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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023-24: Envelopes for the next financial year beginning 2nd April 2023 have been given out. If you would like some please speak to Fr. Chris. Anyone who would like to give through Standing Order or is new to the parish please pick up a form in the Narthex .

Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP**

Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47** Account: **00068953**

Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a gift Aid Form(if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parish-priest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH: We are managing to take collections in Church once again. Thank you to those who have begun to do it. We had a few volunteers for collections, sadly the list I had put out disappeared during the time of the Bazaar. My fault. Apologies! Could I ask people to sign up again. There is a list in the Cloister for you to sign up with name Mass and contact details. Many thanks.

Sister Catherine has fallen and broken her shoulder. She will be at Matlock for a few weeks recuperating. Please remember her in your prayers.

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26th March 2023
Fifth Week of Lent
Psalter Week

Times of Services

Sunday: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat. 6.00pm: O'Malley & Steele families

9.00am Mass: Gurman Sari Agatha)

11.00am Mass: People of the Parish

4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: Lenten Feria

9.00am: Mass: November Dead List

12.30pm: Funeral Service for Patricia D'Almeida at Great Glen

6.30pm: Confessions

Tuesday: Lenten Feria

9.00am Mass: Piotr Kulik RIP

Wednesday: Lenten Feria

6.30pm: Confessions

7.00pm Mass: Francis Wilson Good health

Thursday: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper - Betty Ruane RIP (McGlone)

Followed by watching until 11pm

Friday: GOOD FRIDAY

3.00pm: Liturgy of the Passion

7.00pm: Stations of the cross

7.30pm: Confessions

Saturday: HOLY SATURDAY

11.00am: Confessions

12.00noon: Blessing of Easter Food

8.00pm: Easter Vigil Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

Sunday: EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP



*Blessings on him
who comes in the
name of the Lord.*



PLEASE NOTE: Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.

This weekend we begin Holy Week or the Great week as it is often called. Simply put with Jesus we enter Jerusalem. We seek to take part in the events of our Salvation through our Liturgies in Church and our devotions at home such as a family Stations of the Cross and the rosary. If we are watching television perhaps we could view more religious films on TV or YouTube.. We also try to live the Spirit of the Triduum. These are the three days of Maundy Thursday Good Friday and easter Sunday.

We can also give witness this week by placing some branches in our windows or on our door and a cross or crucifix in our window in Holy week and then may be flowers or white cloth on Easter Sunday or the children could do some drawings!

One of the things I remember from being a child was the sombre solemnity of Good Friday, then the sense of silence and waiting on Holy Saturday looking forward to the joy of the resurrection. We sit by the tomb waiting with Mary, Mother of the Lord. For our family, it was a day of preparation and quiet with no television or radio! Then the great joy of Easter broke forth with the village bells ringing again, the Liturgy and Easter egg hunts in the Garden!

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY: Through the funds traditionally collected on Good Friday, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is able to carry out the important mission to which it is called: preserving the Sacred Places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence, the living stones, through its many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social facilities. The territories which benefit from the Collection are Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey, Iran and Iraq. As a rule, the Custody of the Holy Land receives 65% of the Collection, while the remaining 35% goes to the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, which is used for the formation of candidates to priesthood, the support of clergy, educational activities, cultural formation and for subsidies to the several ecclesiastical Circumscriptions in the Middle East. I have a 23 page report! Cf [Appeal for the Collection for Christians in the Holy Land \(vatican.va\)](#)

All are welcome to Saint Barnabas Cathedral (Derby Road, Nottingham NG15AE) for **Stations of the Cross for Families and Young People** at 10.30am. Reflections will be provided by students from local schools, and music from the Cathedral Boys' Choir and Girls' Choir. Live Streamed at <https://www.stbarnabascathedral.org.uk/>

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK: Would any reader who would like to assist at any of the Holy Week services, (see announcement of days and times on this page), please either email Margaret or sign the list on the noticeboard in the cloister."

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FUNERALS: The funeral of Patricia D'Almeida will take place at Great Glen crematorium on Monday T 12.30PM. May. She was a parishioner at Oadby but had been in The Knoll Care home Kibworth for the last 10 years. May she rest in peace.

TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday times as normal. However the 11.00am will have the procession with Palms starting outside hopefully!

