DIOCESAN DIGEST

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

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WELCOME FROM BISHOP SOPHIE

I hope this finds you well and that you have managed some refreshment over the summer. Whether you have been at home or away or are about to take an early Autumn break, I trust that most will have managed to occupy a different rhythm at least for a while in this season. For those with caring roles and responsibilities or health concerns, I recognise that this may just not have been possible and you also, have been in my prayers.

As a diocese with a firm commitment to peace and reconciliation, may we be strengthened in this coming season, by the knowledge that the Lord watches over our life as we continue to walk forward together, as we attend to **'Growing the Church of England in Coventry and Warwickshire. Reconciled: to God, with each other, for the world.'**

If you have something to share with the rest of the diocese, please contact the Comms team: Communications@Coventry.Anglican.org

NEW ARCHDEACON APPOINTED



Bishop Sophie is pleased to announce that following a national search and thorough interview process, the Revd Alison Evans has accepted the invitation be the Archdeacon of Coventry. Alison is currently Vicar of Holy Trinity, Attleborough and Assistant Area Dean of Nuneaton Deanery. She has served in the diocese for 22 years, having been ordained in Coventry Cathedral in 2004. This appointment comes as part of changes to our archidiaconal structures as we look to offer more effective support to our parishes.

LEARNING THE ROPES

What started as part of the skills section of a Duke of Edinburgh Award has led to a lasting interest in bell ringing for Warwickshire teenager, David Snell, who soon found himself enjoying both the challenge of ringing and the opportunity to visit churches and meet other ringers.

David and his grandmother first contacted St Margaret's Church, Whitnash. After learning plain hunting, one of the first methods most ringers master, David began visiting other towers and has now rung at around 50, including St Mary's, Warwick, Coventry Cathedral, St Mary's, Nottingham, and York Minster. Along the way he has developed his ringing skills and experienced a wide variety of churches and bell towers.

Church towers across the diocese welcome learners of all ages, whether they are looking for a new hobby, an opportunity to contribute to church life, or simply to learn a new skill. Anyone interested in finding out more can visit bellringing.org

NEW COMMUNITY HUB OPENS



A new community hub dedicated to bringing people together, tackling inequality and creating opportunities has officially opened in the Bar Pool area of Nuneaton.

Working in partnership with local churches, Saints Bar Pool is located in an old fishing shop on Vernons Lane, Saints Bar Pool has been renovated into a welcoming community café and social enterprise where local people can access support, develop new skills, build friendships and take part in activities shaped by the needs of the neighbourhood.

Whether dropping in for a coffee, joining an activity, volunteering or seeking support, local people are invited to make the space their own and become part of a growing community rooted in welcome, belonging and hope.

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