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Ordination of Fr Jonathan Whitby-Smith

On the 30th of June, 2018, in St Barnabas cathedral, our Bishop, Mgr. Patrick McKinney, ordained to the priesthood the Reverend Jonathan Whitby-Smith, a deacon and Church student at the seminary of the archdiocese of Westminster at Allen Hall, in London.

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**Saturday through Sunday,
the 7th, 8th and 9th of September,
2018**

**Liverpool City, the ACC Echo Arena
(the 7th and 8th), the metropolitan
cathedral of Christ the King (the
9th)**

Such events do not take place very often in the life of the Church and the preparations continue to be made for the large number of visitors who are expected to visit Liverpool across this weekend. The diocese invite you, if you haven't already and would like to, to make arrangements to travel from your parishes to Liverpool. The Adult Formation Office has arranged for coaches to carry people across from Nottingham, Leicester and Derby. The following is a programme summary that has been copied over from the website of the Conference of Bishops of England and Wales, which contains much more information. The programme has been divided according to the three days and arranged accordingly.

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Parish visitation to Holy Trinity Church Newark



Bishop Patrick McKinney made parish visitation to Holy Trinity Church Newark over the weekend of June 9th & 10th June this year and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation during 10.00am Mass on June 10th. People very much enjoyed meeting their bishop who promised to visit all areas of parish life during his next visitation.

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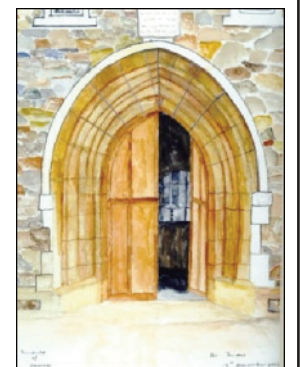
A Diocesan Day for people involved with dementia and its care

At the request of Bishop Patrick, SPANNED is seeking to set up a strategy in the diocese to support people living with dementia and those who care for them. A book of the above title has already been published and is available at £4 (including postage) from St. Peter's Priory, Leicester Road, Hinckley, LE10 1LW (Tel 01455 634443; email hinckleypriory@gmail.com). It has been well received and 12 bishops have written to thank us for it. There will be a special Diocesan Day for anyone who would like to be involved in this work or has any reason to think they might benefit from it at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Uttoxeter Road., Mickleover DE3 9GE, on Saturday October 6 from 11.00am-3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. It would be helpful if you could let us know in advance you are coming.

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28 Saturday - *Lectio Divina* starting at 3.00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by meditation on the Sunday Gospel.

September

14 Friday - Healing Service led Fr Denis Labartette. Rosary at 7.00 pm followed by Mass, Adoration and prayers for healing.

15 Saturday - Deepening our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron DVD. Mass at 10.00 am followed at 11.00 am by DVD on **Saints for our Complex World**. Shared table lunch at 1.00pm with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. Donations welcome.

22 Saturday - "Prayer is a constant awareness of God's loving presence". Talk by Fr Antonio Belsito. Mass at 10.00 am and talk at 11.00 am. Shared table lunch at 1.00 pm. Please book in advance. All are welcome.

29 Saturday - *Lectio Divina* starting at 3.00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by meditation on the Sunday Gospel.

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Sharing the Journey with Pope Francis in Gainsborough



Derby Catenians pray for vocations



Each year the Catenians of Derby ask for a mass to be said for vocations to the priesthood, Diaconate and religious life. This year, Canon Alan Burbidge of St George's church, Derby, celebrated mass at the Mickleover golf club.

More information about the Derby branch of the Catenian Association can be obtained from Richard Penna at richard.penna@ntlworld.com

RODSLEY 2018

by Tony Bennett, President of the Sherwin Society



With a heatwave forecasted, the 43rd Annual Pilgrimage at Rodsley, the birthplace of St Ralph Sherwin one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, went ahead with the usual verve and vigour that one associates with the highly organised annual event that this has become.

Tony Bennett the Sherwin Society's President paid tribute to the Society's Chairman Tom Kemple who sadly died at the beginning of June.

As one could imagine, feelings were quite raw over his sudden and unexpected death.

It was an extremely busy day for Fr Mark Brentnall of English Martyrs, Derby. Due to health reasons Canon Geoffrey Hunton from St Marys, Derby was unable to deliver

the Homily. Not only did Fr Mark cover at St Marys for Mass that morning, but he was also at Rodsley delivering an extremely dynamic and interesting Homily on Canon Geoffreys behalf.

Who said we only got "Super Subs" in Football?

A special vote of thanks was recorded to the Derby Knights of St Columba who responded at the last moment to help with the setting up and subsequent taking down and stowing of all furniture associated with the Pilgrimage.

As usual the Rodsley Tea Ladies did a most magnificent job, keeping everyone fed and watered after the Mass.



Parishioners of St Thomas of Canterbury took time after their Sunday Mass on 24th June to participate in a CAFOD promoted walk to "Share the Journey with Pope Francis" and encouraged by Bishop Patrick in the last issue of Catholic News.

"We may only have walked a total of 24 miles or so for CAFOD, but we felt that in our little corner of Lincolnshire we were in touch with Pope Francis and thinking about the plight of refugees" said David O'Brien who assisted CAFOD Representative, Pauline Ridley, in organising and managing the walk.

Pauline said "The pack and cards we got from CAFOD were really helpful as it there were five different stories in each pack so we could share these as we walked together. The children's cards were good too, I would

really recommend them."

June 24th was chosen as the day as it was the first Sunday after UN Refugee Day which was on 20th June. 47 parishioners took part and walked a very short distance but as suggested by CAFOD they thought about what it must be like to be a refugee as they walked along.

The group paused 3 times on the route to pray and also remind themselves of the strength and courage of those who have had to flee their home lands because of conflict or natural disaster.

Thought was given to how many of those walking came from a variety of backgrounds, in particular those who had left their homes in Ireland to seek a new life in Britain and further afield.

