuss and learn about our profound and crucial religious heritage. The role of religion in public life is much discussed today. I look forward to enabling a lively debate on these issues while making a clear contribution to that debate from the perspective of Christian faith."

Simon, who is an Associate Professor of Theology at The University of Nottingham, was born in Nottingham while his father, Stephen Oliver, was curate in the Clifton Team Ministry. The family then moved to Newark and later to Plumtree where his father, who has recently retired as Bishop of Stepney in London, was Rector of St Mary's and producer of religious programmes on Radio Nottingham. Simon is very active within the Church and is Assistant Priest at All Saints', Cotgrave. He also sits on various Church of England and Anglican Communion commissions and committees.

He is married to Jayne, a paediatric speech and language therapist working with children with learning difficulties. They have two sons, Benedict (7) and Samuel (4). Simon said: "I am, and have always been, a fanatical Nottingham Forest fan. Now that we've returned to Nottingham I'm able to go to plenty of games. As a young boy I remember listening to the radio commentary of the European Cup Final in 1979 as Trevor Francis scored the winning goal against Malmo. In fact, I took my first communion in the City Ground during a big open air service! There would be nothing better than to see Forest back in the Premiership and I wish Billy and the team every success this season."

Nottingham Arimathea Trust and Refugee Forum

Following the Diocesan Synod warm and generous continuing support of the work of the Arimathea Trust to support destitute Asylum Seekers, the Trust are now appealing for specific support for their on-going work.

They have opened nine flats for Refugees who have received Leave to Remain and who need urgent accommodation, and need to buy beds and install showers over the baths – each of which will cost around £100.

If any churches or groups feel able to sponsor one of these it would be greatly appreciated.

The Trust are also indeed of basic toiletries for destitute Asylum seekers – bath and shower gel, soap, toothpaste, Sanitary Towels, shaving cream, razors, shampoo etc., and especially disposable nappies for babies and young children. If people are able to support the Arimathea Trust by collecting these, particularly where you can get 'two for one', they would be very grateful. They can collect if necessary.

For further information, please contact:

John or Jane Henson
email: jane.henson@email.com
or ring 0115 952 1802 / 07940 548 832.

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Bishop calls for people to rediscover the Bible through readings in pubs, schools, libraries and other community venues

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd Paul Butler, is calling on churches to help people rediscover the Bible next year by organising public readings in pubs, market places, community halls, sports centres, schools and other venues.

Bishop Paul will use the traditional ‘Bible Sunday’ to highlight the special place of the Bible in our culture.

He said: “Next year we celebrate 400 years of the King James Authorised Version. So for me this is a sort of launch of ‘2011 Year of the Bible’ and I will be celebrating the Bible everywhere I go in the coming year. I’m also encouraging all our clergy to consider raising knowledge, reading and use of the Bible by all our church members, as well as publicly reading and celebrating the Bible in imaginative and creative ways in our communities.”

Although the Bible has been praised by some as the most beautiful book ever written, it is also a fact that many young people have never even heard of it. According to a new survey 51 per cent of under-35s have never heard of the King James Bible and yet it has been described as a work that was far more influential than Shakespeare in the development and spread of the English language.

Bishop Paul hopes that the churches and communities across the county will join in the national celebrations being coordinated by the 2011 King James Bible Trust. Celebrities and broadcaster have been joining in the celebrations, which will include films, publications and events - see the website for details: www.kingjamesbibletrust.org. One project involves the video sharing site You Tube. Called the ‘YouTube Bible’, the project aims to create a complete reading of the King James Bible on YouTube. The readers will be made up of actors, sportsmen and women, musicians, politicians and anyone else who wants to take part.

In this diocese, Chair of the 2011 Trust, Frank Field MP, will give the Southwell Lecture on June 17th in Southwell Minster. The lecture will be supported by a special King James Bible exhibition running at the cathedral from 17th May to 19th June.

Churches will be able to make use of the wide range of resources from both the 2011 Trust and ‘Biblefresh’ – a project set up by a range

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Poverty & Homelessness Action Week

29 Jan - 6 Feb 2011

Raise your voice and make sure that everyone is counted!



Visit www.actionweek.org.uk now for more information and free resources!

Further details: the Revd Liam O’Boyle, Dept of Development 01636 817232 (07860 507318)

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and sudden direction of the Spirit alongside our strategic planning.

