

The Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley

Issue 4

Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

Deanery Synod Weds 8 June
7:30pm at St David's Church, Shenley
Green (B29 4HH)

Services for the admission of Churchwardens

Sunday 10 July, 4pm
Holy Cross Church, Billesley Common
(B13 0NS)

Wednesday 13 June, 7:30pm
Church of SS Mary and Ambrose,
Edgbaston (B5 7RA)

Wider Deanery Chapter

Thursday 23 June, 7pm, on zoom
Open to all Clergy, Readers and
Churchwardens.

Service of Induction and Collation of the

Rev'd Andrew Hobbs to St Andrews and
St Michaels, Barnt Green and Cofton
Hackett, on **Wednesday 18 May at 7pm**
at **St Andrews Church, Barnt Green (B45**
8NR).

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The Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley
and Shirley, Diocese of Birmingham





CYCLE CHURCH

Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley

A fresh expression of faith that seeks to build a worshipping community which explores Christian life and discipleship through cycling.

Sunday 22nd **May** at 13:30

Saturday 18th **June** at 09:00

Sunday 17th **July** at 13:30

Saturday 20th **August** at 09:00

Sunday 25th **September** at 13:30

Following scenic routes around the deanery. The first ride will go from Lickey Church to Tanworth and back.

Gentle, moderate, and strenuous routes will be available.

Under 18s should be accompanied by an adult

For more information please contact Phelim O'Hare (ad.knms@cofebirmingham.com)





Birmingham Churches Together

Playing your part in the Commonwealth Games

GOOD NEWS for Everyone!

MARCH 2022

To accommodate the tens of thousands of visitors expected to attend the Commonwealth Games in late July and early August, 19,000+ bedrooms in a variety of locations across the midlands will be available.

GOOD NEWS for Everyone! (formerly the Gideons) has compiled a list of 750 hotels and the like, to be directly and personally approached during the three-days Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 April inclusive. Each accommodation venue will be offered a small number of Bibles and, if necessary, will agree how many additional copies they wish to have delivered in the period leading up to the Games.

This preparatory operation is being carried by over 30 GOOD NEWS for Everyone! members, who will operate from Satellite Stations located in Pelsall (Walsall), Catshill (Bromsgrove), Royal Leamington Spa and the Metropole Hotel at the NEC. Teams of two or three people will travel from the four Satellite Stations on pre-planned routes across the West Midlands to the 20+ establishments assigned to each of them each day. Those dealing with hotels and the like in the UCAZ post-code areas will travel by train with suitcases. Approximately 10,000 GOOD NEWS for Everyone! Hotel Bibles and slim-line New Testaments will be delivered to the Satellite Stations at the start of that week.

GOOD NEWS
for Everyone!
formerly known as GideonsUK



National Sports Sunday - 15 May 2022

National Sports Sunday takes place on Sunday 15th May. Sports Chaplaincy UK and its partners will be offering a range of resources for churches to use on that day. We are particularly excited to be supporting churches in Birmingham and the Black Country to see how they might use this as a launch pad for their engagement with sport and wellbeing around the Commonwealth Games.

National Sports Sunday was originally pioneered by Sports Chaplaincy UK five years ago to help mobilise the local church and for them to consider how they can best pray for, join in and serve the community of sport. Since it started, National Sports Sunday has been adopted and engaged by Christian ministries and denominations from across the UK.

The community of sport is one of the largest untapped mission fields in the UK and we believe we have been given a dream: "To see an expression of God's love and compassion in every community called sport". Why don't you join us on the journey and the great work that God is doing in the community of sport and wellbeing.

Resources will be going live in March:
www.nationalsportssunday.org.uk

To keep updated, please visit:
www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/commonwealthgames/

Fill your street with friendliness



Boosting church/community connection - As One

For more info, banners, materials, guidance and Church Pack, all for free, contact Rachel at: birmingham@as-one.uk

Queen's Baton Prayer Relay

The World Prayer Centre is providing resources to enable people to pray for each Commonwealth nation as the Queen's Baton Relay passes through:

www.worldprayer.org.uk/resources/queens-baton-prayer-relay-2/

Praying for the Venues

The Commonwealth Games will take place in 15 venues, eight in Birmingham/Solihull, three in Warwickshire, two in the Black Country and one each in Staffordshire and London. In the lead-up to the Games, please pray for the safety of athletes, staff, volunteers and spectators at each venue; and for the local communities that will be affected by enhanced security measures, road closures and increased visitor-numbers. The venues are (in alphabetical order):