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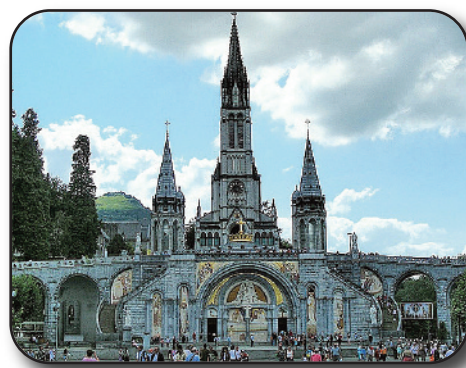
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The Parish Pilgrimage



Our parish is planning four pilgrimages in 2019: Malta in February, Lourdes in May, Assisi (and Florence, Pisa and Siena) in September, Rome in November. In 2018 we have planned and shared Malta, Padua and Assisi, Stresa and the Italian Lakes, Rome. Other years we have been to Lisieux for St Therese.

The story . . . I went to Rome for priestly studies reluctantly. I would have preferred to study in this country. My superior told me Rome was an education in itself and he was right. After an initial uncomfortable six months I found myself under the spell of Rome: centre of our wonderful, heart-breaking, saintly and shameful Catholic Church; the fascination of nearly 3,000 years of Roman history and the vibrancy of Italian life in the city's daily life.

I left Rome by the midnight train on my way home to Wales (after four unbroken years away) for the joy of ordination to the priesthood and told my three companions I would never return. I had been almost too happy and thought I could not bear the pain of being a visitor where I had been so completely at home. A perfect four years were over. I had shared three sessions of the Second Vatican Council, up-to-date each day in our lecture rooms and press conferences with much that was happening in the bishops' debates, sharing some of the wonderful ceremonies that took place, and following our rector's advice to make the most of being in the world's most fascinating city.

Two years later the headmaster at our school, one of my brethren, asked me to take the senior students (17/18) on a European holiday. You plan, he told me. We youth-hostelled across Western Europe for 23 unforgettable days: Ostend, Aachen, Heidelberg, Salzburg, Venice, Florence, Rome . . .

Our first evening in Rome we attended the opera at the Baths of Caracalla, the stunning setting for the summer Opera season. We saw 'Aida' and marvelled at the stage and settings, including the elephants. The youngsters were overwhelmed. The following day we had mass at St Peter's and ate our lunch on the roof of the basilica. The students told me they saw a change in me – I spoke as though I had come home. I had. I was again thinking in Italian, I was speaking fluently and loving every moment of sharing Rome with them, as I had Florence, Venice and Salzburg, which I knew a little. I knew now I could always come back to Rome and be at home, not a visitor. I could share all I had been given.

My rector in Rome became our superior in Britain. You must share what you were given, he said, when he asked me to leave school and move into parish life. Take the people on pilgrimage.

What blessings. People of our parish, neighbouring parishes, their relatives and friends, friendships formed, life of the local Church enriched by the friendships consequent to the pilgrimages.

We varied: Rome and Sorrento, Rome and Assisi, Rome-Florence-Venice on the open-jaw ticket, people travelling from their own parts of the country to be met by our Roman bus/taxi company, making friends with the staff at our favourite hotels and restaurants. We are truly made to feel at home.

Because we plan for ourselves we can hold down the costs, allowing more people to afford to come. We went to Lourdes as a wonderful place of prayer, not in competition with the fine diocesan pilgrimages which centre so well on serving the sick, but for the sake of those who could not afford the necessarily higher costs of the diocesan pilgrimages blessed by that service to the sick.

Malta came about because at our local Council of Churches we talked about our elderly who never went on holiday: no one to go with, lacking confidence in making plans, and wondered if we could do something . . . low prices, low season, had to mean winter – but also an escape from the cold. Malta seemed an answer. It was perfect. The short days of after Christmas are brightened by the thought of adventure a few weeks ahead, and when we return it is only a few weeks until spring.

Assisi is spiritually rich. We share morning prayer and mass with the Franciscans at the basilica, we walk the medieval streets full of the spirit of St Francis and St Clare, we share the story and the history. Padua is a beautiful city. Our hotel is across the road from the basilica and we have mass there each day. Venice is only 30 minutes away on the train and we have glorious days there. The Italian lakes are beautiful, Lake Maggiore the most. There, at Stresa, Blessed Antonio Rosmini is buried and we share the beauty of the place he loved so deeply. (I belong to the religious congregation he founded.)

Profits from our pilgrimages, small but reasonable, are shared with Charities. There are gifts for the housebound and those in care and nursing homes who can never come on pilgrimage, so the whole parish is involved.

I see the pilgrimages (usually three per year, but four this and next year) as my holiday. Good friends stand in for me when I'm away as they would if I were on holiday. Organising the pilgrimage is hard work with a wonderful team in our Watermead Apostolate which books flights, arranges hotels, chooses restaurants, arranges airport transfers and looks after the daily needs and questions during the pilgrimage week.

Could you do it? Would you do it? Would you help people of your parish/deanery/local churches have a pilgrimage/holiday together, holding down the costs, accepting the responsibilities? To share the joy and friendli-

ness of those days, to see friendships brought back to the local churches and parishes, to share the blessings with the sick and the housebound of the parish, to make donations to national and international charities . . .

St Joseph's parish reflects the growing global movement of peoples in our universal Church and one of the many blessings of going on pilgrimage together is that it gives people time to really get to know each other. Walking alongside, praying and eating together, pilgrims find there is time to learn more on a personal level about each other's cultural traditions and experience of Church. These informal discussions have borne fruit over the years in charitable and social initiatives, as well as respect for the various expressions of our shared faith.

Pilgrimages have a very positive impact on our parish life.

Let us help you. Watermead Pilgrimages is part of the Watermead Apostolate. Visit the website, phone or even come to visit a parish that will serve you a delicious cooked meal on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (phone ahead) but welcome you any time.

