

'Hope in the risen Jesus means we are never alone in life and in death'

Bishop Paul shares his reflections on our resurrection faith in a tribute to the life of the Duke of Edinburgh, which was part of a special Evensong in Southwell Minster

One of the things that has stood out most clearly in the tributes to his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, is not only his steadfast support to the Queen but his abounding energy and interest in people making a difference. Of course this was the inspiration for the Awards Scheme that helped generations of young people across this county to realise their potential and the power of team work.

As the Archbishop recently said of the Duke of Edinburgh, 'his Christian faith, though traditional, was not merely formal'. His interest in theology and knowing God was deep and personal. Faith mattered not only as a subject of study but above all as an inspiration for service. This transforms duty from a drudgery into something that enables a person to truly abound in the work entrusted to them. For then, whether or not people notice your service or express their appreciation, you are motivated by a higher cause.

For the apostle, and all who share the Christian faith, that cause is not some austere faceless morality, but the shining goodness of God who reveals himself to us in the face of Christ, full of grace and truth. *"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."*

This rallying cry at the coming at the close of 1 Corinthians 15, is not only fine sounding life-advice. It comes at the close of the most substantial statement of resurrection faith in the Bible. The whole passage used to be read at every Christian funeral, announcing at the graveside 'death has been swallowed up in victory.' This is not just wishful thinking, it is a certain hope.



For Christians, the fact that the resurrection of Jesus Christ actually happened is not like all other historical facts. This changes everything: not only our outlook on death but also our understanding of life, and how we know God. Because of the resurrection, Jesus is not simply a good teacher, he is a conquering King. Sin and death have been defeated. Here is a love that will not let us go in life or in death.

This resurrection hope was at the heart of the words which were both said and sung at the funeral service for the Duke of Edinburgh in St George's Chapel, Windsor. Many will have been moved by the image of the Queen sitting alone, due to the Covid restrictions. It was a poignant and painful reminder of how so many have felt through the tragic circumstances of this past year.

Yet because of her hope in the risen Christ, the Queen will not have considered herself to be truly alone and neither do we: 'Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me'. Psalm 23

Let us continue to pray for the Queen that she will be comforted and strengthened in her faith, knowing that her Lord and Saviour is near, now and in the days to come.

Let us also pray that many millions who watched and grieve their own personal losses will be drawn to the love of God and the hope of Christ. Here is the supreme gift that God offers freely to the whole world, eternal life in all its abounding fullness.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
Photo credit: Charlie Mackesy

Welcome to our three New Canons

On Sunday 25 April, three new Canons were installed at a Service of Evensong at Southwell Minster

The Rt Revd Patrick McKinney (top, left) was appointed by His Holiness Pope Francis in 2015 as tenth Bishop of Nottingham.

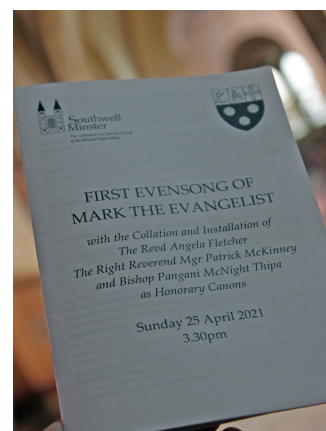
Bishop Patrick shared his thoughts about becoming an Ecumenical Canon, saying:

"I am honoured to be invited to become an Ecumenical Canon of Southwell Minster. I hope I may contribute a little to the good relationships which have existed over many years now, between the Catholic Diocese of Nottingham and the Anglican Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, working collaboratively for the mission of Christ's Church, and in our Christian witness and discipleship in the world."

Bishop Pangani McNight Thipa (top, right) is the Senior Pastor and National Overseer of the Calvary Family Church (CFC) UK and trustee of Refugee Roots in Hyson Green. He was ordained in 1996 at CFC's headquarters in Malawi.

