



***Diocese of Southwell &
Nottingham***

November Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to this month's newsletter, Ray. It's designed to bring you news and updates from across the diocese each month. In this edition, we will look back at all of the new appointments from November, those who have moved on, and vacancies in our diocese.

We also share regular updates and good news stories in our website news section, our Facebook page, and on our Instagram page.

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WELCOMES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Revd Denise Dodd

The Revd Denise has been installed and licensed as the new Vicar of Greasley, at St Mary's church on November 7th. The service was led by the Bishop of Sherwood, the Right Reverend Dr Andy Emerton, and the Archdeacon of Newark, The Venerable Tors Ramsey.

Born and raised in Hucknall, Denise was ordained as deacon in 2009 and became a priest a year later. In 2014, she moved to County Durham where she was Chaplain and office manager to the Bishop of Durham until this year. Denise said, "I look forward to this new chapter of ministry in the communities and parish of Greasley. I love to see people grow in their love for God, their commitment to one another and their communities and am eager to see where God will lead St Mary's and the

wider community in the coming years.”

The Revd Mike Forsyth

The Revd Mike, formerly Assistant Curate for the benefice of Chilwell with Inham Nook, was licensed as Vicar of Porchester on 11 November. Before training for ordained ministry in 2015, Mike was in the Royal Air Force serving as a Logistics Officer at several locations in the UK and abroad. Mike is married to Rachel and they have two children, Evie and Maddie. Mike is excited to serve as Vicar of Porchester, his heart is to see lives and communities transformed as the love and light of Jesus is shared with neighbours, colleagues, friends, and family.

He said, “Bishop Paul shared three words in his address: hospitality, healing and hope. The first word, hospitality, is particularly meaningful to me because my college days as a chef, I have loved to cook for people and entertain.

And throughout my life it’s been around food where I’ve seen the signs of God’s kingdom at work, especially in this last two years. The service itself was lovely, and I felt hugely encouraged by the words of welcome and

encouraged by the words of welcome and turnout from the congregation to support me as I step into this new ministry role.”

The Revd Emily Charkham

On 7 November, Bishop Paul ordained the Revd Emily to the Office of Priest at St Luke’s, Gamston. Emily’s journey to ordination began in a field in Somerset surrounded by thousands of young people worshipping Jesus. After a lot of prayer, she wanted to enable others in their faith and decided to pursue ordination. In the first week of lockdown, Emily received an email from the diocese exploring a curacy at St Luke’s. During a subsequent Zoom call with Bishop Paul, she opened the conversation with the words, ‘If I have to go it is because I need to call an ambulance’ as her family were ill with coronavirus.

Over the next few weeks, Emily’s dad and brother were put on ventilators and her future was put on hold. Thankfully, both recovered. In May 2021, members of her support bubble were involved in a car accident, which meant that Emily’s Petertide ordination date was put on hold. Emily reflected, “I spent the week

before my Priesting on retreat in North Wales. I contemplated the last eighteen months and God's goodness and faithfulness through it all, it has been tough, but He has been 'an ever-present help in trouble', and I looked forward to a future of building up His people and Church from a place of relying on and knowing Him as the Creator, Saviour of the World, and my friend."

The Revd Naeem Bahadur

The Revd Naeem, currently Assistant Curate at All Souls and St Peter's, Radford will become the interim Priest in Charge of the same parish. His licensing will take place at St Peter's on Tuesday, 30th November at 7:30pm with Bishop Andy officiating.

The Revd George White

Revd George White, at present Assistant Curate at Trinity Church, Nottingham, is to become Vicar of St Wilfrid's Church, Wilford. We congratulate him on his new role.

Dawn Todd

This week, we welcomed our new Safeguarding Administrator, Dawn Todd. We

are thrilled that she has joined the team.

FAREWELLS

Michael Bache

Michael has retired from active ministry as a Licensed Lay Minister. Bishop Paul has bestowed the honorary title of Reader Emeritus to him. We are grateful for Michael's service to the Benefices of Balderton, Barnby in the Willows and Coddington.

Dr Richard Turner

Richard has retired from active ministry as a Licensed Lay Minister, formerly licensed to Epperston, Gonalston, Oxton and Woodborough. Bishop Paul has bestowed the honorary title of Reader Emeritus to him. We are thankful for Richard and his years of dedication.

Lynn Harvey

Lynn, our part-time Safeguarding Administrator leaves today, November 26. We wish her all the best in the future.

Heather Rolfe

Heather, our Safeguarding Training Manager.

Heather, our safeguarding training manager, is retiring at the end of the year. We wish her a happy retirement. Heather will continue to support the delivery of training as a sessional trainer until her successor is appointed. Any queries regarding Safeguarding training should be directed to safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org until further notice.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We continue to hold in our prayers all of the families who are grieving at this sad time.

The family of the Ven. Ian Russell following his passing

PRAYER DIARY

This prayer diary has been especially designed for you as a stand alone calendar to share with your parish and community.

Download Your December Prayer Diary Here

VACANCIES

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK TRAINER & ENABLER

As a Children and Youth Work Trainer & Enabler, you will be supporting and encouraging churches in their Children's and Youth work by training and equipping local teams of paid staff and volunteers, facilitating support networks and developing the leadership pipeline for young people. You will have a strong Christian faith, have experience of leading growth, training and developing teams and be an excellent team player. You will have a degree or an equivalent level of work experience. Fixed term 5 years, Full time, £28,170 – £31,340. [Find out more here.](#) **Closing date: 28 November, interviews w/c 6 December.**

PROJECT SUPPORT OFFICER

As a Project Support Officer for the Diocese you will be liaising with churches to support local growth plans by developing effective project plans and action / issue logs etc, producing regular project reports on individual project progress, budget tracking and all other project documentation, maintaining project records and supporting local Project Groups and the Programme Board. You will have excellent organisational and relational skills, with a high attention to detail and strong analytical ability. You will have a degree or equivalent work experience. Full time, fixed term 5 years, £23,050-£26,130. [Find out more here.](#) **Closing date: 28 November, interviews w/c 6 December.**

OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

As a Operations Administrator for the Diocese, you will be supporting the team who are delivering training and other events across the Diocese, booking resources, venues, catering etc, along with other administrative support for the team and local children's and youth workers. You will be able to manage your workload independently and have strong administrative and IT skills and be educated to A level standard or have relevant administrative experience. Fixed term 5 years, Full time, £17,930 – £19,580. [Find out more here](#). **Closing date: 28 November, interviews w/c 6 December.**

CHILDREN & FAMILIES TEAM LEADER

As a Children & Families Team Leader (various posts based at different churches), you will be providing strategic leadership of children & families ministry in the Church and wider community, creating new worshipping communities to reach and disciple children & families, working with schools, assisting in the identification and development of Lay Local Missional Leaders focused on children & families evangelism and spiritual formation. Building and developing a volunteer team. You will have a strong Christian faith and be passionate about reaching out to children and families. You will be educated to A level standard or have equivalent experience of working with children and/or families. Full time, fixed term 5 years, c. £25,000 (more may be available for

exception candidates). [Find out more here](#). **Closing date: 28 November, interviews w/c 6 December.**

YOUTH TEAM LEADER

As a Youth Team Leader (various posts based at different churches), you will be providing strategic leadership of the youth ministry in the Church and wider community, creating new youth missional initiatives to reach and disciple youth, working with schools, assisting in the identification and development of Lay Local Missional Leaders focused on youth evangelism and spiritual formation.

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