People of the parish can organise pilgrimages. Wherever you go you will be able to pray together, attend mass, share blessings. We have used good travel agents besides booking for ourselves. So might you?

John Daley IC
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Growing signs of God's kingdom

Paul Bodenham, newly-appointed Justice and Peace Fieldworker in the Diocese, introduces himself.

Jesus calls us all to 'bear fruit, fruit that will last'. It's an invitation that makes ordinary heroes of us all, for the sake of the kingdom of God. So what might it mean for you?

There is an answer to that question in every follower of Jesus, and in each of us in the diocese of Nottingham. And it's part of the job of the Justice and Peace Commission to help you fulfil what 'bearing fruit' means for you. As its new Justice and Peace Fieldworker, I'm delighted to have a share in that work.

The Gospel is not just words, or worship, but a way of life – in the home, at school, at work, in the life of our communities and our nation, and in the many hidden ways we become 'salt for the earth'. Welcoming the stranger and the marginalised, peace-making and an earth-friendly lifestyle are part-and-parcel of a mature and joyful faith: the promotion of justice and peace is a 'constitutive dimension of the proclamation of the gospel' as a synod of the world's bishops put it nearly 50 years ago.

My job as the Justice and Peace Commission's fieldworker is to help your parish, deanery or school live out that call, learning, reflecting and acting on issues of social justice, peace and the environment, in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching. I am here to help you foster practical discipleship and develop outreach, with ecumenical partners, local authorities and voluntary organisations.

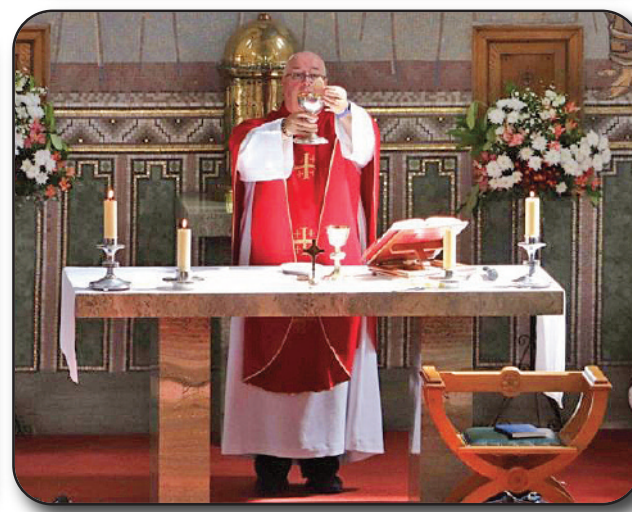
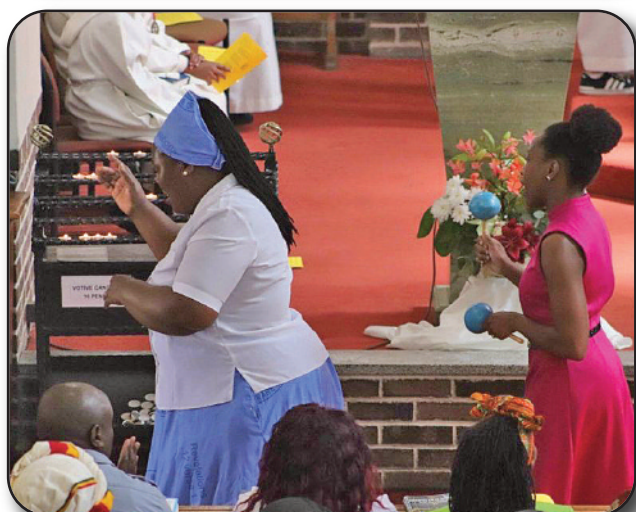
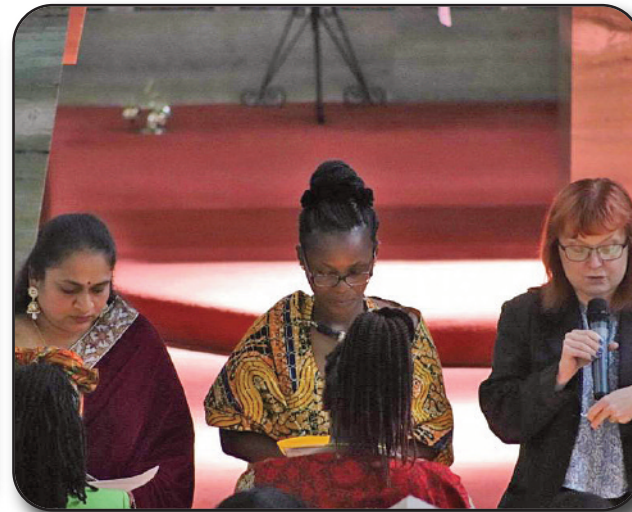
For over 20 years I have been a policy adviser for public sector organisations, mainly working across the East Midlands, much as the diocese does. I've also been active in faith-based initiatives, such as setting up a YMCA Foyer project to give vulnerable and homeless young people a start in life. I am currently chair of Green Christian, a charity which promotes dialogue between churches and the Green movement. On a Sunday you will see me in the choir at St Anne's parish, Radcliffe on Trent.

Having started at the end of June, I'm still getting to grips with the job, and meeting the 'ordinary heroes' of the diocese like you. You can help me find my feet! Get in touch and say hello if we can help you or your parish community in putting faith into action. The commission and I are soon to develop a workplan for the next three years: your insights and interests are just what we need for discerning our next steps.

It would also be great to meet you at the annual diocesan justice and peace Assembly. This year it's at St Hugh's in central Lincoln on Saturday 10 November 2018. It's an opportunity to grow in discipleship, learning from expert speakers and each other what it means to live our faith today. Put it in your diary now, and let me know if you'd like a personal invitation when we open for bookings!

I can be contacted at jpnottingham@nrcdt.org.uk, or you can call me on 07470 907656 during office hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. As the Justice and Peace Commission's first point of contact, I look forward to working with you, and seeing God's kingdom come close, here in the five counties of our diocese.