In prayer for a happy and joyful new year for us all I am praying that we will all live humbly before God, knowing our times are in his hand, and that He acts in grace, mercy and compassion towards us in Christ.

So may it be a fruitful, peaceful, light and glory filled year which is Spirit led and empowered to the praise of God’s glory.

Bishop Paul

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Additional Seminar on 'Employment Responsibilities for Parishes'

Some people have been unable through work commitments to book for either of the important morning seminars, arranged as follows:

Tuesday 11th January 2011, 10am-12.30 pm at Dunham House
Wednesday 19th January 2011, 10am-12.30 pm at Dunham House

CA Plus* have agreed to run a third seminar for Church leaders on:
Saturday 26th February 2011, 10am-12.30 pm at Dunham House

For further information or to book your place on any of the above seminars, please contact Carole Park 01636 817242 or email carolepark@southwell.anglican.org

* *Community Accounting Plus is a registered charity (No 1080565) helping voluntary and community organisations*

Claiming your Belovedness:

Henri Nouwen
Retreat-Workshop



Led by Philip Roderick

**Friday 18th Feb until
Sunday 20th Feb 2011**

£155 residential,
£105 non- residential

Whirlow Grange Christian
Spirituality Centre
Ecclesall Road South,
Sheffield, S11 9PZ
0114 236 3173 (bookings)
www.whirlowgrange.co.uk

Saturday January 15th 2011

10am until 4pm

You are invited to a retreat-workshop day entitled

Christ and the Earth

**Contemplation and action on the way to a new kind of life
by Eco-congregation in partnership with EarthAbbey and
Contemplative Fire**

at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre
Ecclesall Road South
Sheffield
S11 9PZ



**To include
prayer and
contemplation,
stories of innovative projects and a unique
presentation about land and dispossession
entitled 'The Meek shall inherit the Earth'.**

The day will be led by Rev Dr Chris Sunderland, founder of EarthAbbey, in conjunction with Contemplative Fire and Ecocongregation.

Cost £20 including lunch.

Bookings must be made in advance to info@earthabbey.com stating your name and 'Sheffield event' or by phone to 0117 9574652. Payment may be made on the day.

Spiritual Accompaniment An Introductory Course April - November 2011

Led by: Sylvia Griffiths, Jean
Sims and Michael Taylor
at

**St Martin's Church
Sherwood, NG5 3FU**

Further details: The Revd
Canon Dr Nigel Rooms
email: nigel.rooms@southwell.anglican.org

**Closing date:
21st January 2011**

Prayerdiary

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In February we pray for. . .

- Tue 01 Feb** **Caunton, St Andrew; Dean Hole Church School; Cromwell, St Giles; Norwell, St Laurence; Norwell Church School; Ossington, Holy Rood (Sheila Dixon)**
Machakos - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kanuku
- Wed 02 Feb** **Boughton, St Matthew; Ollerton, St Giles; Ollerton, St Paulinus (Richard Goodhand, Caroline Phillips)**
Madhya Kerala - (South India) The Rt Revd Thomas Samuel
- Thu 03 Feb** **Chaplain to Lowdham Grange Prison (Chris Knight)**
Madi & West Nile - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Joel Obetia
- Fri 04 Feb** **Morton, St Denis; Rolleston, Holy Trinity; Upton, St Peter & St Paul (Area Dean: Tony Tucker; Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: Roger Blaney, Theresa Clarke, Julian Ellis, Bryan Northcote, Jane Butler, Barbara Page)**
Madurai-Ramnad - (South India) The Rt Revd Christopher Asir
- Sat 05 Feb** **Southwell, Holy Trinity; Southwell Holy Trinity Infant School; (Mark Tanner, Simon Farmer)**
Mahajanga - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Jean-Claude Andrianjafimanana
- Sun 06 Feb** **Poverty Action Sunday – we pray for the poor and those living in poverty**
The Most Revd Dr Mouneer Hanna Anis President Bishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Bishop in Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa
Egypt - (Middle East) The Rt Revd Andrew Proud
Egypt - (Middle East) The Rt Revd Bill Musk
Roskilde (Bishop Peter Fischer-Moeller)
- Mon 07 Feb** **Shelton, St Mary & All Saints; Sibthorpe, St Peter (Derek Hollis)**
Maiduguri - (Province of Jos, Nigeria) The Most Revd Emmanuel Mani
- Tue 08 Feb** **Southwell, St Mary the Virgin; Southwell Lowes Wong Junior School; The Minster Secondary School (John Guille, Jacqui Jones, Nigel Coates, Ed Pruen, Tony Evans, Alison Milbank, Robin Turner)**
Maine - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Stephen Lane

In February we pray for. . .

