

The Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley

Issue 2

Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter.

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We start this edition with a message from our Area Dean

17 February 2022

As I write storms Dudley and Eunice are making their presence felt - perhaps the last blast of winter - yet as Spring approaches our thoughts very naturally turn towards Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and all that has to be done to prepare for the various services, courses, retreats etc. It is always a joy to move into these seasons of spiritual renewal, repentance and the consolation of walking through Holy Week and Easter with Jesus. Each year at this time we are graced with a reminder of how much we have to be thankful for in what Jesus has done, and is doing, for us.

I'm also personally grateful for the hospitality, work, conversations and friendship that this new role of Area Dean has brought towards me since September last year. I thank God each day for the privilege of being able to walk alongside all those who minister in our parishes, and especially those colleagues who are sustaining our parishes in vacancy. I'm grateful too for the support and collaboration that was shown recently at the deanery synod on sports ministry and evangelism through sport (more about that later in this newsletter). I am also pleased at the commitment and conversations that have begun as a result of our new Deanery Project Team and the sharing of the first drafts of the oversight area map. We'll say more about this later, and in future newsletters, as we catch up with the other deaneries of the diocese in exploring the potential for oversight ministry to guide our missional endeavour.

Finally, a word of congratulations to our deanery colleagues who have been (and will be) priested in the coming weeks: Ian Crockford, Carol Farrell and Sandra Langston. We pray that they will experience many graces and blessings as they live out this new way of ministering and responding to local need.

With every blessing,

Phelim



Meet our new Priest – the Rev'd Carol Farrell

I was born and bred in Birmingham have spent all my life here. I worked in social services care for 20 years and this experience of visiting comes in useful now in my pastoral visiting, especially when I visit people for home communions. Most of my ministry has been in St Gabriel's parish in Weoley Castle and only moved to St Bede Brandwood in 2019, which is much closer to where I live in Kings Heath.

A few years ago I was offered the chance to work with the Freedom Project that takes place in St Bede's church and I was just delighted to be involved and am encouraged by the missionary potential of this group of inspiring people. I am really looking forward to ordination as a priest on 27 February and especially the privilege of presiding at Holy Communion and serving God's people locally in this way. I'm really happy to be called to this ministry and can't wait to discover next thing God has in mind for me and the lovely people I'm called to serve.

Parish Environmental Contacts

2021 was the year it became impossible to ignore the fact that the climate crisis is here now and must be tackled urgently. In responding to the crisis, and in living out the Fifth Mark of Mission, the Church of England has committed to becoming Net Zero Carbon by 2030, and is producing a Routemap as to how we will achieve it.

In Birmingham Diocese, Deanery Environmental Champions (DECs) will work with parishes, to help them play their part in reaching this goal. You may remember that at the Deanery Synod meeting in October, when our Deanery Environmental Champions were appointed, I asked each parish to nominate one or more Parish Environment Contacts (or "PECs" for short).

The PECs act as the principal point of contact between the parish and the Diocese and Deanery Environmental Champions, on achieving Net Zero Carbon within the parish, and in helping to tackle the climate and environmental crises. They feed the information and guidance provided by the Diocese and Deanery Environmental Champions to the PCC and the parish.

Anyone can be a PEC. It would be great if the person (or people) has a particular concern in caring for God's creation, but they do not need to have any special knowledge about climate change or what we need to do to tackle it. The DEC's will be happy to provide or signpost towards any information or training individual PECs feel they need. If your parish is involved with Eco Church, you may want to appoint whoever is leading that initiative.

The PEC can be a single individual or two people can share the role. They also don't necessarily need to be a member of the PCC, but they will need to feed in the information they receive to the PCC and the wider church.

Please appoint one or more Parish Environmental Contacts and provide their details including the church they are linked to, their email address, and ideally a contact telephone number to the Deanery Support Officer, Deborah Jewison, at deborahj@cofebirmingham.com as soon as you are able, but in any event by 31st March 2022. You may want to appoint one of your PCC members who has a particular interest in this area of the Church's mission, or to ask for volunteers from your congregation.

