

The Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley

Newsletter Spring 2022

Dates for your diary

The next Deanery Synod will be held on **Saturday 12 February, 10am** at St Philip's Church Centre, Dorridge, B93 8DX.

This will be both in person and online.

Further Synod dates for 2022:

Wednesday 8 June, 7:30pm

Thursday 20 October, 7:30pm

(venues tbc)

Welcome to the first edition of the KNMS Deanery Newsletter.

We hope to produce these on a regular basis to share news, events and information relating to the deanery, as well as events taking places elsewhere which may be of interest.

If you would like any items included in the next edition, please send it to Deb Jewison (Deanery Support Officer)

deborahj@cofebirmingham.com

Included in this edition:

Meet our new Priest and Reader

LLF courses in the deanery

Praxis Creative Liturgy day

Racial Justice Reference Group Day of Prayer

Ordinations:

We have three ordinations coming up in the deanery and would love to see as many people there as possible to support our new priests:

Ian Crockford will be ordained on Sunday 6 February at 11am at St Michael's Hall Green.

Carol Farrell will be ordained on Sunday 27 February at 11am at St Bede's Brandwood.

Sandra Langston will be ordained on Sunday 6 March at 11am at Immanuel Highters Heath.

Confirmations 2022

Confirmations are taking place at the Cathedral on

Saturday 16 April at 8pm (Easter Vigil) with Bishop Anne

Sunday 5 June at 11am (Pentecost) with Bishop David

Sunday 20 November at 11am (Feast of Christ the King) with Bishop Anne

For initial enquiries, please contact April Steadman (april.steadman@birminghamcathedral.com) who will be best able to advise regarding the necessary preparations for services taking place at the Cathedral.

There are also confirmation services planned for **Sunday 12 June at 10am** at St Chad's Rubery with Bishop Anne, and **Sunday 18 Sept at 4pm**, at Immanuel Church Highters Heath with Bishop David. Both of these services are open to candidates from other parishes.

Meet our new Priest – Ian Crockford

Ordination as a Deacon and now in February as a Priest feels like another step along my life's journey, as a disciple of Jesus. Where each step has seen a period of growing so that I am ready, with God's help, for the next. Lived in Birmingham all my life, joining The Boys' Brigade at St Peter's Hall Green when 8 years of age, at BB learnt so much of what it means to follow Jesus. Life steps have included caring for parents, licensed Reader, working as a chemist in the paint industry for 36 years then redundancy as the business closed. Redundancy was daunting but God had unexpected plans, as he often does, for the next part of the journey. The free time that redundancy gave meant that as a Reader have the wonderful opportunity to serve at St Michael's Hall Green. The last seven years have been a challenge and a joy. Now it's the next step on the journey, Ordination as a Priest, sure it will be as fulfilling as all the previous steps. Wondering what God has planned next?



Meet our new Reader – Pip Simkiss

I have been attending St Andrew's, Barnt Green for 25 years and was encouraged by members of the congregation to train as a Reader. It is thanks to their ongoing support that I have reached this point. My prayer is to live out my faith, rooted in my community and my everyday work, helping people know, whether they realise it or not, God loves them.

Pip was licensed as Reader at the Cathedral on Saturday 22 January



Safeguarding Officers Networking Event – Weds 26 Jan, 7pm (on zoom)

Laura Rutherford, Safeguarding Trainer will be giving some updates as well as answering any questions / queries that you might have. To register for the event and raise any issues in advance, use this link:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingCoordinatorsNetworkingEveningKingsNortonMoseleyAndShirleyOnWednesday26thJanuary20227>

Zoom meeting details will be sent to attendees before the meeting.

Living in Love and Faith

One zoom and two in-person LLF courses are about to start in the Deanery which are open to anyone who would like to attend; details below. Emma Sargeant, from Parish Mission Support is also putting together resources to enable the LLF conversation with young people.

The Living in Love and Faith conversation with young people:

We have all been involved in the very important conversation of Living in Love and Faith, but I wonder if you have felt able to hold these conversations with the young people in your parish?

