

The wave—for 10-16 year olds on Sunday morning held in the tower for Bible study and life application

Children's Church—for 4-10 year olds on Sunday morning held in the welcome centre for adventure and exploring the Bible

Crèche - for 0-4 year olds on Sunday morning in the lounge for play. Parents are welcome to use this space and the space at the back of church for their children if needed.



This week This evening 6.30p.m. St. Peter's

Wednesday 9.30 Toddler Group Prayer and Praise @ the Vicarage 7.30p.m.

7p.m. Alpha 7 at church,

Thursday 9.45 Communion followed by lunch club

Yvonne led a service of thanksgiving for the life of Joan Mary Gilroy at Grenoside Crematorium yesterday. A large group of friends came to pray, and to remember Joan's life. Rainbows were very special to Joan and we all wore rainbow ribbons to remind us of God's promises for eternity. We had readings from Psalm 116 (picked by Joan's grand-daughter Nicola) and Philip spoke from Romans 8- 'absolutely nothing... will separate us from God's love'. Tea and cake was served at Rainbow's End after the service.

The funeral of lunch club member and dear friend Kath Boyes will take place on November 21st at 12.30 at John Heath's chapel at Ellesmere Green followed by a committal at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium at 1.30

Next church walk and Future light meeting will be on December 1st

Please see Huw if you can sign up for a Compline date.

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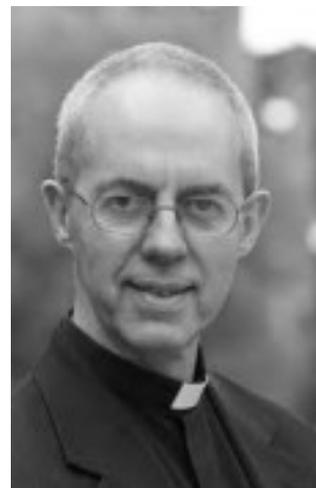
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The new Archbishop of
Canterbury, Rt. Rev
Justin Welby

Justin Welby is an experienced parish priest who has also worked in the Church around the world, especially in areas of severe civil conflict.

Before ordination he studied Law and History at Cambridge University then spent 11 years in the oil industry, based in Paris and London, working mainly on West African, (principally Nigerian) and North Sea projects. He ended his oil industry career as Group Treasurer of Enterprise Oil plc, a large UK exploration and production company, responsible for all its financing. During this time, he was also a lay leader at Holy Trinity, Brompton in London. From 1989–1992, Justin studied Theology at St John's College, Durham.

For the next 3 years, Justin was curate of a busy urban priority area in Nuneaton. With several schools and a big hospital in the parish, it was ideal for learning the hands-on skills of clergy work. Justin launched and managed a major youth project, was on the governing body of the local school and led courses in finding Christian faith.

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In 1995 he became Rector of Southam, a small market town in Warwickshire, and in 1996 also took responsibility for Ufton, a local village church. During his time at Southam the congregation grew from about 60 to about 180. There was extensive work with other churches especially around welcoming children and families. The number of weddings and baptisms also rose substantially. The church became more outward-looking, serving its community. Major services were full at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance, modern and traditional forms of worship were used, the fabric of the 14th century church was repaired, and the interior reordered.

In November 2002, Justin became a Canon of Coventry Cathedral. In this capacity, with Canon Andrew White – who is now based in Baghdad - and later working on his own, he was responsible for leading Coventry's international ministry of reconciliation, which included practical direct intervention work in the middle east and Africa, as well as facilitating a network of peace centres, the Community of the Cross of Nails, with 165 partners in more than 25 countries. In his last 18 months, in Coventry he was also Sub Dean of the Cathedral. He also worked extensively in areas of deprivation in Coventry, especially enabling local organisations to bring together different ethnic and religious groups.

In his last year at Coventry Justin was also Priest-in-Charge of the main city centre church, Holy Trinity.

While at Liverpool Justin led significant changes to the life of the Cathedral. New styles of worship have been introduced alongside the traditional forms. The congregation has grown from about 250 to about 450. The cathedral has become much more involved in the life of the local area (Toxteth), working with asylum seekers and in partnership with local churches, and with the Roman Catholic Cathedral. A strong team, both lay and ordained has been built up, and a clear sense of mission and direction established. Morale amongst the roughly 80 staff and 200 volunteers has risen significantly. The mission of the Cathedral has been "a safe place to do risky things in Christ's service".

Among other activities, Justin has been Chairman of a National Health Service general hospital trust and chaired the Governors of some schools in the parishes in which he has served. He is the Personal and Ethical Adviser to the UK Association of Corporate Treasurers, and lectures extensively on ethics and finance. He has published a number of articles in English and French on issues of international finance, ethics and management and also on reconciliation.

Justin has been Bishop of Durham for just one year.

Justin is married to Caroline. They have five children aged 15–26, and one who died in infancy in a road accident.



Nick Edmondson writes: Micahel Tawira is from Zimbabwe, and an MDC (Movement for Democratic Change) supporter. He was targeted by a Government employee and had his stall trashed prior to his escape from Zimbabwe. There is a ruling that came into force recently which changes the guidance to UKBA. It is accepted that being returned to Zimbabwe is much less safe for deportees than had been claimed, and Michael's case should have been reviewed. It obviously hasn't been or there would not be an attempt to deport. Michael has been coming to church recently and is a member of the Alpha course. **Demo:** Being organised by Robert Spooner for Wednesday 14th November 12.30 - 2.00 ish with speeches at 1pm - 1.30pm outside the town hall, then proceed down to Vulcan house. Michael is due to be deported soon and is currently in detention at Moreton Hall.

We had a very full PCC meeting on Thursday evening. We heard feedback from our youth worker Anthony. Lionel gave a brief report on the state of the church fabric and we spent some time thinking about the safe working of the Night Shelter. Philip outlined a proposed structure for involving more people in the life of the church. This is based around teams:

The 'in' team or pastoral team overseen by Frances will be set up to make sure that everyone who comes to church will be cared for.

The 'up' team which includes the worship forum looks after the worshipping life of the church through its services and music. (Next meets 22nd November 7.30 Vicarage)

The 'out' team led by Hannah will make sure that the outreach from the church is strong and focused.

The 'works' team sees to the practical tasks such as finance, cleaning, administration, rotas, catering, sound system.

Someone said that the church is a bit like a football match. 22 people rushing around the pitch and in need of a rest, 20,000 sitting around watching them and in need of exercise. Paul in his letters writes about an interconnected body where the Holy Spirit gives a gift to each member for the good of all.

Recently some of us went to a presentation given by Bishop Steven and Martyn about the future of the church in the Diocese. Against the back-drop of declining clergy numbers there is the exciting prospect of re-discovering the life of the church where everyone offers their gifts for the good of all. I know of growing churches where there are no paid workers but where they encourage everyone to use their gifts.

Paul asks his readers prayerfully to seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As you read this what are your gifts? Why not have a chat with one of the church leaders? Is God calling you to offer yourself for the good of his body here in Pitsmoor?