- The Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, B42 2LR (Opening and Closing ceremonies, Athletics and Para Athletics)
- Arena Birmingham, King Edwards Road, Birmingham, B1 2AA (Gymnastics)
- Cannock Chase, Birches Valley, Rugeley, WS15 2UQ (Cycling – Mountain Bike)
- Coventry Stadium and Arena, Judds Lane, Coventry, CV6 6GE (Judo, Wrestling and Rugby Sevens)
- Edgbaston Stadium, Edgbaston Road, Birmingham, B5 7QU (T20 Cricket)
- Lee Valley Velopark, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Abercrombie Road, London, E20 3A (Cycling – Track and Para Track)
- The National Exhibition Centre, North Avenue, Marston Green, Birmingham, B40 1NT (Badminton, Boxing, Netball, Para Powerlifting, Table Tennis, Para Table Tennis, Weightlifting)
- Sandwell Aquatics Centre, Smethwick, B67 7HE (Diving, Swimming, Para Swimming)
- Smithfield, Birmingham, B5 6UB (Marathon, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball)
- St Nicholas Park, Banbury Road, Warwick, CV34 4QY (Cycling – Road Race)
- Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6LH (Triathlon, Para Triathlon)
- University of Birmingham, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, B15 2TT (Hockey, Squash)
- Victoria Park, 23 Archery Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 3PT (Lawn Bowls and Para Lawn Bowls)
- Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BB (Finish of the Marathon)
- West Park, 76 Park Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4PH (Cycling – Time Trial).

No Limits To Health

No Limits To Health is run by Sam Henry, of Excel Church, Bilston. Through supported cycling hubs, he seeks to help people in pursuit of increased physical and mental health & wellbeing. Ahead of the Commonwealth Games, Sam is looking for churches who would partner in:

- Monthly "Let's Ride" activities.

- Dr Bike, repair Sessions – bikes that can be repaired on the spot.
- Local Heritage Bike Tours.
- No Limits to Health School Cycle Residential.
- And hosting a cycling hub, as a base for the activity and cycle storage.

For further details email Sam Henry at: nolimitstohealth@gmail.com

To keep updated, please visit:

www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/commonwealthgames/

News from the Deanery – The United Church of St Paul’s Balsall Heath

Jo Ind writes:

The United Church of St Paul's, Balsall Heath are working in partnership with two local mosques to create a nature map of Balsall Heath. We have won a Creative City Grant from Birmingham 2022 Festival to fund this.

Take a look: [Our Garden - Sacred Spaces of Balsall Heath](#).

As we are having the art workshop to start work on the map, we are offering two Iftars and one church service that are open to people of all faiths. **On Sunday 29 May**, we are opening the doors of Balsall Heath Church Centre to people of other faiths in our main morning worship. The reflection will be on the role of the garden in the world's religions.

We have an Iftar under the Stars on Saturday evening in Cannon Hill Park.



People and Places update:

The Project team met on Tuesday 26 April to look again at the map and the PCC pack to help parishes in the formation of oversight areas and ministry.

There is a real need for more communication and conversation with parishes and PCCs, and so Phelim and the other team members hope to focus on this in the coming months and are available for visiting willing parishes or groups of parishes to facilitate greater discussion and exploration of what oversight ministry might mean in their local area and the resources/training that might be needed as the oversight areas form.

Please contact the Deanery Support Officer Deb Jewison if this is of interest to you.

deborahj@cofebirmingham.com

Please see attached pages from the PCC pack - summary of an oversight minister and also the formation process (on the following pages).

Chapter meetings will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 10 May, 11am, at St Patrick’s Salter Street, B94 6DE.

Wednesday 11 May, 12pm, at St Anne’s Moseley, B13 8DT.

Thursday 12 May, 12pm, at St Stephen’s Rednal, B45 8SG.

Greater Chapter on **Thursday 23 June at 7pm**, on zoom, open to Clergy, Readers and Church wardens.

What is an Oversight Minister?

In Church of England Birmingham, Oversight Ministers will 'host' Oversight Areas, connecting churches and ministries together. They will lead a **community of communities** where, as the Ordinal expresses it, they will 'watch for the signs of God's new creation', and with others, listen to the community of the Oversight Area to develop a vision for mission.

Among the responsibilities of the Oversight Minister will be:

- seeking to enable **growth**,
- helping to recognise and equip all God's people to be **capable** disciples and leaders.
- encouraging parishes to be **fair** and generous in the distribution of resources
- looking to build a **sustainable** future for all the People & Places of Church of England Birmingham.