An International Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell



On the 24th of June, at the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, Fr. John Martin offered Mass for a congregation with various cultural backgrounds. The above are some of the pictures presented by the parish for more pictures see their website.



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Ordination of Reverend Jonathan Whitby-Smith



Bishop Patrick said in his homily (which can be found reproduced in full on the Nottingham Diocesan website), "Jonathan, you have chosen some wonderful scripture readings for us to listen to and reflect upon before we witness your generous giving of yourself, to the Lord and to his Church, for service as His priest. In particular, I was very much taken with the words that Jesus uses in St John's gospel to speak to his disciples then, and to his disciples in every age, of his love for them, of his love for us: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.' In his life on earth Jesus knew what it was to be the object of his Father's love and to abide in that love; and from his life he gives us all a wonderful example to follow, and especially one preparing to serve him as a priest. Why? Quite simply because, from the gospels, we can see that the life of Jesus was one of seeking and doing the Father's will in all things; it was a life lived in loving obedience to the Father. Jesus was, quite simply, not afraid of losing anything by giving his whole life to the service of his Father. Why? Because he knew that the Father loved him,

knew that the Father was with him, and was guiding him in his words and actions. Jesus' relationship with the Father is a good model for all of us, and especially for one preparing to give his life in service of God as a priest. And it is this love of the Father for him throughout his life that Jesus uses to express just how much he in turn loves his disciples, loves you and I". The Bishop invited Christians everywhere to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ. He asked Jonathan to speak often of God's love and of his mercy and he ended his homily saying "a priest is far from perfect, is far from being 'holier than thou', as well we all know; he is far from being the finished article; he too struggles, like everyone else, with sin, doubts, fears, frustrations and feelings of inadequacy; he knows that he is always a work in progress. The man who is a priest remains all too human, a vessel of clay, but, if within his heart he has truly encountered God's love and mercy, this, along with the prayers and encouragement of the people to whom he ministers, will sustain him; by being open to God's love and grace working in him".



FRANKLY SPEAKING

The month of August for many, but not all, is quite often a time for a summer holiday break. During the last 50 years the Mediterranean Sea and its adjacent beaches has developed into a very popular destination for a great number of people.

In recent years we have all surely been greatly disturbed by an unfolding and shocking human tragedy of all too frequent loss of life in this great waterway. At the time of writing this article about 1,000 people have died this year attempting to reach Europe from North Africa. The weekend of July 1st was particularly tragic with the Libyan coastguard having to cope with around 100 drownings including 3 children. Yes, the politics of Europe are involved with this loss of life and who takes responsibility? The developed world must show that we do not simply regard the Mediterranean as a holiday area. Those who pursue these dangerous dinghy vessels which are so overcrowded are not on any leisure journey.

The first school chaplain I knew always maintained that the world could feed all the hungry and those in genuine poverty if only we would stop spending money on weapons and wars. This priest had been ordained in 1913 and had witnessed the full horrors of the two world wars and lived long enough to see the ill-fated British in-

vasion of Suez in 1956 which also involved France and Israel. In today's very different world we hear calls for an increase in defence spending the lack of which some claim has been putting our armed forces at risk. One military retired leader wishes to see a reduction in our overseas aid budget to pay for this. Those who report the agreed wasting of money on overseas aid never get round to mentioning the many years when we did not reach the "target" of 0.7% but that sadly is politics.

I am always pleased to read good news particularly at holiday time when many of us need our batteries recharging. A recent visit to my parish from the Missionary Society of St Columban not only reminded us of the desire for peace and reconciliation between North and South Korea but that the Winter Olympics may have sparked a change in relations between the two countries. The Columban Missionaries have just celebrated their centenary and also tell us that in Korea an "increasing number of young men" are wishing to become priests. We are asked at this time to pray for all the people and missionaries in Korea.

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish
Newark

Confirmations at the Good Shepherd, Nottingham, 2018



In June Bishop Patrick presided over the Mass of Confirmation, at the parish church of the Good Shepherd in Arnold, A message to our Confirmation Candidates: Congratulations. Well the great event now begins, as our 45 young peoples seek to celebrate their Faith following Confirmation by Bishop Patrick. They are certainly not short of affirmation and encouragement when we see all of the work of our Catechists, Sacrists, Liturgists, External Grounds Folk, Church and Centre Cleansing Operatives and our Office Staff. Well done everybody on the extraordinary amount of time and energy you have all placed before us to encourage these young people to respond to the Holy Spirit and discover their charism to build up our parish community. Pray especially for the parents that they fulfil their obligation of bringing and encouraging their youth in sharing and understanding the importance of the Sacrament of Confession and their solemn obligation now to participate in the Holy Sacrifice Mass each Sabbath Day as well as developing a deep devotional and personal relational prayer life with the aid of the Holy Spirit. We will continue to help support you all as you find your home in our parish amongst friends and families. God Bless.

A PARISH BLESSING

Blessed Sacrament's Celebration of Father Jonathan's First Mass

In the Autumn of 2017 Blessed Sacrament Parish in Leicester welcomed Deacon Jonathan Whitby-Smith who was to complete his year of formation there, leading up to his Ordination on 30 June this year. This quiet and thoughtful young man would appear on Saturdays and disappear early on Monday mornings – back to his studies. It is probably fair to say that the Parish did not really get to know him, but they certainly looked forward to his coming and especially his homilies.

They found out that he has a great sense of humour, that he is very clever, and that he has a beautiful singing voice. He was always happy to spend time chatting after the weekend Masses and the idea of having a Deacon soon caught on. Then Ordination loomed and the Parish was delighted to discover that he would be celebrating his First Mass at Blessed Sacrament on 1 July.

The Parish was mobilised! This was to be quite an occasion and they wanted everything to be just perfect for the new Father Jonathan. The Parish Team checked and re-checked that all aspects had been covered. Activity reached fever pitch on the morning of Sunday, 1 July, as food – tons of it – began to arrive at the Parish Hall and visitors descended on the Parish from all corners of the country. On yet another very hot

morning the church gradually filled with happy and expectant parishioners and guests. And it was fantastic!