- Wed 09 Feb** **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)**
Makamba - (Burundi) The Rt Revd Martin Nyaboho
- Thu 10 Feb** **Diocesan Chief Executive for the Diocese, Nigel Spraggins and his colleagues**
Makurdi - (Province of Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Nathan Inyom
- Fri 11 Feb** **Bleasby, St Mary; Bleasby School; Halloughton, St James; Hoveringham, St Michael; Thurgarton, St Peter (Vacant: Area Dean: Tony Tucker; Lay Chair: Penny Peterson; Churchwardens: Diana Temperley, Rachael Andrew, Michael Wood, Charlotte Turnbull, Alexander Nall, Peter Wilkinson, Linda Morgan)**
Malaita - (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Samuel Sahu
Assistant Bishop of Malaita - (Melanesia) The Revd Alfred Hou
- Sat 12 Feb** **Markham Clinton, All Saints; Tuxford, St Nicholas; Tuxford School; Weston, All Saints (Colin Wall, Greg Price)**
Malakal - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Hilary Garang
- Sun 13 Feb** **Diocesan Synod (Pam Bishop: Chair of the House of Laity and Mark Tanner: Chair of the House of Clergy)**
The Most Revd Henry Orombi Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala
Suffragan Bishop of Kampala - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Zac Niringiye
- Mon 14 Feb** **Walesby, St Edmund (Chris Levy)**
Manchester - (York, England) The Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch
Manchester - Bolton - (York, England) The Rt Revd Christopher Edmondson
Manchester - Hulme - (York, England) The Rt Revd Stephen Lowe
Manchester - Middleton - (York, England) The Rt Revd Mark Davies
- Tue 15 Feb** **NEWSTEAD DEANERY (Area Dean: Richard Kellett, Lay Chair: Brian Clarke)**
Mandalay - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Saw Lin
Assistant Bishop of Mandalay - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Aung Thein
- Wed 16 Feb** **Annesley, All Saints; Newstead Abbey, St Mary; Newstead Village, St Mary the Virgin (Liz Turner-Loisel, Peter Jones)**
Manicaland - (Central Africa) Vacant
- Thu 17 Feb** **Chaplain to Whatton Prison (Jo Honour)**
Mara - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Hilkiyah Deya
- Fri 18 Feb** **Brinsley, St James the Great; Underwood, St Michael and All Angels; Underwood Church School (David Stevenson, Elizabeth Murray)**
Marathwada - (North India)
- Sat 19 Feb** **Eastwood, St Mary (David Stevenson, Elizabeth Murray)**
Maridi - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Justin Arama

In February we pray for. . .

- Sun 20 Feb** **Education Sunday – we pray for all those working and studying in education**
 The Most Revd Dr Barry Cennydd Morgan Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff
 Llandaff - (Wales) The Rt Revd David Yeoman
Karlstad (Bishop Esbjorn Hagberg)
- Mon 21 Feb** **Greasley, St Mary (David Marvin)**
 Maryland - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd Eugene Sutton
 Suffragan Bishop of Maryland - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd John Rabb
- Tue 22 Feb** **Hucknall Team Ministry: St Mary Magdelene; St Peter & St Paul; St John the Evangelist; National Infant School; National Junior School; The National School (Kathryn Herrod, Daniel Njugana)**
 Masasi - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Patrick Mwachiko
- Wed 23 Feb** **Huthwaite, All Saints; All Saints Church School (Charlie Maiden)**
 Maseno North - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Simon Oketch
 Maseno South - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Francis Abiero
 Maseno West - (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Wasonga
- Thu 24 Feb** **Kirkby Woodhouse, St John the Evangelist (Mary Essex)**
 Masindi-Kitara - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Stanley Ntagali
- Fri 25 Feb** **Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Thomas (Neil Popham)**
 Massachusetts - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Thomas Shaw
 1. Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Gayle Harris
 2. Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts - (Province I, USA) The Rt Revd Bud Cederholm
- Sat 26 Feb** **Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid (Wendy Patchell, Adrian Dempster)**
 Masvingo - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Godfrey Taonezvi
- Sun 27 Feb** **Southwell Cursillo (Rob Wiggins)**
 The Most Revd Dr John Chew Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Singapore
 Suffragan Bishop of Singapore - (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah
Copenhagen (Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen)
- Mon 28 Feb** **Linby, St Michael; Papplewick, St James; Linby cum Papplewick Church School (Keith Turner)**
 Matabeleland - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Cleophas Lunga



