

Rural Dean's diary

Congratulations

We offer our good wishes and congratulations to Paula Honniball from the Droitwich Spa parish who was ordained deacon in Worcester Cathedral on Sunday 25th June. Paula is well known to many people in the deanery and we offer her our love and prayers as she takes up her new role as a part-time non-stipendiary minister. She is serving her curacy at St John the Baptist, Claines and St George's, Worcester.

Celebration of Lay Ministry Service

Monday 17th July at 7.30pm at Salwarpe church (Copcut Lane WR9 0AH)

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate ministry and renew their commitment, whatever that ministry is and whether they have a formal title or role or not. It's also a great opportunity to support and affirm one another in ministry across the parishes of the deanery. The preacher will be Canon Jonathan Kimber, diocesan Director of Ministry and Discipleship. Additional parking is available at Salwarpe Village Hall. Please note that ALMs and Eucharistic Ministers no longer need to bring their certificates to this service to be signed.

Bishop's Certificate course

This is a great time to sign up for the next deanery Bishop's Certificate course starting in October and which is now filling up fast. It will be on a Monday evening at Ombersley church. It's open to anyone who wants to dig deeper into bible, faith and church and all you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to join in. Spaced over three terms (with lots of breaks), it also helps people reflect on their own life experience as they learn alongside others. We'd love to hear from you if you're interested in finding out more. People always end the course saying how much they have enjoyed it and what a life and faith-enhancing experience it has been. For more information contact me or Barbara Wheatley on 01527 892969 or barbarawheatley@btinternet.com

Time for you at Holland House

Why not treat yourself to an 'awayday' this year, for some peace, quiet, spiritual input and time for reflection in good company in beautiful surroundings? The next deanery day at Holland House, near Pershore, with Canon David Rogers will be on **Monday 18th September**, 10am to 4pm. Booking is essential – contact me to reserve a place and to receive more details.

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