'Community' is the hallmark of Blessed Sacrament. With around forty nations represented, it has always focused on inclusion and always been attentive to the different cultures it embraces. For the Parish, the First Mass of Father Jonathan was a gift. As well as being an opportunity for most of those present to experience such a truly spiritual and emotional Mass, the celebration buffet lunch afterwards was the epitome of community, with food from every land. Father Jonathan was relaxed and happy as he moved among the people, everyone wanting to wish him well. He had been supported throughout his Ordination and at his First Mass by his family and friends and at the buffet lunch on Sunday alumni of the University of Nottingham Catholic Chaplaincy sang 'Ad multos annos! Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!'

To be able to celebrate this day with Jonathan was a blessing for the Parish. It was a day that could not be replicated by design because it was a gift day to the Parish. However, the experiences will be carried by the people and they will never forget the occasion or the joy in community that came from it. Vivat, indeed!



A Feast for a Feast Day

June 29th, our Parish of SS Peter & Paul Feast Day, was also the day when the ladies of the CWL have their famous "Strawberry Tea".

At our previous meeting on the 14th May arrangements were made and plans for the event noted.

At 12 noon on the 29th we arrived to start preparing the parish centre. Tables were set with pretty cloths and small vases of flowers. Members of the CWL then turned up bearing delicious food: cakes, savouries, salads and lots more.

Teapot at the ready and cups laid out we took a well-earned four minutes rest.

One of the smaller tables was set aside for an array of crafts, knitted items, hand-made cards and charming gift boxes, to name just a few.

Guests started to arrive and were greeted with a welcoming smile. The afternoon was a wonderful success with everyone enjoying the food, especially the strawberries and ice cream.

The afternoon drew to a close but not before the excitement of the raffle with some super prizes. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success.

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However... there are parts of the Diocese that don't have regular visits from our schools team as we don't have any volunteers in those areas. Areas where we really need to recruit are Lincolnshire, North Derbyshire and Leicestershire.

Would you, or do you know someone, who may be interested in joining our wonderful Schools Volunteer Team? We provide excellent training and ongoing support. Tricia and Ann completed their training last term and have been visiting schools, leading workshops on Share the Journey and presenting assemblies. As Ann told me, "I really enjoyed the excellent training from the CAFOD Schools team and visiting schools in our Diocese. It is a very rewarding way to spend a morning or afternoon. Come on give it a try!"



There is plenty of time to apply and attend our two training days next term. Both days are in York, as we provide training in the Region covering the Dioceses of Hexham & Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Leeds, Hallam and Nottingham. It really gives you an experience of being part of something bigger, of sharing skills and knowledge and ideas.

Every term we also provide a training day for current volunteers to introduce new resources for assemblies and workshops that we can offer our schools. Why not come along to the next one to find out exactly how we work?



By supporting our schools you will be helping to educate and inform students about the fight against global poverty and injustice and helping them put their faith into action.

Trust me, you will be inspired, motivated, overawed and impressed by the engagement of our students!

DATES for next term

North East Region Training Day for current volunteers
 Monday 10th September 2018
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Tricia, following her visit to St Charles in Measham received letters of thanks from some of the students thanking her for her workshop



Sharing the Journey in Nottinghamshire

On Sunday 1st July 2018, 15 parishioners from 4 parishes in Nottinghamshire added 69 miles to CAFOD's Share the Journey totaliser.

Ann and Roger Neale from St Joseph's in Shirebrook told us:

"We headed off on our walk from St Philip Neri in Mansfield with parishioners from St Philip's, St Patrick's, Forest Town and Our Lady of Help of Christians in Kirkby in Ashfield. It was lovely and cool in the church as we started our walk with prayers, reflecting on the journeys that refugees and migrants have to take. We knew it was going to be hot outside!



Half way and we arrived at St Patrick's, where we were given a very welcome drink and cake. When we finally returned to St Philip's all tired and hot, we really felt we had achieved something. Responding to Pope Francis' Share the Journey campaign we knew we were part of something bigger, joining with our global Catholic community to raise awareness of the issues facing refugees and migrants on their journeys. It was also very moving to be walking with the Lampedusa Cross. It was hot but that made it even more significant, as we remembered the plight of refugees as we walked, and to be able to bring this terrible situation to the attention of our political leaders and feel united with Pope Francis when he addresses world leaders at the UN Assembly in September.

We arrived at our destination tired and weary but happy that we made our short walk with CAFOD. Some took a different route to a different destination and it made us wonder how refugees feel when they walk and have no end in sight.



We managed to add 69 miles to add to the Share the Journey total. Carrying our bags and the Lampedusa Cross in solidarity with refugees and migrants. Thanks to the 13 people who joined us and all those who joined us in spirit!"

So many schools and parishes have taken part in the campaign and more walks are planned over the summer. The original target was to walk the 24 900 miles that circumnavigate the globe. We have nearly completed that..... twice! So help us make it three times?

Share the Journey PADLEY PILGRIMAGE WALK
 Saint Mary's Bridge to Padley Chapel
 contact Vince Cundy 07951 798374 or vincocundy@hotmail.com

Thursday 12 July 2018
 0800 - Mass at Bridgegate Convent
 0900 - Meet at St Mary's Bridge DE1 3AT Walk to Little Eaton (4.5 miles), Little Eaton to Belper (4.8 miles), Belper to Whatstandwell (6 miles).

Friday 13 July 2018
 1000 - Meet at road bridge behind The Family Tree, Whatstandwell DE4 5HG to walk to Dethick approx 3 miles
 1200 - Mass at St John the Baptist, Dethick, DE4 5GG. Walk to Matlock and then to Darley Bridge (approx 7 miles).