Bishop Thipa said: *'I am excited to represent the minority ethnic groups in most of our community impact projects and programs. I am excited to contribute whatever I have positively learned over the years in the Lord's service to anybody the Lord will bring on our route of service as honorary canons of the Church of England.'*

The Reverend Angela Fletcher (below, left) is the incumbent of Warsop with Sookholme. She was ordained to the Office of Deacon in 2007 and thereafter to the Office of Priest in 2008.



She was ordained at Southwell Minster after completing her training with the East Midlands Ministry Training Course (EMMTC) at Nottingham University. She is married to Tony and they have two adult sons and one grandson.

Angela told us she is, *"looking forward to becoming an honorary canon with Southwell Minster and hopes she will be able to use the gifts and skills she had acquired to support and strengthen the links between the Cathedral and the Diocese and to contribute to the worship, the spirituality and the education of those using its facilities."*

If you would like to read more about our new canons [please visit our website here.](#)

On Sunday 16 May two further Canons will be collated and installed on Sunday 16 May the Revd Kate Bottley, radio and television presenter and Associate Priest of St Saviour's, Retford, and the Revd Dr Stephen Hippisley-Cox, Vicar of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds with Wysall and Widmerpool and Area Dean of East Bingham.

ReBuild Learning Communities

March saw the first online ReBuild webinars being held, with 39 churches and 180 people attending.

March 2021 saw the launch of the Rebuild learning community programme across the diocese, with people from all areas coming together to learn, dream and plan for new things in the area of youth and children's work.

The teaching was inspiring with lots to encourage but also to challenge. Teams were invited to think about their current situations, contexts, and locations, and to dream for what, with God's all surpassing power at work within us, they could be.

The weekend in March was the first of 3 planned through the year to draw the teams together. In between each one there will be monthly opportunities to catch up with the Rebuild facilitators to continue the development of plans and to encourage one another in the difficulties faced and progress made.

Ruth Lee, who is coordinating the Rebuild Learning Community for the diocese said: *"It was so great to gather as a scattered group of churches of different sizes and from all over the diocese, but one with a common aim, a passion to proclaim Jesus to the children and young people in our churches and those we don't yet know."*

Everyone worked really hard and I can't wait to see the impact that these plans will have on the kingdom!"

POLICE CHAPLAINCY GROWTH

Across Nottinghamshire, chaplains are now attached 80% of police stations including to Byron House (Nottingham), Beeston, Broxtowe, Newark, Ollerton, Radford Road, Retford, Sneinton, St Ann's, West Bridgford and Worksop.

Chaplains have been warmly received, and relationships are quickly being built. Like everywhere at the moment, in person visiting is limited and strict covid precautions are in place to protect everyone.

One of our newest recruits is Lawson Main (seen below), himself a retired police officer. He worships within the Idle and Sands Benefice and was encouraged to offer his ministry through a local meeting of Christian Police Officers. Together with others, Lawson is chaplain to the Ollerton, Retford and Newark stations.

Jo Tatum, who leads our Nottingham workplace chaplain said, "It has been good this month to connect with Police Chaplaincy UK, this network means that the whole team has access to the latest training, and we are part of a greater network of experience to support us as we begin. I sense that this exponential spread is a work of God, and a unique opportunity to reach out to these hard-working public servants.

Please contact the Rev Jo Tatum if you would like to learn more about volunteering:
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YOUTH & CHILDREN'S STRATEGY

REBUILD LEARNING COMMUNITIES



MAUNDY MONEY BESTOWS ROYAL gratitude on two from the Diocese

Congratulations to this year's recipients of Maundy Money, bestowed by the Queen to David Bignell and Kathleen Pass.

Due to coronavirus restrictions, the annual Royal Maundy service was cancelled and the recipients received the coins in the post.

Bishop Paul is invited to make nominations for recipients of Royal Maundy to recognise Christian service within communities.