Dr Sally Nash along with myself, Emma Sargeant and the Communications team are creating a series of six, 30-minute sessions for you to use with young people to help them think through these important issues and feedback into the national conversation.

Whether you have 2 or 20 young people in your context, these will be 6 sessions following the pastoral principles with a short, filmed interview with someone who story speaks into each of these principles and a few discussion questions to help you shape the conversation. There will be a link for you to feedback into the national conversation, the themes, and ideas that the young people share with you.

Lent will provide the ideal opportunity to use this course, so it will be available to you at the end of February. You can use it with a group you already have or perhaps this could be the catalyst for you to draw some young people together.

To get your copy, please click this link:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/LLFResourceForUseWithYoungPeople>

For more information, contact Emma Sargeant at emmas@cofebirmingham.com



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

'Living in Love and Faith' is the name of an ongoing conversation that the Church of England is having about relationships, sexuality and marriage. To help us have these conversations well, a series of resources that include bible studies, personal testimonies and reflections have been produced. These resources form a five-week course simply called, 'Living in Love and Faith'.

St Stephen's Rednal, St Chad's Rubery and St John's Longbridge are working together to offer both a daytime and an evening course.

The courses will be led by Claire (St Chad's), Steve (St Stephen's) and Colin (St John's) but members of any CofE congregation are welcome to attend.

Courses start on Tuesday 8th March and run for five weeks at the following locations:

Tuesdays, 2pm at St John's Longbridge
Tuesdays, 7pm at St Chad's Rubery

Each session will last 90mins

To book, please contact either Claire, Colin or Steve:

Claire: 0121 2383168

Colin: 0121 475 3484

Steve: 07866 748932



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

A deanery wide **five session** course exploring the Living In Love & Faith materials will take place on **Sunday afternoons**.

Each session will be held on **Zoom** and will start at **4pm** and finish by **5.30pm**. We hope to be able to offer some form of face to face gathering towards the end of the course.

The course **starts on Sunday 6th February** and ends on Sunday 6th March.

If you would like to participate please **sign up** by emailing Rev Jodie Brown (jodie@stpetershg.onmicrosoft.com) by Sunday 30th January.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact either Rev Jodie Brown (jodie@stpetershg.onmicrosoft.com) or Rev Alex French (revajwfrench@gmail.com). Alternately you can access the course materials via the Living In Love & Faith website <https://llf.churchofengland.org>

A Church Near You

If you would like any help with editing / updating your parish pages for A Church Near You, please contact Deb Jewison (Deanery Support Officer) on deborahj@cofebirmingham.com



Canon Janet Chapman and Rev'd Jayne Crooks would like to recommend an event hosted by Praxis South

Liturgy for celebrations: being creative with diverse resources!

Tuesday 15th March 2022

9.30am - 3.30pm

on Zoom

A day exploring the planning of an event for adults and/or children using Common Worship effectively, other resources, music and creative themes in diverse spaces. Designed to be useful for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and other special occasions. Parts of the day will be interactive.

Speakers:

The Reverend Helen Bent: Helen has worked with Sheffield Diocese to provide liturgies for their centenary celebrations. Today, she will cover how to plan an event, how to use Common Worship effectively and include the use of music.

Rebecca Swansbury: Rebecca is the Schools Officer for the Diocese of Canterbury. She has produced materials on innovative ways to worship in schools, including for celebrations, which have been used nationally.

Cost £7.00 per person; £5.00 for affiliate members and for those in training for Ordained or a licensed Lay Ministry.

Proposed timetable and themes

9.30 Waiting room opens (with slides & music)

9.40 Welcome and prayer

9.45 **Helen Bent:** "Principles of creative celebrations"

10.30 Individual task space and coffee - encouraging people to move away from their computers to get a coffee and try an activity set by Helen on writing liturgy. Exemplars on powerpoint slides.

11.00 Breakout rooms – to review responses to the task in small groups.

11.15 **Rebecca Swansbury:** "Principles of leading worship with children".

12.00 – 1.30 Break for Lunch and time to reflect.