Saturday 14 July 2018
 1030 - Assemble at Square and Compass, Darley Bridge, DE4 2EQ. Walk to Rowsley and on through Chatsworth to Robin Hood (approx 8 miles).

Sunday 15 July 2018
 0930 - Depart Robin Hood DE45 1PG to walk along Curbar Edge and Froggatt Edge then through Haywood to Nether Padley (approx 6 miles).
 joined Padley Pilgrimage for Mass at Padley Chapel.

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Come and join us in September as we walk from The Briars to Chrich

Money raised in aid of Cancer Research

In June Fr Benedict Abuo, Priest in Charge at St Augustine Webster Church, Barton upon Humber, was approached by two altar servers Amelia and Roxanne who wanted to run a cake stall on Sunday after mass in aid of Cancer Research.



They both knew people who had been affected by cancer. Amelia stood up in front of the congregation a few weeks before the event and made an appeal for cakes to sell and for people to come along and buy them. On the day a fabulous sum of £162.64 was raised. The amount was sent off to Cancer Research and they received a certificate of thanks and this was presented to them at mass. Well done girls.

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Lincoln Deanery Eucharistic Procession

The Lincoln Deanery Eucharistic Procession, starting from St Peter and St Paul's Church, took place on Sunday 8 July. Following Adoration in the church ministers and members of the congregations of Our Lady of Lincoln and St Hugh's churches joined in processing around the church and into the grounds of St Peter and St Paul's School.

Deacons from Our Lady's and St Hugh's gave the Gospel readings relating Eucharistic Adoration to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus as silent worship and Adoration took place.



After Benediction back in the church we all enjoyed tea, copious cold drinks – it was blisteringly hot – and cakes in the church hall. Father Eddy shared his birthday cake with us which was delicious, supplemented by doughnuts and chocolate rolls. A wonderful celebration of the Eucharist!

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Lincoln

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I. The Adoremus Symposium (Friday the 7th of September)

10:00-10:30 Arrival and Coffee
10:30-11:00 Welcome & Opening Prayer: the Most Rev. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP and His Grace the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain.
11:00-11:45 Keynote 1: The Scriptural Context, by the Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower, Parish Priest, Corpus Christi, Oxford
12:00-12:45 Keynote 2: The Eucharist in the life of the Church, by the Rev. Canon David J Oakley, Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott
12:50-13:35 Keynote 3: Teaching the Eucharist, by Sr. Margaret Atkins CRSA, of the Augustinian Community at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria

In the afternoon delegates can attend 1 of the 3 presentations for each time slot
14:30-15:15 Presentation Set 1: preparing Children for the Sacraments of Initiation, preparing children for their First Holy Communion in a completely Christocentric way, maximising the opportunity of sacramental catechesis to help the children encounter Jesus and the Church, in full accordance with the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Dora Nash is the author of popular Sacramental Preparation Courses Confirmed in the Faith and Jesus Comes to Me); the ministry of the Eucharist in hospitals and prisons (the Rt. Rev. Bishop Paul Mason is an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark and the Rev. Fr. Paul Douthwaite is the Bishops' Conference National Chaplain for Prisons); Eucharistic Liturgical Rites outside of Mass (the Rev. Fr. Paul Gunter OSB, a monk of Douai Abbey, is secretary of the Department of Christian Life and Worship of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and parish priest of Our Lady and St Joseph, Alcester)

15:30-16:15 Presentation Set 2: the Eucharist as a sign of the Church's Unity: "One Bread, One Body" revisited (the Rev. Fr. Dominic Robinson SJ teaches Dogmatic and Pastoral Theology at Heythrop College and Allen Hall Seminary and is vice-chair of the Society for Ecumenical Studies and of Churches Together in Westminster and the Rev. Canon John O'Toole is National Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Bishops' Conference and Anglican, Methodist and Salvation Army ecumenical colleagues); "A kingdom of justice, love and peace": the Eucharist and Social Justice (Dr. Phil McCarthy is the Chief Executive of Caritas Social Action Network); "Teaching children to pray before the Eucharist" (Julie Rourke is a Primary Religious Education Advisor and Section 48 Inspector for the Christian Education Department at the Archdiocese of Liverpool);

16:30-17:15 Presentation Set 3: "John Henry Newman and Dominic Barberi: An historical moment in Eucharistic Adoration" (the Rev. Fr. Ian Ker is generally regarded as the leading authority on the life and writings of Bl. John Henry Newman, on

whom he has written the definitive biography as well as several other books); "Musical resources for Adoration" (Dr. Christopher McElroy is the Director of Music at Liverpool's iconic Metropolitan Cathedral); Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ministry and Practice (the Rev. Fr. Chris Thomas is a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Director of its Irenaeus Project and Sr. Moira Meeghan is a Sister of S. Mary of Namur who grew up in S. Helen's and followed a career in teaching, culminating in the headship of a joint Catholic and Church of England primary school in Liverpool)
17:30-17:45 Conclusion & Closing Prayer
18.15 Choral Vespers followed by Mass at 1900 is available at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for those wishing to attend.

II. The Adoremus Congress (Saturday the 8th of September)

8:15 Morning Prayer and Mass at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, for those wishing to attend
9:30 Arena opens
 10:30 Welcome & Opening Prayer: the Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Byrne, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Greeting by His Grace the Apostolic Nuncio and a

welcome from the Most Rev. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

11:00 Keynote 1: the Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles
13:30 Keynote 2: the Rt. Rev. Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles
14:30 Exploring the themes of the congress with Drama, Testimony and Presentations
16:00 Exposition and Benediction with Evening Prayer of Corpus Christi to include a reflection from His Eminence the Most Rev. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales
17:00 Finish

III. The Adoremus Pilgrimage (Sunday the 9th of September)

9:30 Solemn Mass; celebrant: the Most Rev. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
11:30 Solemn Mass; celebrant: His Eminence the Most Rev. Cardinal Vincent Nichols; preacher: the Most Rev. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
13:00 Outdoor Eucharistic Procession
14:45 Benediction
15:00 Finish

Saturday Seven Steps Scripture Sharing A small collective hearing aid for the Word

It has been running since January and has 5 members. Eventually there will be 12. They meet 26 times a year for 90 minutes on Saturday mornings from 9.30 - 11 am in the Upper Room adjacent to St Peter's Church Hall in West Holme Street, Leicester. In practice this means that all participants live in Leicestershire.