For more information, please contact the Deanery Eco Champions **Heather Holmes**, hholmes50@gmail.com tel 07914 750 413 or **Caroline Egan** at caroline.egan.home@gmail.com

Caroline Egan

People and Places Project Team and Map of Oversight Areas

Earlier in February we had the first meeting of the Deanery Project Team which was made up of the following:

From Shirley area

Andy Harris (Reader from St Mary's Wythall)
Rev Martin Stephenson (St Peter & St Michael Hall Green)

From Moseley area

Rev Tariro Matsveru (Curate at All Saints Kings Heath)
Damian Herbert (St Francis Bournville, and TCAP facilitator)

From Kings Norton area

Janice Paine (LLM from St Bartholomew Allens Cross)
Rev Colin Corke (St John the Baptist Longbridge)

Also (ex officio)

Phelim O'Hare (Area Dean)
Nick Forknell (Deanery Lay Chair)
Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson
Gary Killeen (People and Places Programme Manager)
Liz Dumain (Director of Parish Mission Support)
Deb Jewison (Deanery Support Officer)

The first meeting was to remind us all as to what people and places was set up for and also the central role of oversight ministry and the creation of oversight areas will play in the future life and ministry of Church of England Birmingham. At the heart of that first meeting was a discussion and evaluation of the initial map, which was offered by Area Dean, Archdeacon and programme manager of P&P. At the end an amended map was produced that we agreed should be shared as soon as possible at the online wider chapter meeting a few days later.

The project team will meet again in March and the following months to hear back initial reactions and what local feeling is towards the shared map. We will also look much closer at the many questions and concerns people have about the proposals and especially what is actually meant or covered by oversight areas and what is involved in the new role of oversight minister.

At the heart of this process is real and genuine collaboration with parishes as to how we as a deanery (and diocese) are called to hand on what we have received from God to the next generation whilst honouring deeply our commitment to Christ's great commission in every place and community. We also need an honest appraisal as to how we can do this with ever diminishing resources and the need to adapt our ministry to an every changing world and social reality.

The work of the team over the next few years will be marked by listening and conversation on the challenges facing each community. We also hope that existing parishes may begin some local conversations about what oversight ministry might look like in their local partnerships and communities. We will also give regular updates over the coming months through the newsletter, email and other meetings in person and online. If you'd like to arrange a meeting that involves the Area Dean or other members from the project team, please contact Deborah Jewison (deborahj@cofebirmingham.com)

Possible Oversight Areas- Map



Possible Oversight Areas- Data

Area	Parishes (Tradition)	Total Population	Population Excluding Other Faiths
E01	Frankley Rubery Lickey Cofton Hackett & Barnt Green Rednal	33179	32486
E02	Northfield Shenley Green	24878	23439
E03	Bournville Cotteridge	12742	12213
E04	St Stephen & St Wulstan, Selly Park Christ Church, Selly Park Stirchley	25858	21927
E05	Balsall Heath Moseley St Mary & St Ambrose St Agnes, Moseley	42804	23595
E06	Brandwood Hazelwell Kings Heath	28105	23743

Area	Parishes	Total Population	Population Excluding Other Faiths
E08	Longbridge West Heath Allen's Cross	34427	33486
E09	Kings Norton	28374	26933
E10	Billesley Common Highters Heath Yardley Wood Wythall	39696	35702
E11	The Ascension, Hall Green St Michael, Hall Green St Peter, Hall Green	38344	25434
E12	Shirley	35412	32115
E13	Salter Street Tanworth-in-Arden	15192	13779
E14	Dorridge Nuthurst-cum-Hockley Heath	10775	10429
E15	Baddesley Clinton Lapworth Packwood	2904	2846

Living in Love and Faith

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 during Lent

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

Deanery Synod on Sports Ministry and Evangelism



It was lovely to hear about the work the Church of England is doing regarding Sports Ministry on Saturday 12 February 2022 at St Philip's Church in Dorridge. We were privileged to have two external speakers: The Rev'd Natalie Andrews and Mr Joe Lowther, CEO of Kick.org.

Worship on an environmental theme was led by members of St Philip's parish: Ms Caroline Egan and Ms Carol Linfield.

Our first speaker, Natalie Andrews from the CofE Evangelism and Discipleship team who also leads on the Sport and Wellbeing project for the CofE, gave us some of the background and context facing sports ministry and went on to share thoughts and reflections on the scriptural and theological basis for exploring sport as a valuable tool

in our kitbag of evangelism. She concluded by offering some practical ways in which people in parishes might begin to engage and reach out to new people through sport by using what is already at hand.

Following this there was a short break and a chance for people to share views and reactions to Natalie's presentation.

