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# Our Diocese Together

Uniting the Diocese of Derby during the Covid-19 pandemic

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Jumping for joy on an  
eco-trail

# News

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## Church group delivers gift bags to local residents

An online church group surprised local residents in Mackworth with a giftbag delivered to their doorsteps.

The bags were delivered to the bungalows on the estate which generally have older people living in them. The connect group from St Francis, Mackworth wanted to give residents something to say that they are loved.

Church leader Andy Bond said: 'When they were delivered residents were so thankful. As a church we have a vision to be a light on the hill for our estate and small things like this are part of this.'



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## Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2020

We are pleased to announce that a total of £8621 was raised for Derbyshire Mind supporting the wellbeing of people in Derbyshire. We would like to thank all those that generously donated to the appeal.



# Springtime beauty at Holy Trinity Chesterfield

Some beautiful pictures by Ivor Leigh, churchwarden at Holy Trinity Chesterfield.

He writes " I thought you might like to see why people are stopping in Holy Trinity, Chesterfield churchyard. We have had many visitors bringing their cameras or just taking their time walking through the churchyard."



# Eco-trail proves big hit with local community

One of the big trends throughout lockdown has been the increased number of people enjoying walks around our local areas.

As part of their Eco-church initiative Christ Church, Hulland decided to set out a trail along a popular walking route. Twenty-one boards were created each containing facts and activity ideas on a range of environmental themes.

A map of the trail was available to download from their website along with instructions on how to take part in an anagram competition (each board contained a letter which when combined made up a four word message) and where to find a goody-bag prize.

The trail ran for the whole of February and was well received by the local community - included J (shown right) who jumped for joy at finding the last board in Millington Green.

The initiative was well received by the community with the organisers receiving messages of thanks from those that took part.

“Thank you for setting up the brilliant eco-trail. it has been great to have a focus to our walks, especially such an important focus. I hope it encourages more people to live more sustainably...every small change helps.”

“Really enjoyed the trail on Saturday morning. Took four of the grandchildren and it was such a lovely change from online learning.”

“Many thanks for organising the eco-trail. We have thoroughly enjoyed working our way around this week as we do our daily exercise. My four year old has been telling every one about the treasure map. She is at preschool and is too young to read but she really enjoyed finding the boards and reading the numbers and letters while we have been reading the information to her. Such an important topic for us all.”



## The 21 boards included the following themes

1. Trees
2. Climate change
3. Transport
4. Beauty of creation
5. Soil
6. Biodiversity
7. Flowers
8. Food
9. Butterflies
10. Water
11. Food waste
12. Population
13. Birds
14. Plastic pollution
15. Perfect planet
16. Bees
17. Energy
18. Consumption
19. Climate change conference
20. Creation
21. Creation in the Bible





# Bob's royal Easter present

When Bob Glassey recently received a package delivered by Royal Mail, little did he realise how 'royal' it would be.

Bob is one of the driving forces behind Creswell Breakfast Club, based at the Church of St Mary Magdalene in the village.

The club ensures that local children continue to receive proper meals during school holidays and closures, as well as socialise and take part in activities.

The package Bob received was from Buckingham Palace.

He said: "It's not every day I get an envelope with the Crown and ER special delivery on it!

"I had knowledge of what was in the package and very carefully inserted a sharp knife into the padded envelope to open it.

"Inside were two other envelopes with

instructions on how to open them, and a red and a white purse.

"Again, cautiously, I opened them.

"In the first envelope was a signed letter from her Majesty and in the other was a letter from the Right Reverend Dr. John Inge, the Lord High Almoner, explaining what the history of the Maundy Gift and what the two leather purses contained.

The letter from the Queen begins: 'I am delighted to send you the Maundy Gift which I hope you will accept as an expression of my personal thanks for all you that have done to enrich the life of your community.'

Covid restrictions mean that the annual Maundy Service, due to have been held at Westminster Abbey today have had to be cancelled and the Maundy Money distributed by post.