Oversight Ministry is essentially **relational**, but it will develop within the parochial structure of Church of England Birmingham. We anticipate different models continuing to develop, and our current thinking is that an Oversight Area might, for example, be:

- A large single parish where the incumbent is the Oversight Minister.



- A group of say four parishes, with the Oversight Minister as incumbent of one parish and priest in charge of another which has a Local Minister; and working alongside two stipendiary colleagues in the other parishes.



- A pair of parishes where the Oversight Minister is incumbent of one parish, and priest in charge of the other - where a Local Minister may be serving.



What might it look like in your context?

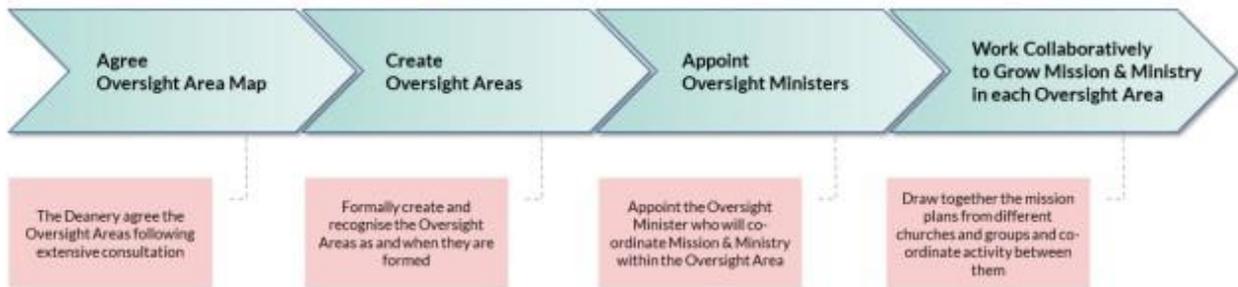
These models, and others which emerge, might be combined in different ways, depending on local circumstances and contexts.

In all cases, the Parochial Church Council retains its usual responsibilities, and unless the Oversight Minister is also the priest in charge or incumbent, the Oversight Minister has no legal role in a parish. This

means that matters such as safeguarding, finances, building responsibilities and Faculty applications are not the direct concern of the Oversight Minister.

Whatever model is adopted, the relationship between the Oversight Minister and other ministers and incumbents in the Oversight Area needs to be **collaborative**, with prayer at its heart.

Oversight Area Formation Process



1. Agree the Oversight Area Map

The Oversight Area Map is produced through local conversations with the Deanery Project Team, Chapter, Deanery Synod, PCC's and local representatives. The whole map doesn't need to be approved before the formation of Oversight Areas can commence.

2. Create the Oversight Areas

To set up an Oversight Area, all PCCs involved are asked if they are content to proceed (by a simple majority). The Area Dean can then email the Bishop to get approval for it to form (using the proposal template provided). This can only happen when there aren't on-going discussions in neighbouring Oversight Areas which would affect the one being approved. Before any announcement of the Oversight Minister, the Area Dean will gather key people together from the new Oversight Area to discuss what they will do together, what a fruitful Oversight Area would look like, shared mission etc. Once all PCCs have confirmed that they are content, Deanery Synod will approve the final version.