Monday Confessions: 6.30pm

Wednesday: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 11.30am

Confessions 6.30pm Mass 7.00pm

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm followed by confessions

Holy Saturday: 11.00am Confessions

12 noon Blessing of easter Food

Easter vigil: 8.00pm – First Mass of easter: Mother of all Masses

Easter Sunday: 9.00 & 11.00am

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	15/16 April	J. Rowland	M. Lewin	M. Lane
	22/23 April	J. Snaith	C. Reed	S. McGlone

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Loose	£279.01
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Total	£1532.55

VICTORY PRIZE DRAW - APRIL 2023

WINNERS:

1st Prize £60 J Brown ticket number 97;
 2nd Prize £25 S Wilson ticket number 244;
 3rd Prize £15 J Loakes ticket number 62



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9th April 2023
 1st Week of Easter
 Psalter Week 1

Times of Services

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Sat. 8.00pm: Easter Vigil: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)
 9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
 11.00am Mass: Bogush Nowakowski RIP
 4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: Easter Week

10.00am: Mass: Father John Fowler RIP

Tuesday: Easter Week

9.00am Mass: Paolo & Giovanna Di Cicco

Wednesday: Easter Week

10.00pm Mass: Billy Rochford RIP (Vickie)

Thursday: Easter Week

10.00pm Mass: Francis Wilson Good health
 7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Easter Week

7.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Saturday: Easter Week

6.00pm Mass: Helena Nowakowska RIP (Family)

Sunday: 2nd of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
 11.00am Mass: Jozef & Stefania Fialkowski RIP



He must rise from the dead..

CONFESSIONS
 11am & 5.15pm
 Saturday

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10.00pm Mass: November Dead List

Thursday:
10.00pm Mass: Betty Ruane RIP (EM's)
7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday:
7.00pm Mass: Mass for Vocations

Saturday:
6.00pm Herbert & Gertrude O'Brien (Phillips)

Sunday:
9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Stefania & Jozef Fialkowski

*16th April 2023
2nd Week of Easter
Psalter Week 2
Divine Mercy*



Eight days later,
Jesus came.

.FR CHRIS WRITES:

On this great feast may I take this opportunity of wishing you all the Joy of the risen Christ. And may I thank all who have helped us celebrate the Easter Triduum & all who keep the Parish running—, the musicians and singers, the altar servers, readers, those who have prepared our wonderful flowers, those who have cleaned the Church our sacristans, our catechists, our welcomers, , EM's and admin support and all who have helped in any way. May I thank all who help run our Parish & school in all the varied ministries and activities. "Love lives again, Alleluia. May God Bless you all and you loved ones in these coming Days of Easter Joy.
Fr. Chris

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REVISION OF EMBRYO RESEARCH AND IVF LEGISLATION: The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) has begun a consultation into a potential revision of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990. This ends at 5pm on Friday 14th April, and involves recommendations that are extreme and in many cases highly unethical. The consultation proposals suggest an act of directive advocacy which goes far beyond the remit of an organisation which is meant to serve the Government as a regulatory body. Further details, included suggested responses to the consultation see Anscombe Bioethics centre: <https://www.bioethics.org.uk/>. The Proposals potentially include experimentation on unborn children outside the womb up to viability, or on human-primate hybrids up to viability, without full parliamentary scrutiny, and without even the informed consent of the biological parents.

DEFENCING THE FORT. The reaction of the Marian Bishops to the Elizabethan Religious Settlement 1558-1580. An illustrated talk by Michael Stokes takes place on Thursday 20th April in Cathedral Hall at 7pm. The title comes from the words of Saint John Fisher while detained in the Tower of London in 1534/5: *The Fort is betrayed even by those who should have defended it. And therefore, seeing the matter is thus begun, and so faintly resisted on our parts, I fear that we be not the men that shall see the end of the misery.* Tickets £10 (students £5), or book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk). Refreshments included, and proceeds to the Friends of the Cathedral: See <https://www.nottinghamcathedral.co.uk/what-s-on/>
Inaugurated in 2021 by the Cathedral Chapter and with Bishop Patrick as its President, 'The Friends of Nottingham Cathedral' aims to support the work and mission of the Cathedral through prayer, encouragement of social and cultural opportunities, and financially in order to maintain its position as a magnificent spiritual and culture gem at the heart of the city and Diocese. Our Mother Church needs your support. To find out more about the Friends please see the St barnabas Cathedral website under Community. [Friends of Nottingham Cathedral: Nottingham Cathedral \(stbarnabascathedral.org.uk\)](http://Friends of Nottingham Cathedral: Nottingham Cathedral (stbarnabascathedral.org.uk))

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23rd April 2023
3rd Week of Easter
Psalter Week 3

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4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: St George, Patron of England

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Tuesday: St Mark

9.00am Mass: Tommy Taylor Health (Downey)

Wednesday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: Ian MacLeod RIP (O'Malley)

Thursday: Feria

9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: Phil Danks RIP (Mary)
7.00pm: Holy Hour for the unborn.