Natal News & Information

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First visit to Natal for Bishop Paul

Natal Link Officer, the Revd Barbara Holbrook writes:

As I sit here writing this we are snowed in. I'm trying to re-arrange all my meetings so that they happen during the daylight, as it is freezing and treacherous when the sun isn't out. Meanwhile, in Durban it is another humid day. But life in Natal is still governed by the daylight. One of the more surprising features of a visit to Natal is the early morning starts (once the sun is up) and that each day 'finishes' about 9pm, as the sun has set.

Few people travel after dark, partly because of security issues but mainly because it is just their culture. In many areas there is no electricity or it has only recently been connected. For these people, fitting their days in with the sunlight is a necessity. Church 'evening meetings' happen at about 5-6 pm. Things that we take for granted – such as the 24-hour



supermarket / petrol station, extensive street lighting, a vibrant city centre night life – just aren't readily part of life, even in the major cities and their suburbs.

It is always the small differences like these between our cultures that challenge us when we meet with other people. We will happily make allowances or talk about the big things, but the little things are often the place where grace matters. As a group of us prepare to visit Natal this month (January) we look ahead to the challenges that we will face as we encounter big differences, but we are especially aware that it is in the small things that friendships are made and broken. In our group are representatives of a parish and school that are setting up new 'Small Story' Links, as

well as being the first visit to Natal by Bishop Paul and Rosemary.

Please pray for the group visiting Natal.

Pray for the emerging small story links between parishes and schools, for all those who are forming new friendships.

Pray that we may all grow in grace as we meet and are challenged by our brothers and sisters from a different country, but who are fellow citizens with us of that same Kingdom of God.

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



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CME Programme *in January*

10 Jan–4 Feb 4 Week Study Unit – Pastoral Care and the Human Lifecycle

Led by Chrissie Wood
St John's College, Bramcote
Contact academic@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

18 Reaching schools at Easter

Led by Maureen Collins
7.30-9.30pm
Venue to be announced

24 Challenging Behaviour!

Led by Nick Harding
7.30-9.00pm
Venue to be advised (Notts)

24 Enliven -Engaging Christian Young people

Led by Richard Dawson
7.30-9.30pm
St Michaels Church, Bramcote
To book contact
alastairlangton@ddb.org or Tel:
01332 388660

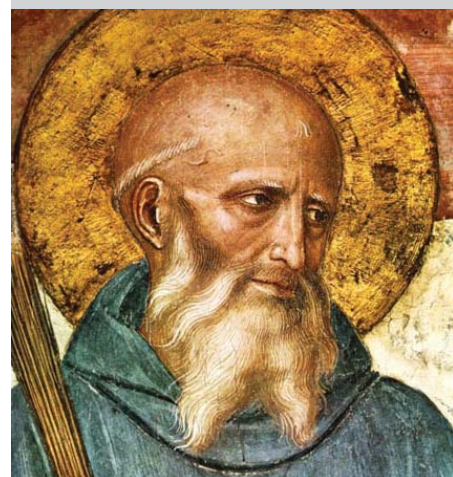
26 Foundation Governor Training

Led by Maureen Collins
7.30-9.30pm

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

How are we to be as ministers at this time?

Study Leave thoughts
inspired by a journey into the
Benedictine tradition



Five lunchtime meetings for clergy

run by Jerry Lepine
12pm to 1.30pm
at

**St Leonard's Church
Wollaton**

Please bring your own lunch –
drinks will be provided
Each session will involve input,
discussion and a brief time of
reflection and prayer.

Monday 10th January

Our relationship with Time

Monday 31st January

Our relationship with Authority

Monday 14th February

Our relationship with Clergy

Monday 28th February

Our relationship with Self

Monday 14th March

Our relationship with God

Please contact:

Rachel Shock, email: office@nottinghamdeaneries.com
or 07708140207

Responding to cuts in public spending

We are all aware of a period of cuts in the public sector and also the voluntary sector and a concern that some of the most vulnerable in society may suffer the most. Important services from organisations such as Framework are already threatened due to the County Council's proposed 67% cut to the Supporting People budget over the next four years. This proposal contrasts with the Government's provision for Supporting People – a mere 12% reduction after inflation over four years.