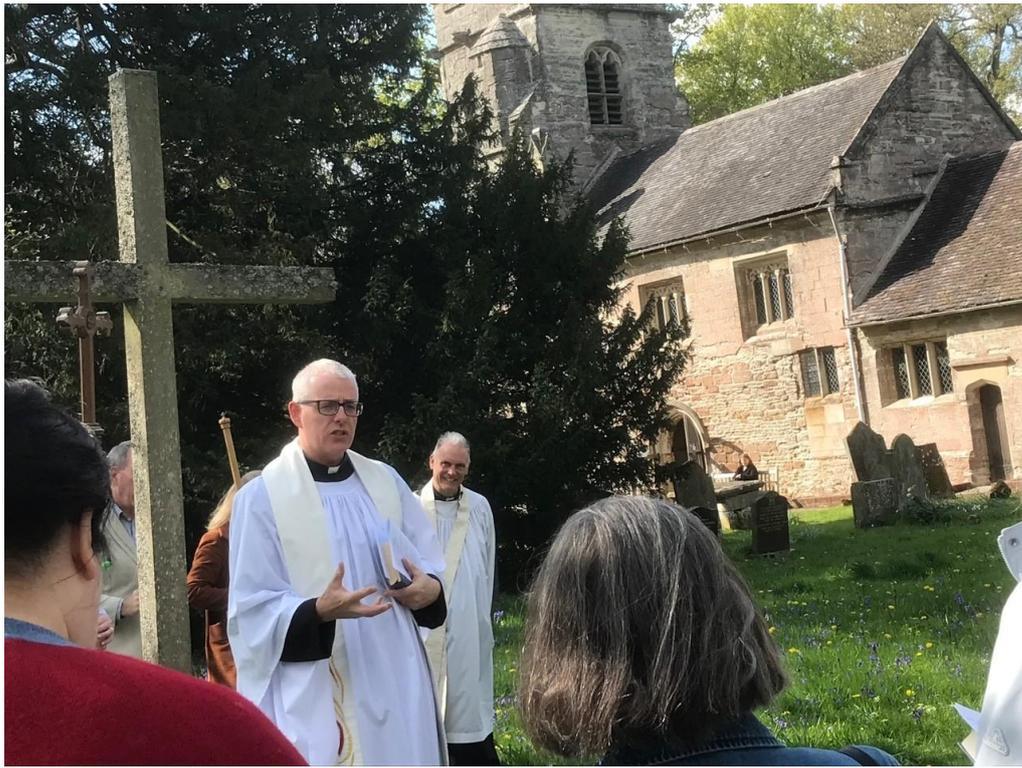
3. Appoint Oversight Ministers

There is not a formal application and recruitment process to the role of oversight. Instead, it will take the form of a series of structured conversations to discern the calling of an individual to this type of leadership ministry and to identify if they possess the necessary character, gifts and experience. Those involved in the process will be the Bishop, Archdeacon and Area Dean with the ultimate decision lying with the Bishop.

4. Work Collaboratively to Grow Mission & Ministry in each Oversight Area

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St Michael's Church

Baddesley Clinton held their annual Bluebell Service on Sunday 24th April.

The Rev'd Patrick Gerard was joined by Phelim for a service of Evensong followed by an outdoor blessing of the bluebells.

St David's Shenley Green are holding a Jubilee Party which is open to all.



**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED**

Queen's

PLATINUM JUBILEE PARTY

**Thursday 2nd June 2022
12pm-3pm**

**St. David's Church Shenley Green
in the car park (tables & chairs provided)**

**Local residents invited for FREE
entertainment - craft & cake stalls
childrens' activities - ice cream**

**BRING OWN
FOOD**



**FANCY DRESS
COMPETITION
ADULTS &
CHILDRENS**

Welcome to our transformed church

St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth in Arden



Our vision for St Mary Magdalene is becoming a reality.

After eight months, during a major transformation of the back of the church, we are thrilled to announce that St Mary Magdalene church at Tanworth in Arden will reopen in June. The transformation will make the church building more accessible, comfortable, flexible and versatile.

Glass doors to both the north and south porches mean that, when church is open, the inside is visible whatever the weather. The even flooring, ramps and handrails make it easier for those with mobility issues, for wheelchairs and buggies. A large halo light, suspended over the space, will create a striking feature as well as illumination. New accessible toilets with baby changing and improved kitchen facilities will accommodate congregations and guests. Having removed just four pews, the newly formed space can accommodate a plethora of activities for gatherings – a variety of worship styles, prayer, seasonal workshops, coffee mornings, chats, lunch breaks, a resting place for walkers and cyclists, and a space to enjoy music and singing events. The new space will be called **The Halo**.

The Friends of St Mary Magdalene are hosting a 'first reveal' of the transformed church on 2nd June and we plan to open as soon as possible afterwards. On 24th July, our transformed church will be blessed during a service led by Bishop David Urquhart.

When we open, occasional offices services (weddings, baptisms and funerals), as well as our regular services and activities, will move back into the church: Sunday services, Little Ones' services, Morning Prayer, Lunchtime Recitals, Mother & New Baby group, Crafty Cuppa, Sacred Circle Dancing, art group, and more. The church will then be open during the day for visitors to engage with the history of the church, for those who wish to rest in a quiet environment, and for those seeking the comfort of private prayer and peace.

We also have some special services and events during the summer, including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee long-weekend with activities around the church and village green, culminating in a celebration service on 5th June. On 17th July our St Mary Magdalene Patronal Festival will take place, providing worship and fun for all the family.

Whilst we've started to raise funds from donations and grants to pay for the transformation project, we will continue to fundraise for some time to come. So, our calendar includes some events that through ticket sales and donations will help to support this work and, ultimately, to achieve the vision for our church.

