

The Deanery of Burnham and Slough

News from around the Deanery

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Deanery Finance and Standing Committee Wednesday 21st May 7.30 pm at Colnbrook Vicarage

Deanery Chapter Online to explore GROW Course Wednesday 21st May 2 - 3pm

Deanery Synod Saturday 7th June 8.30am Worship, Breakfast 9am, Meeting starts 9.30am

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY: EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



As we reflect on the journey so far, it is clear that the work of equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in the Church is not a passing initiative—it is a Gospel imperative. Rooted in the life and teachings of Jesus, our call to justice, reconciliation, and dignity for all people remains central to our mission.

Thanks to the faithful efforts of UKME leaders and allies across our Diocese, we have seen meaningful progress: increased representation, courageous conversations, and a growing awareness that racial justice belongs to all of us. These are not just milestones—they are signs of transformation. But we must be clear: the journey is far from over. Ongoing commitment is essential. We need to embed inclusive practices in every layer of Church life, from recruitment to formation, from worship to governance. Unconscious bias training must move from the margins to the mainstream. Representation must be intentional, supported by leadership pathways that equip UKME clergy and laity to thrive.

This work is not optional. It is spiritual, structural, and deeply pastoral. It calls us to reflect the full diversity of God's kingdom and to create a Church where all are welcomed, valued, and empowered to serve.

As one chapter ends and another begins, let us not grow weary. Let us renew our vision and press on—together—in faith, courage, and hope.

“Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5:24)

Janet Binns Area Dean

SLOUGH STANDING TOGETHER EVENT 13TH MAY AT 6.30PM

Slough Faiths Standing Together are hosting an event at 6.30pm on 13 May at Jamia Masjid Stoke Poges Lane.

We are expecting some important guests plus a detailed tour of the Mosque by JMiC - a great opportunity to learn about Islam, and the way a mosque functions and serves its community.

This event is open to anyone and everyone, but it would be helpful if people would let us know and will be attending by emailing me at vicar.manorpark@gmail.com or calling me on (07971) 240645

A ONE OFF OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OUR LINK PARTNERS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD



Seeking the kingdom alongside our global partners

17 May, 10am – 3pm

St John's and St Stephen's, Reading

Join with partners from India, Jamaica, South Africa and Sweden as together we reflect on ways to live as disciples of Jesus.

Whether your passion is for sharing the gospel, nourishing young people's faith, serving our communities, seeking justice, or caring for creation, there will be opportunities for learning and conversation.

- worship • speakers • workshops
- information on links/mission agency partners
- lunch of sandwiches and dishes from each country

Registration essential:
oxford.anglican.org/world-mission
Or email pwm@oxford.anglican.org



HEATHROW COMMUNITY TRUST APPLY FOR FUNDING



For 2025, Heathrow Community Trust will offer funding for up to two years for projects applying for £5,000 per year and over. Organisations may still apply for single-year funding for any amount up to our maximum grant value for one year and applications for £4,999 or less must be for one year only. For further information and to make an application please go to the Website: <https://www.heathrowcommunitytrust.org>

A FUND FAREWELL TO REVD CAROL DUNK

We are delighted to announce that Carol Dunk has been appointed Associate Priest in the Diocese of Winchester and will be licensed on 3rd June 2025. Carol has been a tremendous support across the Deanery, faithfully covering services in numerous parishes. We give thanks for all Carol has given to the Deanery. Carol's final service will be Evensong at St Mary's Datchet on Sunday 25th May at 6.30pm followed by light refreshments. All are invited, if you are attending please email sloughburnhamdeanery@gmail.com to let us know.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS IN THE EXAM SEASON

Loving God,

We thank You for each student in our schools for their gifts, their efforts, their hopes, and their dreams. As they prepare to sit their exams, we ask for Your peace the same peace Jesus spoke over the storm.

Calm their hearts, still their minds, and remind them that they are never alone.

Help them to do their best, to recall what they have learned, and to face each paper with courage and clarity. Give them rest when they are tired, strength when they feel weak, and confidence that whatever the outcome, their future is held in Your hands.

May they know today and always that they are deeply loved, and that Your presence goes with them into every exam room.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

PRAYING FOR OUR DEANERY

Join us each Thursday at 4pm online
to pray for our Deanery.

Login details sent weekly by email. For
further information contact:
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*Christian Aid helps
people all over the world
irrespective of religion, race
or nationality*

We have heard about many disasters this past year – the many injured and homeless as a result of the unrest and fighting across the Middle East, wars and drought and famine in many parts and the huge impact of an ever increasing climate change – all this, while poverty also continues to cause suffering in many countries.

PLEASE SUPPORT EVENTS THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (11TH - 17TH MAY 2025)

look out for news of local
events during the week
in Slough & Windsor & Maidenhead

For further information about Christian Aid, visit
www.christianaid.org.uk

St. Mary's Church Datchet
Rooted in Christ, reaching out to his world

invite you to join us for
Cream Tea & Chat



Sunday 11th May 2025

Crafts and other
items for sale

from 3:30pm

The Bridge

All proceeds will go to Christian Aid