How should we as churches and Christians respond? Well one thing we should do is be informed and then let our views be known.

If you wish to know more about this particular issue contact nottscuts@frameworkha.org or visit www.frameworkha.org

If you want to let your views be known then:

**Visit the Nottinghamshire
County Council Website**

If you do nothing else, please contribute to the council's official consultation exercise –the Big Budget Conversation- and emphasise the importance and value of Supporting People:
<http://www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/finance-and-the-budget/conversation/> and complete the form at 'Tell us your views'

David McCoulough
Director
Partnerships & Mission

What's On

in January

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

- 1** New Year's Day Service and Meal - St Stephen's Church, Bobbers Mill Road, Hyson Green NG7 5GZ. 12 noon, Urdu service with English translation in St Stephen's Church; 2pm International bring and share meal hosted by the congregation of St Stephen's church and the Rainbow Project at the Vine Community Centre. Everyone welcome. Contact 0115 9701855.
- 1-3** Mid-Season Training Conference with Christians in Sport. For everyone who is serious about sport & faith! Specialised teaching, workshops & training streams designed with you in mind, plus time for sport! £75 full board. All Nations Bible College, Hertfordshire. Please book your place online <http://www.ministryofsport.org.uk/events.html>
- 4** 'A Pilgrimage through the Christian Seasons: Christmastide', led by Canon Angela Ashwin, 10am-12 noon. Sacrista Prebend, Southwell. 01636 816833.
- 4** The Mansfield Big Snore – St Mark's Church, Mansfield. Held in aid of Framework, offering a unique chance to brave the elements whilst raising money for Nottinghamshire's leading homeless charity. To take part as an individual or as a team, or to make a donation call The Mansfield Big Snore Team 0115 970 9515 or www.frameworkha.org/themansfieldbigsnore
- 18** Quiet Day: 'Maps and our Sense of Place' led by the Revd Anne Noble. 10am-4pm. £15 including tea and coffee. Bring your own packed lunch. Sacrista Prebend, Southwell, 01636 816833.
- 21** Team Talk with Steve Spooner, Birmingham City U18 Youth Coach & 450 professional appearances as player. Christian Leadership in Sport - Includes light meal. 7.30pm, St Luke's Church, Leahurst Rd, Gamston NG2 6GL. Please book your place online <http://www.ministryofsport.org.uk/events.html>
- 23** Southwell Minster House Meeting – Living the Scriptures "In the beginning was the word". Meetings are open to all, a time to share, talk, learn and reflect. If you would like join a group, please visit the Minster and sign up on the lists which will be available for you or please contact Vicky Thorpe, Hugh Middleton, David Shannon or Patrick Sills through the Minster Centre 01636 812649.
- 24** The last Two Counties' Service – a time for farewells and thanksgivings, celebrating all that God has done among Churches Together in Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire over the last two decades. 7.30pm-8.45pm, Queen's Hall Methodist Mission, 127 London Road, Derby DE1 2QQ. Further details: email: dovedale.revs087@btinternet.com
- 29-6 Feb** Feb Poverty & Homelessness Action Week: Raise your voice and make sure that everyone is counted! There is going to be a census of the population in 2011, as there is every 10 years. The census will try to list all of the people who live in the country — but chances are there are many it won't include - such as the 'hidden homeless' and destitute asylum-seekers. Churches are invited to take part in Poverty & Homelessness Action Week: Mark Homelessness Sunday (31 Jan) or Poverty Action Sunday (6 Feb). Visit www.actionweek.org.uk now for more information and free resources!

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- 2** Pray for Sport - includes light meal. 7.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church, Church Drive, Main Rd, Wilford NG11 7AJ. Please book your place online

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<http://www.ministryofsport.org.uk/events.html>

Southwell Minster House Meeting – Living the Scriptures “In the beginning was the word”. Meetings are open to all, a time to share, talk, learn and reflect. If you would like join a group, please visit the Minster and sign up on the lists which will be available for you or please contact Vicky Thorpe, Hugh Middleton, David Shannon or Patrick Sills through the Minster Centre 01636 812649.

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Urban Hockey Tournament - Teams of 6. £5 inc chip butties! 6.45pm, Mapperley Sports Village, Ransom Drive, Nottingham NG3 5LR. Most events are for adults (16+). Please book your place online <http://www.ministryofsport.org.uk/events.html>

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Bishop's and Archdeacons' Visitations 2011

This year Bishop Paul is heading the annual Archdeacons' Visitations and Admission of Churchwardens. He will use the opportunity to talk about his vision for the mission and ministry of the diocese to Churchwardens who represent a significant lay ministry in the local church.