We'd love to see you, so do join us when you can, and please share the information with your congregations and communities. More information about each event follows and can also be found on our website and in our Parish Magazine. We have much to achieve and we'd really appreciate your prayers and support in helping our transformed church to flourish.

Gala Concert – Gloria by Vivaldi

Saturday 21st May, 3pm

St Thomas Church, Spring Lane, Hockley Heath, B94 5RP

Combined local choirs with musicians (organ, piano, and cello) perform this uplifting music to celebrate the transformation of St Mary Magdalene church prior to re-opening.

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 children

Contact Judith Williams: 07803 206692

Interval refreshments available including Cream Tea / Gardener's Tea

Ticket proceeds and donations to the church transformation fund.

Sky in a Room – Ragnar Kjartansson

Sunday 25th June to Sunday 3rd July, 2-7pm each day

Collaborating with IKON Gallery and Artes Mundi, this site-specific performance piece by Icelandic artist, Ragnar Kjartansson, sees a series of organists playing and singing the famous 1959 Italian song 'Il Cielo in una Stanza' (The Sky in a Room) continuously, like a never-ending lullaby.

Visitors may drop into this event as often and for as long as they wish.

Free event, donations welcome in support of the church transformation fund.

Summer Opera – Tosca by Puccini

Thursday 7th July from 4:30pm (complimentary aperitif)

Performance: 5:30-9:30pm (includes a 90-minute dinner interval)

Thanks to the support once again of local sponsors, this is the second **Diva Opera** performance to be staged at St Mary Magdalene and it is expected to be another success. Bring your own picnic dinner, order grazing boxes from Becketts, or book a table at The Bell.

Tickets £35, £55, £95 and £120

Info and tickets from Mike Keighley: 01564 741865 or email: keighleycolo@btinternet.com

Ticket proceeds and donations will be shared between the church transformation fund and the MASIC Foundation.

The Annual Nick Drake Gathering

Saturday 16th July, 4:30-8pm

An annual celebration of the music and influence of Nick Drake – now at rest in our churchyard. Musicians from around the globe meet once again to show their continued affection for Nick Drake and to appreciate the influence he has on their music.

Visitors may drop into this event for as long as they wish.

Free event, donations welcome to support the event and the church transformation fund.



More information about Church services, activities, and events at Tanworth in Arden:

Website: www.tanworthchurch.co.uk

Facebook: [tanworth church](https://www.facebook.com/tanworthchurch)

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

Andrew Selous MP and the Christians in Parliament APPG are delighted to invite clergy in CofEB to the 2022 National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, which is being held on Tuesday 5 July from 7:30am to 9:00am in Westminster Hall in the Houses of Parliament.



The Breakfast is a great opportunity to pray for our parliament, government and politics, to build your relationship with your MP and to reflect upon the relevance of the Christian faith to our public life. The theme this year is 'Serving the Common Good' and the main speaker will be Revd Les Isaac OBE, founder of Street Pastors and President of Ascension Trust. For more information on the programme, please visit the [NPPB website](#).

A central aim of the event is for MPs and church leaders to attend together. Please invite your local MP to attend the breakfast with you. Due to high demand for spaces, we regret that at this stage, you can only buy a ticket if your MP confirms that they will attend with you. If you are awaiting a response from your MP, please visit the [booking site](#) to be added to the waiting list and the Christians in Parliament team will follow up with the MP on your behalf.

To book, please visit www.christiansinparliament.org.uk and use the access code CHL22. Please note that this link is for church leaders only. Tickets cost £50. If financial cost is a barrier, please contact npb@biblesociety.org.uk as there are a limited number of bursaries available.

Treasurers' Online Training 2022

CofEB Finance Team are running on-line training seminars this year that include 'New Treasurers' and 'Annual Accounts Preparation Seminars', as well as seminars introduced last year, looking at Giving in a Virtual World.

These seminars are available to all Treasurers, as well as any church member who is interested in parish finances. [Click here](#) for further details and booking.

Our next issue is due out at the end of May.

If you have anything you'd like included in the next newsletter, please contact the Deanery Support Officer, Deb Jewison deborahj@cofebirmingham.com



£10K Grants for Science-Faith Engagement Activities

Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science (ECLAS) are offering grants of up to £10,000 to support churches to explore a creative science-faith project in 2022-23.

Applications are open until 2 May. Further information and application details can be found on the [ECLAS website](#).