

Bishop Designate Viv – Letter from Bishop Lee

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

I am delighted to let you know that The Very Revd Vivienne Faull, currently Dean of York, has today been announced as the 57th Bishop of Bristol.

Bishop Designate Viv, brings great experience of ministry in the Church of England to her new role. When appointed to Leicester Cathedral, she was the first ordained woman to serve as a Dean. In that role Bishop Designate Viv was also incumbent of the parish of St Martin's, an



area with multiple challenges including significant poverty. Together with the Bishop, she worked with other city centre parishes in Leicester to bring new possibilities for Christian witness when the number of worshippers was declining rapidly.

In Leicester, and for a number of years in the Diocese of York, our Bishop Designate has been actively involved with parishes across a wide range of Church contexts and traditions, working hard to build and maintain prayerful and mutually respectful relationships. All this has given her a very good understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing clergy and their congregations, as well as an appreciation of the role a Bishop and Diocese must play in enabling parochial ministry and mission to flourish when resources and commitment are being tested.

Our Bishop Designate is known as a relational person who favours evolution over revolution. Having begun to get to know her since her appointment, I am seeing many of the qualities and experience she will bring to this next season of Episcopal ministry in our Diocese. As the next Bishop of Bristol, Viv will help us to build on what is and has been fruitful while enabling us to make progress in areas where fresh approaches are needed.

We look forward to welcoming her to the Diocese in the autumn. Please hold our new Bishop Designate and her husband Michael in your prayers.

Railway Works Building Becomes New Church.

The former Pattern Store in Swindon is to be turned into a new church for the town, the Diocese of Bristol has announced.

It is a plan by the Diocese of Bristol to support the regeneration of the area, while connecting with people across Swindon who are not part of a church.

The Pattern Church, as it will be known, is part of a major strategic initiative by the Diocese of Bristol to support its Creating connections vision. It will be a Resourcing Church; resourcing churches partner with other churches in an area to offer support and resources.

The team at *Pattern Church* will be led by Revd Joel Sales. Joel who worked as a pastor at churches in Bath and Cape Town and, since ordination, has worked in churches in South West London and, most recently, at Holy Trinity Brompton Church.

It is planned that *Pattern Church* will open around Christmas 2018.

The Pattern Store is a Grade 2 listed building constructed in 1897 for the Great Western Railway. The building held the drawings and papers for the designs associated with the railway until the railway works closed in 1986.

The basement was used as a mess room during World War I, as a canteen between 1939 to 1960 and more recently the building has been a bar and Italian restaurant.

Joel, who is married to Cath and has two young sons, said: "Cath and I feel deeply privileged to be invited by the Bishop of Swindon to take part in this exciting new initiative. We look forward to working alongside all the other churches in loving and serving the people of Swindon."

"It is an inspiring and challenging vision which is receiving significant funding from the central Church of England as well as the Diocese of Bristol. It is a venture of considerable faith and reflects what Jesus Christ has laid on many of our hearts for this very special town."



Prayers: We continue to pray for **Andrew and Jean**, for the beneficial effects of his blood transfusions and the healing effects of his forthcoming radiotherapy. We pray for **Bishop-Designate Viv and her husband Michael** as they prepare to move to Bristol to begin a new life with us. For **Joel Sales**, his wife Cath, and their family as they move to Swindon in July to start the **Pattern Church** around Christmas. For the vast labour to be undertaken to turn the **Pattern Store** into the **Pattern Church**.

Mon 21st	9.30-11.30am 2pm 7.30 pm	Pram Club Homegroup in the Quiet Room Confirmation Preparation in the QR
Tue 22nd	8pm 8pm	Homegroup at 20 Furlong Close Homegroup at 27 Garraways, RWB
Wed 23rd	1.00-3.00pm 7.30pm	Craft Club Homegroup at 17 Rother Close
Fri 25th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

Church Prayer Meeting The next Church Prayer Meeting will be held in church on **Monday 4th June 2018 from 2pm to 3pm** and will be led by the Monday afternoon Home Group. Can we make a special effort to come together to pray as a church for just one hour?

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 21st	Harry & Pauline Davis
Tue 22nd	Sarah Dena
Wed 23rd	Peter Dibbo
Thurs 24th	Pauline Eagle
Fri 25th	Peter & Jane Eastwood
Sat 26th	Pat Edge
Sun 27th	Annabel Elrick

Raymond away for three days

Raymond will be attending the Clergy Chairs' Forum in Leicestershire on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week.



Services Next Week			
27th May	9am 11am	Holy Communion All Age Service	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams

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Sunday May 20 2018 Pentecost



“What should I remember?”

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Morning Prayer	Raymond Adams	2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 Acts 16: 12-15
11.00am	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 Acts 16: 12-15