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# NEWSLETTER

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ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - OCTOBER 2017

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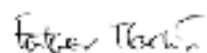
## Where did all the clergy go?

Every couple of years the clergy of the Diocese of Leicester seem to disappear. Well, we do in a way, and recently we did just this: we left the county and gathered for a Diocesan Conference (formerly Clergy Conference, but now Pioneer Ministers are included) at the Hayes Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. Amidst the busy-ness of parish life this can loom in the diary as an annoyance; something which gets in the way of everything we have to do. But as ever, this conference proved to be well worth the time and effort, and we were reminded that it is good to come out of our parochialism and to see something of the bigger picture of what God is doing in the wider diocese and indeed in the world.

We were treated to some very good speakers, but the event began with a group of musicians called Epiphany moving among us whilst they improvised music inspired by their prayer for us. I had not experienced anything like this and it was quite a powerful way to begin such a gathering. The conference then continued with the first of three wonderful Bible studies on **1, 2 & 3 John** led by Emma Ineson, Principal of Trinity College Bristol. The first day continued with a talk on **Presence and Proclamation** given by John Kafwanka, Director of Mission at the Anglican Communion Office in London. After dinner we heard from Roy Crowne, Director of Hope18 and the evening was rounded off with some light refreshment in the form of a quiz (our team didn't win).

The next day started with worship, which interspersed the conference, then the main morning speaker was Cathy Ross, who spoke powerfully about the Church's need to rediscover **Lament** (based on her experience in Congo). We then had a choice of seminars to round off the morning, before the biannual archdeaconry football match after lunch (won by Loughborough, yet again!) The afternoon ended with a talk from Michael Moynagh (Wycliffe Hall, Oxford) on **Tradition & Innovation**. But it wasn't all work: the evening finished with a Christian stand up (Nick Page) who was both funny and profound) and a musical-comedy offering from **Harry & Chris**.

Day three, after worship and breakfast, began with Matthew Frost's talk on **Laity & Clergy**, in which we were encouraged to read and digest the C of E's report **Setting God's People Free**, which seeks to release the rich resources of the laity in particular. Bishop Martyn brought the Conference to a close by summing up what we had experienced and sharing something of his desire to foster mission throughout this diocese. The the final Eucharist, including the final Bible Study, sent us on our way back to our parishes. Three days well spent providing much food for thought. Watch this space!



To see videos of the talks, etc., go to: [youtu.be/otep1f2zP3k](https://youtu.be/otep1f2zP3k)

## Calendar - October

- 1st **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**  
10.00am Family Festival Eucharist with  
Offering of Gifts
- 2nd 7.00pm Harvest Supper
- 4th **St Francis of Assisi**  
7.30pm Eucharist
- 5th 1.30pm Scraftoft Valley School visit Church
- 8th **TRINITY 17**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 11th **St Ethelburga**  
7.30pm Eucharist
- 15th **TRINITY 18**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 18th 7.30pm NO Eucharist
- 21st 10.00am Coffee Stop
- 22nd **TRINITY 19**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 25th **St Crispin**  
6.30pm Wedding Rehearsal  
7.30pm Eucharist
- 27th 1.00pm Wedding
- 28th 10.00am Flower Group
- 29th **TRINITY 20**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist  
  
5.30pm Pumpkin Heroes party

“Sinners need to know that Jesus died for them, and that they can be fully and freely forgiven. Forgiven sinners need to know that this is not a reason to go on sinning. Both are true, and are at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian.”

Tom Wright

## Daily Inspirational Bible Readings for each day

- 1st Matthew 5:11-12  
2nd Proverbs 29:25  
3rd 1 Peter 1:3  
4th Proverbs 27:1  
5th Isaiah 55:6  
6th Isaiah 26:4  
7th Psalm 63:1  
8th Isaiah 43:11-12  
9th Deuteronomy 13:4  
10th Proverbs 19:20-21  
11th Psalm 62:1  
12th Proverbs 1:8-9  
13th Jeremiah 29:11  
14th Romans 12:2  
15th 2 Samuel 7:22  
16th Psalm 19:14  
17th Psalm 25:14-15  
18th Psalm 27:14  
19th Psalm 37:4  
20th Psalm 51:12  
21st Psalm 40:8  
22nd Proverbs 15:23  
23rd Galatians 6:2  
24th Proverbs 9:10  
25th Ephesians 5:19-20  
26th 2 Timothy 3:16-17  
27th Hebrews 4:12  
28th 1 Peter 1:24-25  
29th Romans 12:1  
30th Ephesians 2:8-9  
31st 1 Peter 5:8-9

These are very small passages, but just take a moment to find them, read and spend 2 minutes each day thinking what they may be saying to you.