David Bignell from St Mary's Attenborough was one of this year's recipients in our diocese. David's coins were accompanied by a letter from the Queen, personally thanking community stalwarts for their work to 'enrich the life of their neighbours'.

David Bignell was recognised for his remarkable commitment of over 35 years to promoting ecumenical relationships and gospel partnership across Nottinghamshire, more latterly as Honorable Secretary to Churches Together Nottinghamshire (CTN) a post from which he has recently retired.

He is seen above with two bags of special coins - the first contains a small amount of ordinary coinage which symbolises the Sovereign's gift for food and clothing. The second purse contains Maundy coins up to the value of the Sovereign's age.

Our second recipient, Kathleen Pass was honoured for her tireless support to The Bridge Centre at Gregory Boulevard URC, a centre that offers food, advice and basic supplies to the homeless and disadvantaged on three mornings a week. It has been operating for around 30 years. She has also served as Treasurer at Gregory Boulevard for nearly 70 years.

In her working life Kathleen was a Primary School Headteacher and then trained teachers at the then Clifton College. She has also served the E M Synod for many years as a Pastoral Consultant and Mediator. We will share a photograph in due course. Congratulations to David and Kathleen on their well deserved recognitions.



David Bignell and Kathleen Pass

This year's Framework's annual service was held in a socially distanced service at Southwell Minster on Saturday 10th April.

Reflecting on Framework's achievement of supporting up to 200,000 homeless and vulnerable people in its 20 years, **Bishop Paul** said, *"The charity's commitment to bring good news to the poor had ensured that the founding vision of the charity was not just good on paper. Through its work, based on ambition and a commitment to service - lives and livelihoods have found new purpose."*

Andrew Redfern paid tribute to the strong links with both the Diocese and the Minster going back to the days of Macedon, which continue to be an important source of support and inspiration.



A reminder that this year's Thy Kingdom Come will be taking place from May 13th-23rd

We invite you to join in with churches from over 65 denominations in 172 countries around the world. To explore how you and your church can get involved [please visit this year's resources.](#)

JUNE PRAYERS

Tue 01 Jun **Halam C of E Primary School (Erica McGinley)**

The Diocese of Canterbury – The Church of England

Wed 02 Jun **Harworth Church of England Academy (Kerrie Clowes)**

The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Thur 03 Jun **The National Church of England Academy, Hucknall (Principal – Martin Brailsford)**

The Diocese of Cape Town – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Fri 04 Jun **Hucknall, National C of E Primary School (Sarah Barratt)**

The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Sat 05 Jun **Huthwaite All Saints C of E Infant School (Jo Redfern)**

The Diocese of Carlisle – The Church of England

Sun 06 Jun **The Diocesan Board of Education (Chair Canon Mark Tanner)**

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Mon 07 Jun **Kneesall C of E Primary School (Susan Illett-Coupe)**

The Diocese of East Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Tue 08 Jun **Langar Church of England Primary School (Emily Brown)**

The Diocese of North Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Wed 09 Jun **Leverton Church of England Academy (Rebecca Chadwick)**

The Diocese of South Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Thu 10 Jun **Linby cum Papplewick Church of England Primary School (Domenico Conidi)**

The Diocese of Upper South Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Fri 11 Jun **Lowdham C of E Primary School (Ben Waldram)**

The Diocese of Western North Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Sat 12 Jun **Queen Elizabeth's Academy, Mansfield (Kimberley Willmot)**

The Diocese of Cashel Ferns & Ossory – The Church of Ireland

Sun 13 Jun **St Peter's Church of England Primary Academy, Mansfield (James Marshall)**

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Mon 14 Jun **The Samworth Church Academy, Mansfield (Lisa McVeigh)**

The Diocese of Chandigarh – The (united) Church of North India

Tue 15 Jun **St Edmunds C of E Primary School, Mansfield Woodhouse (Nadeem Shah)**