Bob said: "This year Her Majesty will be 95 on 21 April, so 95 men and women will receive the Royal Maundy gifts, and thanks to Bishop Libby I have been selected as one of those lucky few."

"My thanks to Bishop Libby for nominating me for this Honour for Christian service from our Monarch, who has taken to heart the words and actions of Jesus and given such unstinting Christian service herself."

Though Bob was also typically humble in his response to receiving such an important gift. He added: "It is an honour for the village really."

"It's the team that has got this because I'd never have done it on my own."

"It's always a great team effort."

But he did confess to being "flabbergasted" and "more than happy" with his gift.

"I shall treasure these for ever," he said.

"The red purse contains £5.50, an allowance for clothing and provisions: the £5 coin commemorates Her Majesty's birthday and the 50 pence coin commemorates the 50th anniversary of Decimal Day in 1971."

"The white purse contains Maundy coins: silver pennies, twopences, threepences and fourpences, totalling 95 pence, corresponding to the Sovereign's age."

"All the coins were newly minted this year."



## Christian Aid appeal passes £100k mark as UK public give thanks for vaccines

Christian Aid's latest appeal, which enables people to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccine and help others in crisis across the world, has raised £130,000.

Funds from the appeal are helping vulnerable communities around the world access soap, water, food and vital health information as Covid-19 continues to destroy lives and livelihoods.

Chine McDonald, Christian Aid's head of public engagement said: "We are also immensely grateful to the Church of England dioceses and local church groups who have set up their own fundraising pages to show their gratitude as they receive vaccines. It is wonderful to see how their generosity towards those in the communities around the world in which Christian Aid works has contributed to this £130,000 total. As increasing numbers of us get called for our vaccines, we're hoping that more and more people will give thanks for their vaccines by giving to our appeal."

If you would like to contribute to the appeal you can donate here <https://giving.tapsimple.org/page/christian-aid/giving-thanks-for-our-vaccines-in-derbyshire>



Bob Glassey at work at Creswell Breakfast club



## Archdeacon Carol writes

### **“Why do you look for the living among the Dead? He is not here, but has Risen.” (Luke 24: 5)**

Dear Everyone,

Those words from Luke were addressed to the women who first came to the tomb bearing spices on that first Easter Morning. They were expecting to anoint a body but instead found the angel messengers telling them that the one they were seeking was not there, had risen and they were to “Go and tell his disciples”. They had the great proclamation that all of us have as Christians which is to, “Go and tell the Good News.” The Easter season is a time when we can be encouraged to live life with hope for the future inspired by the Christian story of faith told to us through the gospel narratives.

During these last few weeks of lockdown as we prepare for the lifting of restrictions, and the number of people who have been vaccinated rises, we need to find that inner strength to persevere and look for a new horizon. It is almost as if we have relived our own drama of the Passion story, but through that pain, the pain of the cross there does come new life and new hope. Through times of darkness and troubles we can become open to find new hope. Certainly the women coming to the tomb were going through a very dark time, and yet they hear and experience something that will energize their faith and give them hope.

I recall another time when in Jerusalem I went early in the morning to a garden and a tomb, not bearing spices but in great expectation. I was greeted by a bright sun rising up and shining into the stone tomb cave hewn into the rocks. Easter morning to me then was a very special experience... it still is. Somehow for me each Easter day has a wonderful feeling of new hope, excitement and life!

As Christians we seek the Living Christ who works and moves with us in our lives... he is not dead, for he has risen. We are all witnesses to this faith and if we follow the examples of those who first came to the empty tomb, we too can live out the Gospel through our actions. This Easter be energized in your Faith, so that lives can be transformed, with Hope for the future, sharing in life- giving Love.

I wish you all a very Blessed Eastertide!

Carol

The Venerable Carol Coslett  
Archdeacon of Chesterfield

