



# The Deanery of Burnham and Slough

## News from around the Deanery

### July 2024

Issue 25

### Upcoming dates for your diary

Children and Youth Funding bid presentation, 8th July 2024 - Church House Oxford  
Finance & Standing Committee. Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm at the New Vicarage Colnbrook

### COMMENCEMENT OF THE ARCHDEACON'S INSPECTIONS

We are pleased to announce the commencement of The Archdeacon's inspections of our parishes. A number of churches have already scheduled their inspection dates. It has been immensely encouraging to tour the deanery, introducing our new Group Minister along the way. Particularly heartening is witnessing the diligent efforts being made to maintain worship and expand ministry and mission within our parishes, as well as the behind-the-scenes work that ensures our parishes function efficiently and effectively. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you for your dedication to the essential yet routine task of these Inspections. Your commitment is vital to ensuring the continued health and vitality of our church communities.

#### Updated Church Inspection Checklist

The Church Inspection checklist outlines several areas of compliance. Significant changes have been incorporated into the checklist following feedback from Bucks Area Deans and Lay Chairs.

At the recent Archdeacon's visitation, the Archdeacon reflected on Colossians 3:1-17, a passage that calls us to "set our hearts on things above" and to embody virtues that reflect our faith. He emphasised virtues such as humility, kindness, compassion, and patience, which should characterise our daily interactions and ministry. These virtues are likened to clothing that we put on, replacing the "dirty clothes" of negative behaviours like anger, malice, and slander.

The Archdeacon reminded us that our work, including tasks like church inspections, should be done in the spirit of these virtues. By embodying humility, we acknowledge the importance of every role within our church community. Kindness and compassion help us support one another and build a stronger, more united church. Patience allows us to navigate challenges with grace. As we carry out our duties, let us remember to "clothe ourselves" in these virtues, fostering a positive and uplifting environment for all.

#### Upcoming Meetings

Our meetings are an excellent opportunity to discuss the inspections, share insights, and continue fostering a spirit of collaboration within our deanery.

Thank you once again for all your hard work and dedication within your parishes and the deanery. With gratitude, Janet



On behalf of the Burnham and Slough Deanery we are delighted to invite you to the licensing of



**The Rev Carol Dunk**  
as

Curate at Langley Marish &  
**Deanery Group Minister**

15th July at 7.30pm

at St. Mary's, Langley Marish - St Mary's Road SL3 7EN

Service conducted by the Associate Archdeacon

**Rev'd Canon Christopher Bull**

Refreshments will be available after the service.

R.S.V.P. Wednesday 10 July 2024

email: [sloughburnhamdeanery@gmail.com](mailto:sloughburnhamdeanery@gmail.com)

Car parking available at the Red Lion pub across the road

**Clergy dress: Cassock alb and white stole.**







## Service Cover planning

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your invaluable help in covering our services over the past few months. At the start of the year, the task seemed quite insurmountable, but your dedication and support

have allowed us to effectively resource the churches in vacancy across the Deanery.

As we move forward, we are now planning cover for the period up to January 2025. Please keep an eye out for an email from Judy regarding this. Your continued assistance is crucial, and we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you are available to help during this period. Once again, a huge thanks for your ongoing support.

## A new appointment for:

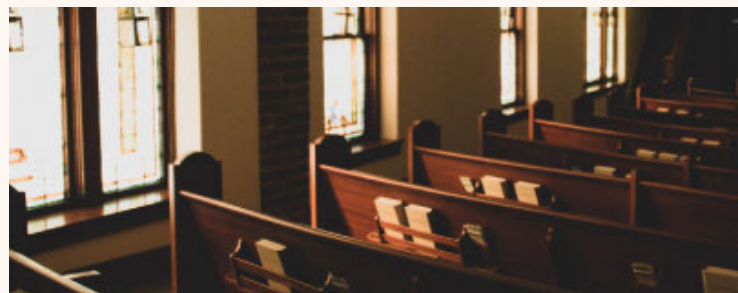


Horton  
Wraybury &  
Colnbrook

### Revd Patrick Samuels - New Vicar

We are thrilled and delighted to be able to announce that Patrick Samuels has agreed to be Vicar of the new Benefice of Horton, Wraybury and Colnbrook. Patrick is currently serving his Curate at Godalming Minister in the Diocese of Guildford. Formerly with the Church Army at Walton Parish, he has also served as a Police Chaplain with Surrey Police. His previous career was in IT.

Please pray for him, his wife Sheila and their family as they prepare to move. We hope this will be in August for him to take up his new ministry in early September.



## Saturday 20th July

TABLE TOP  
SALE

Introductory Offer!

£5  
per table

10:30am  
to  
2:00pm

Contact:

Helen  
01753 543918

St. Mary's Church Datchet

Rooted in Christ, reaching out to his world

## Messy Church @ St Paul's

# Going for Gold

With our very own mini-Olympics!

Saturday 13th July

10.30am - 1pm

St Paul's Church

130 Stoke Road, Slough, SL2 5AS



Gifts



Secure your free spaces now:



Refreshments



Races



## Diocesan Synod Elections

This is a reminder that the Diocesan Synod Triennial Elections 2024 are currently taking place. Our deanery is fortunate to have six candidates vying for three positions. Voting papers have been sent to members of the House of Laity. Please note that the deadline to return the completed papers is 6pm on Friday, 12th July.

Thank you for your participation.

## DEANERY PRAYER

It's been encouraging to meet to pray regularly for our Deanery. Our weekly prayer session meets at 4pm every Thursday, during term time. when we pray for all aspects of our Deanery. Please join us on Zoom, Login: Meeting ID: 845 3616 6987 Passcode: 043287.