The Diocese of Chelmsford – The Church of England

Wed 16 Jun **Christ Church C of E Infant School, Newark (Alison Richardson)**

The Diocese of Chester – The Church of England

Thu 17 Jun **Magnus Church of England Academy, Newark (Anna Martin)**

The Diocese of Chhattisgarh – The (united) Church of North India

Fri 18 Jun **Mount C of E Primary School, Newark (Claire Kent)**

The Diocese of Chicago – The Episcopal Church

Sat 19 Jun **The Kings Church of England Primary School, Newark (Sarah Clarke)**

The Diocese of Chichester – The Church of England

Sun 20 Jun **St Matthew's C of E Primary School, Normanton-on-Trent (Sally Beaman)**

The Church of North India (United)

Mon 21 Jun **North Wheatley C of E Primary School (Heather Sharpe)**

The Diocese of Chotanagpur – The (united) Church of North India

Tue 22 Jun **Norwell C of E Primary School (Kathryn King)**

The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Wed 23 Jun **Bluecoat Aspley Academy, Nottingham (Cath Rowell, Claire McManus)**

The Diocese of Christchurch – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Thu 24 Jun **Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, Nottingham (Stuart Anderson)**

The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Fri 25 Jun **Bluecoat Primary Academy, Nottingham (Sue Ellen Shaw)**

The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland

Sat 26 Jun **Ranby C of E Primary School (Claire Mackinder)**

The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

Sun 27 Jun **Teachers and teaching assistants in all schools across the diocese**

The Church of Pakistan (United)

Mon 28 Jun **For schools and their vital work with children and young people**

The Diocese of Cochin – The (united) Church of South India

Tue 29 Jun **Cleaners, kitchen and office staff and site managers in all schools across the diocese**

The Diocese of Coimbatore – The (united) Church of South India

Wed 30 Jun **Prayer for the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP**

The Diocese of Colombia – The Episcopal Church

Clergy Vacancies

NOTTINGHAM ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

Porchester – Vicar

The parish of St James Porchester is largely residential with a population of 11,230. There are multiple missional opportunities through the connections with the four primary schools, local businesses and community groups. The profile is available from the Diocesan website: <https://goo.gl/ZrymXR> For informal discussion and further information, please contact Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07850 518504 or email phil.williams@southwell.anglican.org.

Wilford - Vicar

Wilford parish offers a wealth of opportunities for growth including the two church schools (primary and secondary). The next phase of ministry will involve a new season to expand the current congregations and intentionally develop new worshipping communities in geographical areas of the parish and relational networks that are not currently represented in the church. The profile is available from the Diocesan website: <https://goo.gl/ZrymXR> For informal discussion and further information, please contact Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07850 518504 or email phil.williams@southwell.anglican.org.

Vicar – St Mary Attenborough

St Mary's is set in an attractive suburban village, on the edge of a popular nature reserve, only five miles from the centre of Nottingham. Recent housing developments have grown the parish to over 1650 homes, creating a great opportunity for mission and growth. Visit <https://www.cpas.org.uk/jobs-ministry> for an application pack or contact Kathy Burch (patronage@cpas.org.uk) Closing date 2 May: visits and interviews 24/25 May This is a Transformational Change Post.

NEWARK ARCHDEACONRY VACANCIES

Kirkby in Ashfield, St Thomas and St Wilfrid - Priest in Charge

The town of Kirkby in Ashfield is in the West of our Diocese and in bringing together the two parishes we are committed to bringing cohesion to our Anglican presence in the town which is one of the former mining areas in Nottinghamshire. The profile is available from the Diocesan website: <https://goo.gl/ZrymXR> For informal discussion and further information, please contact Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07850 518504 or email phil.williams@southwell.anglican.org. This is a Transformational Change Post.

