

# DIOCESAN DIGEST

A monthly look at what's happening across our Diocese.



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## STORIES OF HOPE

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. The Church of England's Lent theme for 2025 is Living Hope. In Lent we journey with Jesus on the difficult and thorny road that leads all the way to the cross on Good Friday – and beyond, to the transformation of Easter Day. We have been enjoying stories of hope and sharing them, such as the story of Camp Hill Parish Church in Nuneaton reopening. They are seeking to reach out and bless the local community and held an amazing reopening service in the church hall. *Read more on our website.*

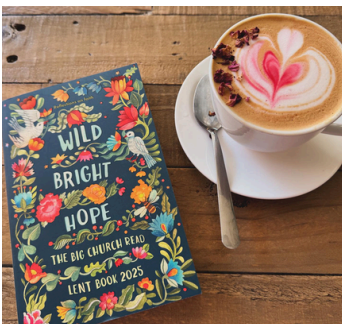
*If you have a story or event to share with the rest of the diocese, please contact the Comms team: [Communications@Coventry.Anglican.org](mailto:Communications@Coventry.Anglican.org)*



## WILD BRIGHT HOPE

Lent is a journey of hope. During Lent we reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and hope for his resurrection. In *Wild Bright Hope*, The Big Church Read Lent Book 2025, twelve Anglican writers examine Christian hope in their different ministries, from schools to parliament, and from arts to the United Nations.

*Wild Bright Hope* does not shy away from the complex questions about faith in the modern world and does not present having hope in Jesus as easy but rather as a journey that we are all on. This well curated collection will inspire and challenge Christians this Lent and beyond.



## DIGITAL LABS



Church of England Digital Labs is a hub of free resources for your church. It contains How-to guides, first hand stories, and digital news covering digital communications, strategy, social media and technology, made relevant to you and your church.

You can join the Digital Labs newsletter to receive monthly updates, to hear about events and webinars when they are announced. There is also the opportunity to join interactive webinars and learn about topics such as creating a Facebook group, copywriting for social media, or how to livestream a church service. Find out more through the link below.

## EVANGELISM REFLECTION

*From Gareth Fitzpatrick, Diocesan Evangelism Enabler:*

I can see how true the saying "Good news travels fast" is in my own life. When I experience something I see as "good news" my natural instinct is to talk about it with anyone who will listen. But do we have the same fervour to share the good news of the gospel?

During the recent Bishop's Study Day, Revd Chris Russell shared insights from 2 Kings 7. Four lepers find riches. Initially they hide these, then relent, saying: "What we are doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves." Chris writes:

*"Evangelism is simply the refusal to keep this good news to ourselves".*

I pray that we would recapture the true value of the gospel message and become compelled to share these riches. For support with evangelism, contact Gareth.

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