After the break we heard from Mr Joe Lowther, CEO of kick.org.uk, a Christian charity, which focuses on outreach and transforming the lives of young people through PE and Sports Ministry in schools and local churches and parishes. The aim of Kick is to bring the Good News of Jesus to many thousands of young people each week through the programme they lead in local schools and working with local churches and volunteers to set up Kick academies.

It is hoped that our deanery will employ a new Children Families Mission enabler that will work with our local schools, parishes and Kick to set up bespoke programmes around sports- based evangelism. After this the participants, in person and online, broke into smaller groups to consider the possibilities posed by our two speakers as well as an honest assessment as to what the stumbling blocks or difficulties might be to initiating a sports-based outreach.

The final part of the synod was a debate on the environment following a motion put forward by Caroline Egan, one of our Eco-Champions. Caroline was asking for support from the Deanery Synod to take the motion forward to Diocesan Synod in March. Please see the papers sent out in advance of the Deanery Synod which detailed the motion in full. The motion proposed that the Diocese:

- (1) Divest immediately from those fossil fuel companies in which it holds direct investments;
- (2) Identify whether investment/unit trusts held on its behalf include fossil fuel companies, and if so, move promptly to climate-positive ones; and
- (3) Refrain from investments in fossil fuel companies going forward.

Ian from Lapworth spoke against the motion stating that there were factual inaccuracies in it regarding the cause of global warming being the extraction processing, and use of fossil fuels. Please see the minutes of the Deanery Synod for the full statement from Ian.

There were further responses from Caroline and Ian before a vote to support the motion being taken forward to Diocesan Synod.

Votes for supporting the motion - 43

Votes against approving the motion - 6

Abstentions -7

The meeting supported the motion being taken forward to Diocesan Synod in March.

News from the Deanery

Congratulations and well done to St Anne's Parish Church, West Heath, who have recently been awarded a Bronze Eco-Church Award.

Lent Programme at St Mary's & St Anne's, Moseley

Moseley Parish have planned a series of events and activities for Lent entitled 'Power in the Presence'. These are open to any who wish to attend.

(From their website):

This year's Lent programme aims at exploring creative ways to experience the presence of God at a time of national crisis and separation as well as hope and anticipation. Throughout these 6 weeks you are invited to explore how to experience God's presence within your own life in ways you had perhaps not thought about before. There will be opportunities to learn how to deepen personal spirituality through the 5 senses, through art, music, stillness, biblical literature, ordinary life as well as learning a variety of techniques to pray more effectively as individuals as well as a community. Jesus invited his disciples to 'Come and see' and we invite you to do so too. No previous experience required!

See <https://www.moseleychurch.org.uk/page/15/discipleship> for more information.

If you would like to attend any of these events, please contact Rev Magdalen Smith: assocvicar@moseleychurch.org.uk so that they have an idea of numbers.

Bournville Voices "Sacred Music For Lent"

Sunday March 13th, 3.00pm at St. Giles Church Packwood, Glasshouse Lane, B94 6PU

The Bournville Voices are an a cappella group who perform mostly sacred music.

Tickets £5 from Pam Walters 01564-775201

Proceeds to St.Giles Church and Bournville Voices





**Birmingham
Churches Together**

ReSet Prayer Event

- for the Commonwealth, the Games and Birmingham

On Tuesday 8 March, an interdenominational prayer meeting will seek to prayerfully ReSet Birmingham's relationship with the Commonwealth:

- To repent of abuse and the 'dominion spirit'
- To release a new relationship-partners together
- To give a generous welcome to Commonwealth Games visitors
- To celebrate the gifts, talent and wisdom of the people of the Commonwealth

Join Christians from across the city to pray for a ReSet

Tuesday 8 March 2022

**RCCG (Covenant Restoration Assembly Birmingham)
117 - 125 New John Street
Aston, Birmingham B6 4LD**

**Welcome and refreshments from 7.00pm.
Meeting starts at 7.30pm.**

**Birmingham Churches Together -
Churches' Commonwealth Games Planning Group**



ACTIVATE CELEBRATION

PRAYER **WORSHIP** DEVOTIONS



Face to Face Event
For young people
Age 11- 17 From
Kings Norton,
Moseley and Shirley
Deanery

