

# The Deanery of Burnham and Slough

News from around the Deanery

October 2022

## Upcoming dates for your diary

- 6th October - Clergy Chapter 10.30am- 1pm at St Mary's Datchet
- 12th Finance and Standing Committee at the Vicarage in Colnbrook
- 18th October Mission and Pastoral committee - location to be advised
- 23rd October Deanery confirmations, please hold all candidates in your prayer
- 30th October Please confirm your Parish Share allocation with Deanery treasurer

### OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Saturday 1 October to Monday 31 October



To mark Black History Month churches throughout the Diocese are putting on events, services and exhibitions, such as the ones below:

- **Resolved to Serve** - A Diocese of Oxford commissioned portrait and video exhibition celebrating black culture and its influence in the Church today. Featuring black African and Caribbean clergy in the Diocese of Oxford telling their inspiring stories of faith and resilience.
- **Liturgical Resources for Black History Month** - available on the Diocese website
- **How Heroes are Made: Race and the Battle for Transformation, Leadership and Change** - Sir Michael Dummett Lecture Theatre, Christ Church, Wednesday 12th October, 4.30 - 6pm.
- **African History Season: Belonging - A place for me?** - Christ Church, Abingdon - The Barn, Thursday 3 October - Saturday 15 October 2022
- **Self-portrait still in the making: My story through the lens of equality and suffering, forgiveness and faith** - Reading Minster, Friday 21 October, 7.30pm
- **Creative Expressions of Faith** - The Church of the Servant King, Milton Keynes Saturday 29 October, 10:30 am - 3pm

#### UKME Chapter

The UKME Chapter offers pastoral support to ordained clergy and licensed lay ministers (LLMs) with a license to officiate within the Diocese of Oxford, through making space for corporate prayer, seeking to hold ourselves and our ministries before God.

The Chapter is not a campaigning forum; however, it will seek to advocate for the UKME community in matters that concern us and/or the communities we represent, particularly on issues of equality, diversity, and inclusion. The Dean of the Chapter is Revd Canon Janet Binns contact her: [revjanetbinns@gmail.com](mailto:revjanetbinns@gmail.com).



READING MINSTER ANNUAL LECTURE

presents

### Mpho Tutu van Furth

#### SELF-PORTRAIT STILL IN THE MAKING:

My story through the lens of equality and suffering, forgiveness and faith



Building on the inspiring legacy of her late father, Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Mpho will explore the many dimensions of the human desire for acceptance and freedom through inclusivity in gender, ethnicity, identity, religion and justice.

She writes:

"I could describe my life across many dimensions of suffering, including being a queer African woman who is a priest in the Anglican Communion. I am a whole person and I could also tell my story in shades of joy. Suffering and joy give depth to my self-portrait still in the making. I know that portrait is but one tile in God's beautiful mosaic."

#### VENUE

Reading Minster Church

Friday 21st October 2022 7:30pm - 9.30pm

Presentation by Mpho Tutu van Furth • Q&A • book reveal

Refreshments available

RSVP at  
[events@readingminster.org.uk](mailto:events@readingminster.org.uk)  
or scan the code below



*Sponsored by Reading Minster in partnership with Reading's Café Theologique*

### ST LAURENCE UPTON HERCHEL 200 EXHIBITION

# “William Herschel and the Universe”

**Friday 7 October 7.30pm**

*Introduced by George Sibley, Film Director*

*Performances are followed by refreshments and are Free, though donations are much appreciated towards the upkeep of the church. Thank you.*

# DEANERY NEWS

## SOMETHING OLD



Evensong is part of the worship that is offered to God by Christian people in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress - a conversation between

God and his people. So, do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things which you do not understand straight away. For a brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and which will be offered to the end of time. You are one with those who worship here on earth and in heaven.

Even song is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience.

Evensong takes place at some of our churches in the deanery please check your local church website for details.

## OUR DEANERY MISSION ACTION PLAN

### OUR MISSION

To play our part in making disciples for the sake of God's Kingdom

### OUR VISION

To see the churches of Burnham and Slough flourish individually, working effectively together and contributing to the renewal of the wider church.

### OUR PRINCIPLES/VALUES

1. Celebrate - who we are in Christ across the many cultures and churchmanship that exists in our deanery
2. Collaborate - to provide mutual support to each other both individually and at parish level
3. Communicate - to listen well and be bold about where changes are necessary
4. Common Vision - To join in with the overall vision of the Diocese

## MEETING TO PRAY - 10AM WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

Join us to pray together on zoom for just half an hour - please use the login below. Hosted by St Paul's Slough. **Meeting ID: 523 327 5615** **Passcode: 2022** The meeting also goes out on facebook.

## SOMETHING NEW

Bubble Church started at Ascension Balham and is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fueled, 30 minute kids and families adventure every Sunday morning



Bubble  
Church  
is growing  
fast

Here's the deal: you turn up for a croissant or pain au chocolat and a coffee, then your household will be guided to a "bubble", and you and your little ones will share in 30 mins of song, story, puppets, and prayer. It's then all over for you to go out and enjoy your Sunday.

Why not try this out at your church, find out more <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kVS7094IAk>



## PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM

Huge thanks to everyone who logged on for the Deanery Prayer meetings over the past few weeks. There continues to be a real sense of the Holy Spirit moving among us. We meet 4 pm Thursdays during term time. Zoom login is: **Meeting ID: 845 3616 6987**  
**Passcode: 043287**

We are still hoping to put a deanery prayer letter together, please send any prayer request to our Prayer Coordinator Lara Deen at: [sloughburnhamdeanery@gmail.com](mailto:sloughburnhamdeanery@gmail.com).