13.30 Rebecca: "Planning celebration worship with children". Looking at the different spiritual styles.

2.00 Helen: "Planning celebration music".

2.30 Comfort break

2.45 Panel discussion

3.00 Closing remarks followed by an act of worship

3.30 End of Event

To book, please use this downloadable booking

form <https://www.praxisworship.org.uk/assets/Liturgy%20for%20celebrations.pdf> and send it off with your payment or else use our on-line booking form

https://www.praxisworship.org.uk/PHP_files/online_booking_Liturgy_for_Celebrations.php and separately make a BACS payment, using the account details on the downloadable PDF form.

Contact **The Reverend Peter Furber:** peter@furber.me.uk

The Stations of the Cross

I am a Part Time Primary School Teacher and Artist living and working in Birmingham.

I am looking for an opportunity to involve children/families in creating 14 Stations of The Cross in Textiles for installation in the community in which they live.

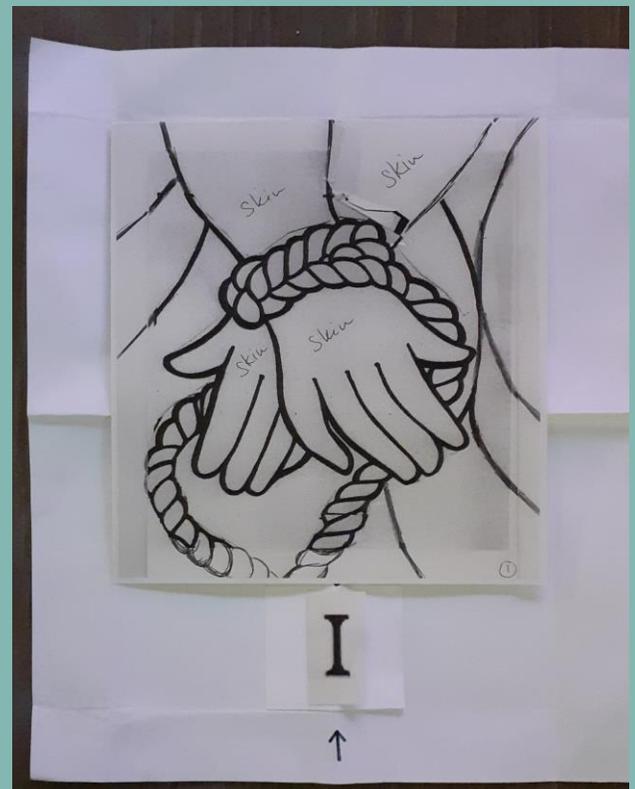
My most recent TSOTC installation is situated in a Primary School in Kings Heath, Birmingham.

This project is relatively cheap to resource as I aim to reuse and recycle unwanted and donated fabric to create the images.

All costings and timescales are available upon request.

If you would like to learn more please see #thestationsofthecrossmade4 on twitter, fb and instagram.

<helen.leach@ymail.com>



The Racial Justice Reference Group, Church of England Birmingham

invites all UKME/GMH Lay and Clergy to

A DAY OF PRAYERS AND FELLOWSHIP on Saturday 12th February 2022 by 12noon

at

Holy Trinity Church, Birchfield Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B20 3DG.

Come, Let's adore and worship Him!

**Dele Sotonwa
Chair**



Way of Servant Leadership Course

How do I influence and lead others in a Christlike way in my everyday life?

The Way of Servant-Leadership is an eight session course, run once a month.

It's for anyone who wants to be changed to become better at influencing others well, in a Christlike way, whether in church, or community.

It's about developing confident understanding of servant-leadership but more importantly developing the skills which help us grow and lead well long term.

It grows understanding in: having confidence in what leadership means (in any area of life) and becoming a more Christlike leader.

It develops skills in four key areas:

- Self Awareness and Knowing my Gifts
- Developing Courage.
- Discerning Direction.
- Developing Others.

It starts April 2022, online. It's free.

It's a monthly session of three hours, over eight months, with a one day retreat, and the opportunity to be mentored for discipleship.

If you would like to register interest in joining the Way of Servant-Leadership, please email the [Pathways team](#).

More information can also be found here: <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/pathways/learning/way-of-servantleadership/>