The inspiration for the Sharing comes from the Acts of the Apostle 2:42 where we read that the first disciples 'devoted themselves to The Teaching and Company of the Apostles'.

If we are right in suspecting that the Spirit is behind our work, and others feel the same way, eventually there could be twelve such groups in Leicestershire, playing a vital part in the renewal of our Catholic community.

The core activity of the meeting is an encounter with the Gospel reading of the upcoming Sunday according to a method known as the Severn Steps. It is a collective form of *Lectia Divina*.

The key to the educational methodology of the group is its stress on learning in *pairs*, which we have borrowed from the working of the orthodox Jewish Yeshivas. This gives every participant a main learning partner, but there are also arrangements in which we learn from a more

advanced student, or to give help to a beginner.

The Upper Room we meet in is very suitable for the purpose and is beginning to feel like home. A good library is being built up. We are networked with the Scripture Unit of the Catholic Bishops' Conference and their Secretary will visit us in September.

The annual programme includes a Mass, a Dinner, a Pilgrimage, an Outing and the visits of eminent Biblicists.

The sharing is particularly suitable for retired priests, deacons, readers, Eucharistic ministers and neophytes. Young people are very welcome. The ethos is very democratic.

Newcomers commit to seven meetings, after which we can decide whether to go further.

Our patron St Hugh of Lincoln could complete any verse in the bible if you gave him the first words! Our logo is a fig tree, in whose welcome shade the scriptures were traditionally studied.

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Catholic Truth Society 150th Anniversary Mass



Cardinal Vincent Nichols congratulates CTS at Westminster Cathedral for their pivotal role in communicating the Truth of the Catholic faith in Great Britain for 150 years.

To mark 150 years of publishing, the CTS were delighted to celebrate with archbishops, bishops, priests and the wider CTS family of donors, volunteers, CTS parish representatives and authors from around the world.

In his homily Cardinal Nichols congratulated CTS, as Publishers to the Holy See since 1964, for playing a pivotal role in communicating the teaching of the Magisterium. He also praised CTS founder Cardinal Vaughan, for two of his great gifts to the Church, the founding of CTS in 1868 and the building of Westminster Cathedral: "The two legacies of Cardinal Vaughan, the Cathedral and the Society, fit together well. The CTS motto 'God's Truth, beautifully told', hints at why. That Westminster Cathedral is beautiful is beyond question, but it's beauty is purposeful – it is there to lead us towards Jesus Christ, who is our Truth.

Those whose hearts are stirred by beauty may start to ask themselves questions about the source of that beauty and wish to inform themselves more deeply about it. The work of the CTS is there to provide a practical response to that desire."

CTS General Secretary Fergal Martin said, "1868 to 2018 we feel is something to celebrate. CTS would have little to offer without our donors, writers and parish reps and those who support us constantly with their prayers. It's a privilege to work for the Gospel and for the Truth – the truth which brings so much joy and hope to the lives of those to welcome it."

"As president of the CTS I am very proud of how the charity have faithfully worked to support the mission of Catholics to enrich society and give hope and joy to past, present and future generations. My congratulations to all at the CTS, their volunteers and supporters on their 150th Anniversary."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Faith in Families – The Catholic Children's Society Our History – Their Future – A Series for our 70th Anniversary A Developing Future

In 2008 as a consequence of the Equalities Act the Catholic Children's Society changed its name to Faith in Families and moved from Diocesan responsibility to become an independent charity. That change did not affect the adoption work of the charity and it continued to help the most difficult to place children to find loving homes. In the seventy years of its existence over 2000 children have been found nurturing families and the charity, through its adoption support work still works with many of the families and adopted children (now adults of course) today.



At the Diamond Jubilee Mass, which took place at the same time as Faith in Families came into existence, Bishop Malcolm in his homily said "The love of God reaches us in different ways; developing and broadening our services will bear fruit and bring joy to families and children." Throughout its history, the Catholic Children's Society and Faith in Families has adapted and evolved. The challenges they have faced have been the result of changes in the needs of children and of changes in views of society as a whole. However, the core values and ethos remains the same as when it first began and the welfare of children remains the priority.

The development of the charity's school social work service has been a key element in the continuing relationship with the Diocese. Through its work in nearly a quarter of our Catholic schools families and pupils are supported through difficult times and the schools gain great benefits from this work. It is hoped that with the change to four large Diocesan Multi Academy Trusts this work will grow and develop. It is this work that any donations from the Catholic community are ring-fenced to support so that they are fully in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

There is no doubt that without the financial support of the Catholic community throughout the seventy years of the charity's existence the Catholic Children's Soci-

ety in the past and now Faith in Families would not have served families and children as well as it has. In this the box-holders and collectors in the Diocese have been crucial. They need to be congratulated for their tireless support and dedication which continues to this day. They are unsung heroes.

Faith in Families has as its patron Jayne Torvill who herself adopted a child and a very active board of Trustees who continue to ensure the financial viability of the charity to enable it to continue its excellent work as recognised by three recent "outstanding" Ofsted inspections. The valuable history of the Catholic Children's Society is like a tree still growing and maturing through Faith in Families. There are more children than ever now in the care of the local authority as the pressures and temptations of the modern world pull families apart.

If you would like to find out more about our work or think about becoming an adopter please go to our website: www.faithinfamilies.org or ring on 01159558811 or email: enquiries@faithinfamilies.org

The work begun 70 years ago is even more vital today. Please find out who your box collector is or make a regular donation to our work or leave a bequest in your will to support our work: "Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." (Matthew 18:5)

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Don't ever give up

Author Julian Sedgwick told budding writers at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy 'don't ever give up' during an inspirational talk.