The Idle and Sands, Retford - Vicar

The parish of Idle and Sands, Retford is located close to the pleasant market town of Retford, in the north of the diocese. The united benefice and united PCC was formed in 2019 and contains the former parishes of Bothamsall, Eaton & Gamston, Elkesley and West Drayton which have been linked together since 1992 and Sutton-cum-Lound, Babworth and Ranby, and Scofton who have historically been linked. It has a rich heritage, committed and capable lay leaders and exciting mission opportunities, especially through the three church primary schools. The profile is available from the Diocesan website: <https://goo.gl/ZrymXR> For informal discussion and further information, please contact Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07850 518504 or email phil.williams@southwell.anglican.org. This is a Transformational Change Post.

Ordsall and Retford, St Michael - Incumbent

St Michael's is situated in the vibrant North Nottinghamshire town of Retford and relates to the Hallcroft area. Ordsall is an area of the town that has retained a village feel with its cricket club and views across the open countryside and golf course. There are excellent transport links for commuters to London and to nearby cities. There is a rich heritage in the town connected to the Mayflower Pilgrims. There are many missional opportunities through the schools, community networks, occasional offices and new housing developments. Both parishes value their eucharistic tradition which nourishes their mission in, and service to, the parish. Closing date 30 April 2021/ interview date 18 May 2021 Please see the profile and apply via: <http://pathways.churchofengland.org/> • Ref No: cofe/TP/148/3179. For informal discussion and further information, please contact Phil Williams, Archdeacon of Nottingham, on 07850 518504 or email phil.williams@southwell.anglican.org This is a Transformational Change Post.

For more information, please contact the Archdeacons' PA on archdeacons@southwell.anglican.org

We welcome applications from suitably qualified clergy from all sections of the community, and strive to be an equal opportunity employer. Enhanced DBS clearance is required for each post. Applicants will be assessed on the criteria for the post and if appointed it will be conditional on the Bishop's approval.

Comings & Goings

Clergy movements

The **Revd Ant Dixon** formerly Assistant Curate of St Jude's, Mapperley to become Associate Minister of St Andrew's High Wycombe in the Diocese of St Albans.

The **Revd John Blakeley** at present Assistant Curate at St Nicholas, Nottingham in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be of Priest-in-charge at St Stephen's with St Matthias, Sneinton in the same Diocese

The **Revd Jacqueline Mary Jones** at present Deanery Schools Missioner in the Bassetlaw & Bawtry Deanery and SSM Associate Priest at St Peter's Church, Warmsworth in the Diocese of Sheffield to be the Oversight Minister of the Flowing Waters Mission Area and will include oversight responsibility for Stainforth, Fishlake, Sykehouse, Kirk Bramwith with Fenwick and Moss also in the Dio of Sheffield.

The **Revd Denise Dodd**- currently Bishop's Chaplain and Office Manager to the Bishop of Durham to be Vicar of St Mary's, Greasley in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Licensing date to be announced.

The **Revd Amanda Digman** at present Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Carlton and the Benefice of Colwick in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham to be rector of Birtsall and Wanlip in the diocese of Leicester.

Across the diocese

Welcome to **John Jones** who joined the Safeguarding team as Case Worker during April.

Judith Mills, Deanery Administrator for East Bingham Deanery retired on 26 March. Paula Carlin, the Deanery Admin for Newark & Southwell Deanery is providing temporary cover to the East Bingham Deanery.

Jacqui Jones, Schools Missioner in Bassetlaw and Bawtry Deanery left us 14 April to move to an ordained role in Sheffield Diocese.

Jen Lynn has now left from her role as Diocesan Lead for Growing Younger Disciples

And finally, we give our thanks to **Nicola Farrell** who was the diocesan Publicity Officer. Her final day was on April 23, and we thank her for her long service and offer her our best wishes for the future.

Staff are continuing to work from home in line with the Government guidance with Jubilee House closed to visitors. We expect to be able to share our plans to reopen Jubilee House later in May, ahead of the anticipated easing of current restrictions on 21 June.

If you would like us to mention anyone in your parish or team in future editions please let us know by emailing: comms@southwell.anglican.org