**CONVERSATION
DISCIPLESHIP
CRAFT
PIZZA**



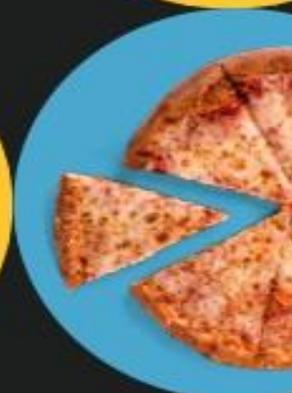

Christ Church
953 Pershore Rd,
Selly Park
Birmingham
B29 7PS

**22ND
MARCH
6.30PM -
8.30PM**




Free of Charge
All young people need
to be registered using
the link below

**A VARIETY OF
DIFFERENT
CRAFT
ACTIVITIES**



To register please fill in this form
<https://tinyurl.com/uz68a3km>

All participants must be registered no later than the 17th March 2022



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For more information please contact
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**PARISH
MISSION
SUPPORT**

The Deanery of Yardley and Solihull would like to invite you to take part in their Walk of Witness for Racial Justice.



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YARDLEY & SOLIHULL
**WALK OF WITNESS FOR
RACIAL JUSTICE**
and Service of Repentance and Renewal

13th March 2022



Three two-mile routes, converging outside
Acocks Green Library, for a final Act of Witness, before our
Service of Repentance and Renewal at St Mary's.

Route 1	Route 2	Route 3
Bandstand, Sparkhill Park 2:30pm	Yew Tree Shops, Yardley 2:30pm	Dovehouse Parade, Warwick Road 2:30pm

Service of Repentance and Renewal

St. Mary's, Acocks Green, 4:30pm

Sign up your church by 10th March to CharitasC@cofebirmingham.com

Walking towards a just future for everyone

Yardley and Solihull Deanery plan a Walk of Witness for Racial Justice. Please see [the promotion video by Bishop David](#) and read [an article by our area dean](#) where you'll find the reason for doing it.

There are three routes:

Route 1 from Bandstand, Sparkhill Park (suggested parking at St. Christopher's, B13 9NY)

Route 2 from Yew Tree Shops, Yardley – outside Lloyds Bank – corner Hobmoor Rd. (suggested parking Yew Tree Lane towards St. Michael & All Angels, B26 1AP)

Route 3 from Dovehouse Parade, Warwick Road – opposite Brown's Pharmacy (limited parking on Parade, suggested parking Melford Hall Road and adjoining streets)

Walks will begin with a 'first station' at their start point at 2.30 pm. They will stop once for the 'second station' somewhere along the route and arrive outside [Acocks Green Library \(Shirley Road, B27 7XH\)](#) at 4 pm, where there will be the 'third station' together.

The short service of Repentance and Renewal (half an hour maximum) will be at [St. Mary's, Acocks Green \(B27 6QX\)](#) at 4.30 pm. There will be refreshments beforehand (to revive the walkers!), and **we are also delighted to welcome non-walkers to this service.**

Routes will be pre-walked, risk assessed and suitable for all ages (marshalled etc...). Each is approximately 2 miles. Walkers will be invited to bring simple placards (e.g. Christians against Racism, BLM, Say no to racism etc...), and processional crosses would also be very appropriate.

Digital Giving



Apply for a contactless donation device for your parish

The National Giving Team is excited to be working alongside the Diocese of Birmingham on a digital giving project that will see more than 30 churches receive a heavily subsidised contactless donation device.

There are a variety of devices available with a parishes' contribution assessed individually. Approximately 23% of our parishes currently use contactless devices to great effect. Until now, some churches have expressed apprehension over cost, how to choose a device and the registration process. This scheme looks to overcome those barriers by providing both substantial financial and practical support. As we return to new patterns of in person worship, it's important to offer a variety of ways for people to show their generosity to their local church.

If you are interested in finding out more or applying, visit <https://parishbuying.org.uk/categories/giving-and-payments/birmingham-rollout> to view the information pack and make an application. The deadline for submissions is **11th March 2022**.

Parish
Zoom
Meetings

Parish Zoom meetings at 2.00pm

Connect with each other and experts in their field, at our regular Parish Zoom meetings.

PMS Drop-ins will continue on 3 March with this new ID and passcode

Meeting ID: 982 1578 9936

Passcode: 779166

If you would like anything included in the next edition of the newsletter, please send it to Deb Jewison, Deanery Support Officer: deborahj@cofebirmingham.com