Mr Sedgwick spoke to Year 7 students before answering questions, signing books and running workshops.

He talked about his childhood and how he overcame an unhappy time at an all boys' boarding school and how reading was a form of escapism for him.



After being asked what tips he had for budding writers, he said: "Don't give up, make sure you write something to the end and always have a notebook with you so that you can write down everything you see; it's like being a professional spy and sometimes the bad stuff that happens to you can be the best thing that you write about."

Mr Sedgwick has a lifelong interest in the arts and culture of China and Japan which has influenced much of his work, as has his fascination with performance, street art and the circus.

The opening book in his new trilogy 'Ghosts of Shanghai' was published in 2015. The sequel 'Shadow of the Yangtze' followed in 2016 and the trilogy concludes with 'The Pale Revenant'.

Dr Tracey Burrell, Librarian and Learning Centre Manager at Saint Benedict CVA, said: "Julian was excellent at engaging an audience and building up tension through his storytelling and performance. It was interesting to hear about the challenges and obstacles that have to be overcome to be a successful writer, and I'm sure the students learnt that to realise your dream requires hard work and perseverance. Julian signed lots of copies of his book, which will be a permanent reminder of a special experience whilst also reinforcing the message about the importance of reading."

Student Azami Reid described the workshop as "different, spectacular and inspiring." Student Bernadette Melindo said: "It was fun and I learnt about the difficulties that face a writer."

National Recognition for Jessica



Jessica Moody, a Year 12 student at Our Lady's Convent School, is a name to watch for the future. She has recently added to her growing record of artistic accolades by scooping first place in a national art competition.

In 2015 Jessica drew one of the shortlisted designs for the new 12 sided pound coin and earlier this year her work 'Lucy' was submitted to the ISA Art Competition where she was awarded first place in the Key Stage 4 category and National Winner

of Key stage 4 Drawing.

The School has since heard that her piece 'Lucy' was awarded the national first prize for best piece of art in any category in the Independent Schools Association Annual Art Competition. An outstanding achievement.

Her winning piece was drawn using pencil crayons from a photograph of her dog 'Lucy' and illustrates a real understanding of her subject and chosen medium.



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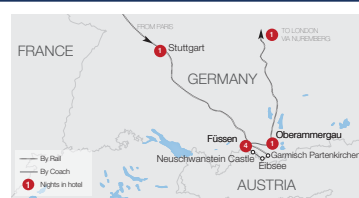
Day 3. The Zugspitze Railway. Today we enjoy an enthralling journey on the Zugspitze Railway (Standard Class) which makes the journey to the summit of Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany. Trawling through pine trees and foothills, the delightful carriages offer breathtaking views of the Zugspitze mountain range. The final leg sees us take a cable car to the very top, where we have free time.

Days 4-6. Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castles. Our excursion today takes us to the glorious Neuschwanstein Castle. This fantastic fortress is a stunning sight, and is famously the inspiration for Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty' castle. We also visit the delightful honey coloured castle of Hohenschwangau in the pretty village of the same name. Day 5 is at leisure to enjoy the charms of the quintessentially Bavarian Füssen.

Day 6. The Oberammergau Passion Play. This morning, we travel to Oberammergau where we check into our hotel. Today is the undisputed highlight of our tour - the Oberammergau Passion Play, and our top tier tickets grant us some of the best seats in the house. This extraordinary once-a-decade event

dates back to the 17th century, and is run by the residents of the villages with a cast and crew of over 2,000. The production covers the Passion of Jesus Christ and is famous for its scale, history and quality. An enormous amount of work goes into each production, which a myriad of fantastic props, costumes and backdrops. The play is split into two three-hour halves, with a two-hour break in which we enjoy a special dinner.

Days 7-8. Nuremberg. Leaving Oberammergau this morning, we travel by rail (Standard Class) to Munich, and continue to Nuremberg, where we overnight. On Day 8, we travel in First Class to Frankfurt before connecting with the Eurostar back to London via Paris.



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Headteacher serenades students throughout the school day

The Headteacher at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy The Headteacher at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy serenaded students throughout the school day to raise money for charity.

Joan McCarthy took requests and sang tunes ranging from pop to rock as students filed into lessons, during the morning's Act of Worship, and at break and lunchtime.

She decided to run the Singathon on a non-uniform day held to raise money for Mellon Educate, a charity that helps to build schools and improve education for African children.

Mrs McCarthy is aiming to raise £2,000 ahead of a trip to South Africa with Mellon Educate during the summer to work in schools, when she will be supporting teachers and finding out more about the country's education system.

She said: "I thought that the Singathon would be a bit of fun for the students, especially with all the bad news there has been recently. I also thought I could raise money and awareness of Mellon Educate at the same time. I sang during our Act of Worship and I encouraged students into lessons by singing to them, I'm not sure how much they enjoyed it but they certainly moved a bit quicker than usual."

Mrs McCarthy flies out to South Africa on July 29th for two weeks and will be based in a secondary school called Silverlands.

She said: "Mellon Educate started out by building homes in townships in Africa and has moved into building schools and they need teachers to go out and help with the running of the schools.

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Joan McCarthy took requests and sang tunes ranging from pop to rock as students filed into lessons, during the morning's Act of Worship, and at break and lunchtime.

She decided to run the Singathon on a non-uniform day held to raise money for Mellon Educate, a charity that helps to build schools and improve education for African children.

Mrs McCarthy is aiming to raise £2,000 ahead of a trip to South Africa with Mellon Educate during the summer to work in schools, when she will be supporting teachers and finding out more about the country's education system.

She said: "I thought that the Singathon would be a bit of fun for the students, especially with all the bad news there has been recently. I also thought I could raise money and awareness of Mellon Educate at the same time. I sang during our Act of Worship and I encouraged students into lessons by singing to them, I'm not sure how much they enjoyed it but they certainly moved a bit quicker than usual."

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