



The Deanery of Burnham and Slough

News from around the Deanery

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Deanery Clergy Chapter Social event Tuesday 9thth September at 12.30 pm

Deanery Synod 23rd September 2025 7.15pm for 7.30pm at St Mary's Wexham

PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE DEANERY AS WE START A NEW TERM



Dear Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer and found time for refreshment and renewal. As I reflect on Paul's words to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 2:9-13), I am struck by the way he speaks of ministry not just in terms of preaching, but of living. He reminds them that he and his companions worked hard so as not to be a burden, and that their conduct was pure, upright, and blameless before both God and people. His ministry was not only in words, but in the witness of his life.

This speaks powerfully into our Christian response to the challenges we sometimes face in our churches and communities.

- Ministry is not only about words but also about the witness of our lives. Integrity, fairness, and transparency matter deeply. Our friendships and loyalties are precious, but they must never blind us from doing what is right.
- Discipleship requires encouragement, urging, and sometimes challenge, like a loving parent. Real Christian love does not ignore wrongdoing; it encourages, corrects, and pleads with one another to live lives worthy of God.
- The Word of God is powerful—it transforms hearts when received in faith. Our task is not to rely on our own strength or preferences, but to let God's Word shape our decisions and guide us into truth.

In a world where people often say, "there are two sides to every story," Paul's words remind us that while we may each see from our own perspective, God sees the whole truth. Our calling is to listen well, to act justly, and to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

So let us strive to be a people whose lives, as well as our words, point to Christ. May we be faithful in friendship, steadfast in truth, and courageous in doing what honours God—even when it is difficult.

With every blessing in Christ,

Rev'd Canon Janet Binns Area Dean



life course

St Mary's Church,
Hitcham, SL1 7DP

Starting Weds 17th Sept

For more info
or to sign up,
scan the QR
code



If you've ever thought, 'Is there more to life than this?', if you're curious about life, faith or spirituality, or you're looking for fellow freethinkers, then the Life Course is for you. Each week begins with a meal before hearing a short talk. The talk helps to spark ideas and conversations that follow in smaller discussion groups of like-minded people.

It's non-judgmental. It's not about forcing you into some set of beliefs. We don't want your money. Everyone is welcome.

- Wednesday evenings | 17th Sept – 5th Nov | 7pm
- St Mary's Church, Hitcham, SL1 7DP
- The course is free with a £5 donation (£3 concession) for dinner



PRAYING FOR OUR DEANERY - RESUMING ON 4 SEPTEMBER

Join us each Thursday at 4pm online
to pray for our Deanery.
Login details sent weekly by email. For further
information contact:
sloughburnhamdeanery@gmail.com

DEANERY NEWS

MESSAGE FROM REV'D CAROL DUNK

Dear All,

Here's praying that you are all well and blossoming with God's love and grace.

I just wanted to thank everyone who gave me their love, support and prayers whilst I was blessed to be with you. I think about you all and pray for you all everyday and I wanted to thank you all for the cards, presents and well wishers when I went on to pastures new (or Pastrow new!).

Thank you all for everything and I feel very much blessed to have been part of the Deanery and your different parishes. Take care and God bless.

Many thanks and blessings,
Carol

You're invited to a ReSource day

Renewing Hope in Smaller Churches



ReSource has a particular calling to support spiritual renewal in 'little, local, ordinary' churches. These churches form the backbone of the Church, but sometimes we feel isolated. Join us for a day focused on renewing hope in these smaller churches. This day offers an opportunity for teams and individuals to:

- Worship and encounter God afresh;
- Renew confidence in the inextinguishable power of biblical hope;
- Wrestle with the practicalities of living hopefully in the local church.

We will also pray for each other, enjoy good quality lunch and offer anointing.

Saturday 18th October 2025

All Saints Church, The Causeway, Marlow SL7 2AA

Tickets £15 (lunch included)

To book visit resourcingrenewal.org/events

www.resourcingrenewal.org



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Burnham & Slough Pride

The Deanery's three Inclusive Churches- St Peter's, Burnham; St Mary's, Hitcham and St John the Baptist, Manor Park - will be supporting Burnham & Slough Pride on Saturday 13th September 2pm onwards at Burnham Park Hall. We will be hosting craft activities and publicising our churches - reassuring the LGBTQIA+ community that they will not experience discrimination in our churches and are welcome to join in all our services and activities. We will be supported by resources from the Diocese's LGBTQIA+ chaplaincy. The event will be preceded by a quarter peal from St Peter's Tower Ringers.

If you would like to help out please contact Revd Josh Cleaver-St Peter's, Revd Chris Hassell-St Mary's or Revd Suzanne Johnson-St John the Baptist.

All are welcome to attend this family-friendly event.

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CELEBRATION

EMAIL: INFO@CCISCHOOLS.ORG.UK

Sunday 21st September, 3-4pm

Kerith Windsor, Fairacres Industrial Estate, SL4 4LE



IN CHURCH....



Harvest Crafts, Lego Table
Vegetable Competitions...

★ Best decorated ★ Biggest of its kind ★ Most unusual shape
Jacket-filled Potato Supper

THEN IN THE RECTORY GARDEN....



Bonfire, Singing
Hot Chocolate, Ginger Parkin

Tickets: £10 adults, £5 Children, Family Ticket £25

Available from st-nicolas-taplow.org

The Dionysus Ensemble in Concert

*East meets West
in music for strings and tabla
From Mozart to Bollywood and beyond*

Sunday 28th September
4-5.30pm

St Mary's Church, Church St, Slough, SL1 1PJ

Book your FREE tickets here

