

# Nottingham North & Nottingham South Deaneries



Until 2008 the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham was divided into 14 deaneries; 8 within the Nottingham Archdeaconry and 6 within the Newark Archdeaconry.

There are now 9 deaneries. The Deaneries of Nottingham North and South include the old deaneries of Beeston, Nottingham Central, Nottingham North and Nottingham West. The Nottingham North and Nottingham South deaneries, whilst still two separate legal deaneries work collaboratively. They share deanery synods and where possible have deanery chapters on the same day although they still meet separately mainly for size reasons.

## Area Deans & Lay Chairs

The Area Dean for Nottingham North is Revd Canon Jerry Lepine & for Nottingham South is Revd Canon Ruth Worsley. They are supported in their role by joint Lay Chairs; in the North, by Anne Walters & Peter Munro and in the South, by Robert Cleave and Laurie Crawforth.

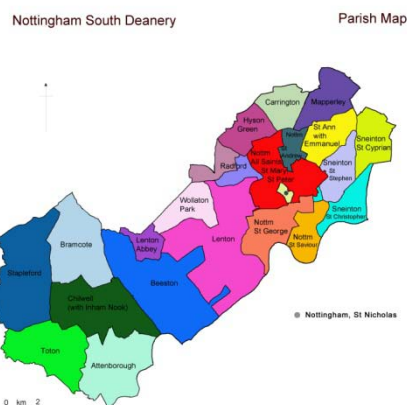
The Deanery is a strategic mission unit in the diocese and therefore the Synod, Chapters and other meetings have the vision of resourcing parish mission.

## The Deanery Mission Priorities

- ✝ Serving the community/social action partnership
- ✝ The ministry of welcome
- ✝ Worship in a mission context
- ✝ Spiritual vitality
- ✝ Collaborative leadership development
- ✝ Equipping Christians for mission
- ✝ Working on outreach to:
  - church leavers
  - those searching for spirituality
  - teenagers to 35
  - men

Deanery Synod meets approximately three times a year for several reasons:

- ✝ To pray and worship together
- ✝ To receive information about what is being discussed and decided in Diocesan Synod and in General Synod
- ✝ To discern our Deanery priorities and plan strategies for joint action.



- † To share expertise and knowledge between local churches as well as raise concerns and problems
- † To cooperate over projects and to support each other.
- † To agree individual parish share as part of the deanery contribution to diocesan funding.

Clergy also meet separately with the Area Dean as Deanery Chapter. This is a mutually supportive arrangement for licensed clergy in the deanery. Meetings include worship and theological reflection as well as business and social functions.

The two deaneries are administered by a Deanery Leadership Team which:

- † Meets between each synod meeting to review the outcomes of the previous meeting and to set the agenda for the following meeting.
- † Takes responsibility for shaping deanery policy and strategy.
- † Advises parishes and diocesan leadership about pastoral reorganisation and parsonage provision.
- † Has oversight of parish share and grant applications.

The Deanery Administrator, Rachel Shock, serves the two deaneries in ensuring good communication (our website changes on a daily basis and is at <http://www.nottinghamdeaneries.org>), support for the Synods and Chapters, organising service cover for churches in the deaneries and developing a resource base for parishes.