Following the successful occasions several years ago the Visitations will again be held at **Southwell Minster on Monday 9th May and Monday 6th June**. Churchwardens, clergy and parishioners can choose which to attend.

Please put the dates in your diary now.

Introduction to Christian Counselling Course

Level Two ACC recognised course/Level Two National Open College Network accredited course at St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe, Nottingham

The course is aimed at people with little or no previous experience or training in Christian counselling. It consists of 12 x 3 hour training sessions and runs over four weekends.

14 & 15 January, 11 & 12 February, 18 & 19 March, 8 & 9 April 2011

Friday evenings 6.30pm - 9.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am - 4.30pm.

(Fees will depend on the number of people booked on the course)

For further details please contact: Sue Roberts 0115 9858655, email: monet@talk21.com

**Shoresh Study Tours
The Life & World of Jesus
with Alan & Alison Bowell
7th-17th April 2011**



Tour Price £1199 *land price only* includes:
 Good quality hotel accommodation
 Half board (bed, breakfast and evening meal)
 All touring and transfers in modern air-conditioned coaches
 Professional local guide throughout
 All entrance fees

Further details: Alan & Alison Bowell, Eagle Lodge, Hexgreave Hall Business Park, Farnsfield, NG22 8LS. 01623 883 960, email: alanb@cmj.org.uk www.cmj.org.uk/shoreshtours

Please note the deadline for the February issue of Nifty Notes is: 12th January 2011

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The Reverend Jono Tregale, Assistant Curate of Wilford, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese to be Associate Vicar of Sherbourne Abbey with responsibility for St Paul's Church, Diocese of Sailsbury. The licensing will take place on Friday 18th February 2011 at St Paul's Church, Sherbourne. Jono's last Sunday at Wilford will be 30th January 2011

The Reverend Diane Tregale, Assistant Curate of Wilford, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese to be Chaplain to The Gryphon School, Sherbourne, Diocese of Sailsbury. The licensing will take place on Friday 18th February 2011 at St Paul's Church, Sherbourne. Diane's last Sunday at Wilford will be 30th January 2011.

The Reverend Andrew Martlew, formerly of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department to be Chaplain of HMP Ranby, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. The licensing by The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham took place on 4th October 2010.

The Reverend Christine Wood, Assistant Chaplain at Rampton Hospital, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to be Lead Chaplain to St Andrew's, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, same Diocese. The Licensing by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham on 1st December 2010 at St Andrew's Nottinghamshire, Sherwood Oaks Business Park at 3.15pm.

The Reverend Mark Adams, Vicar of Mansfield St John with St Mary, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham has been appointed by The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham to be Area Dean of Mansfield for a term of up to five years commencing 15th November 2010.

In line with our Diocesan approach to Deanery leadership, this will be on a 0.3 basis supported by Miss Judith Asquith, Deanery Administrator. The Deanery Office will remain at St John's, Mansfield.

The Reverend Jonathan MacGillivray, Vicar of St John's Carrington, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese to be also Area Dean of Nottingham South with effect from 1st November 2010. The appointment is on a 0.3 basis.

The Reverend David Milner, Priest-in-Charge of The East Trent Group of Parishes: Collingham All Saints with St John the Baptist, Harby with Swinethorpe, Holme, Langford, North & South Clifton, South Scarle with Besthorpe & Girton, Thorney with Wigsley & Winthorpe, Southwell and Nottingham Diocese is to become Priest-in-Charge of Farndon with Thorpe, Hawton and Cotham and Deanery Development Officer, Newark and Southwell Deanery, same Diocese. Licensing by the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham and installation by the Archdeacon of Newark 1st March 2011, Hawton parish Church.

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of Christian partners to help to promote the rediscovery of the Bible.

Bishop Paul also hopes that every lectionary Bible in churches will always be open, and at a passage that would make sense for visitors to read, who may have called in unexpectedly.

In addition to this the collections from all the Confirmation Services in 2011 will be going towards Bibles for Burundi. This will mean that every £3 raised will enable the Anglican Church in Burundi to give a Bible to every young person confirmed there in 2011.

Bishop Paul said: "For these young people the cost of a Bible is very high in terms of daily income. We can transform many young lives this way."

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