Friday: St Peter Chanel

7.00pm Mass: Malcolm Thomas RIP (Williams)

Saturday: St Catherine of Siena

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

Sunday: 4th of Easter

9.00am Mass: Betty Ruane (Phil & family)
11.00am Mass: Philip Monk RIP anniv



*They recognised
him at the breaking
of the bread.*

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FR CHRIS WRITES: I would like to say thank you for all your easter cards and gifts over this time And also thank you to all who helped in our easter Liturgies to celebrate the highpoint of our Year as Christians.
There are **New Year Books** available for £5 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

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AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: The green envelopes for ADC are now available for collection on the table in the cloister. Our very sincere thanks to everyone for continuing to help our charities through our envelope scheme. Our appreciation is also extended to all who are donating their unwanted goods and gifts for us to sell through eBay. This invaluable support brought in over£4000 during the past year and together with the envelope donations enabled us to make payments to Father Ed, Father John, Water for Kids, The Philippines Schools Project and Aid for Chad. Some donated clothes, books and household goods were crated up and sent out to the Philippines for distribution to the school children and our money was used to help build a classroom extension. Further boreholes have provided water for two more communities in Chad. Thank you so very much for making this work possible through your generosity. If anyone would like to join the monthly envelope scheme please have a word with Father Chris, Margaret Atkinson or Chris Shepherd.

RED BOXES: It is time yet again for the Missio boxes to be brought in for emptying. As usual could you please leave your box on the table in the cloister and collect it the following week (or two). Nearly £900 was raised for the missions from our boxes last year. Thank you very much indeed for taking part in supporting the poor in our world.

Applications are now open for the **Gap Year Programme with NDCYS**. Applicants should be aged 18-25 with a willingness to share the Catholic faith with young people. Applicants should be able to commit a full academic year (August-July), and no previous experience necessary as full training and support will be provided. In exchange successful candidates can experience the beauty of the Derbyshire countryside; live, work and grow with other young people, making memories that will last a lifetime; gain confidence, skills and experience which will enhance a CV and help individuals stand out from the crowd; become a volunteer worker, receiving a bursary worth over £3,000, plus meals and accommodation included. Applications can be made via https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UAY4YkeM3dO_WQEbWUZHGEp8QpDuxdR/view or by emailing beth@ndcys.com for more information. A recruitment video is available at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UAY4YkeM3dO_WQEbWUZHGEp8QpDuxdR/view

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The Catholic Medical Association is holding its national symposium **Ethical Questions on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare** at the parish hall of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) on Saturday 22nd April from 10am (welcome drink), 11am (talks start), until 5.30pm, with lunch and teas / coffees included. All doctors / nurses and other healthcare workers (including students and retired) are warmly invited, others with a particular interest are also welcome. The event will also be available via livestream. Booking online is required. For more info see <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/event/ethical-questions-on-ai-in-healthcare>

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The Bishop has made the following **APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIOCESE:** *From 29th March 2023:* • Father Robert Thacker, as Parish Priest of the parish of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Gainsborough; continuing as Parish Priest of the parish of Holy Rood, Market Rasen with Saint Thomas More, Caistor, Saint Francis de Sales, Hainton and Our Lady and Saint Joseph, Osgodby. • Father Limnyuy Gamsi, as Parochial Administrator of the parish of Saint Mary and Saint Augustine Webster, North Lincolnshire. • Father Joseph Mugara, as Assistant Priest of the parishes of Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Mere Road; and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rushey Mead. • Father Matthias Ejukwe, as Assistant Priest of the parishes of Holy Trinity, Newark; Saint Joseph, New Ollerton; and Our Lady of Victories, Southwell with Saint Anthony, Calverton. *From 1st June 2023:* • Father Kevin Athaide, as Parish Priest of the parishes of Saint Mary Louth; and Saint Joseph, Mablethorpe. • Father Jonathan Whitby-Smith, as Parish Priest of the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickleover; and Saint Joseph, Burton Road, Derby.

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CATHOLIC LISTENERS is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is also based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm - 7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Our **FIRST COMMUNION SESSIONS** begin again after the Easter Holidays. They take place in between the Masses with the children joining their parents and the congregation after the Liturgy of the Word. Please pray for them and Their Catechists.



PUBLIC PRAYING OF THE ROSARY at Our Lady's Statue outside in front of the church. 4.30 -5pm every Sunday. As Catholics we pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. For more details contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115.

Readers		Sat. 6.00pm	Sunday, 9.00am	11.00am
	29/30 April	M. Atkins	D. Chappell	M. Douglas
	6/7 May	C. Baldam	M. Crook	R. van der Liet

FINANCE	23/04/23
Envelopes	£190.09
Loose	£242.47
Standing Order	£761.38
Total	£1193.94

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30th April 2023
4th Week of Easter
Psalter Week 4

Times of Services

Sunday: 4th of Easter

6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish
9.00am Mass: Betty Ruane (Phil & family)
11.00am Mass: Philip Monk RIP anniv
4.30pm: Rosary

Monday: St Joseph the Worker

10.00am: Mass: November Dead List

Tuesday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Gregory O'Connor RIP

Wednesday: Ata Philip & James

9.45am: Morning Prayer
10.00pm Mass: Betty Ruane (AW)

Thursday: The English Martyrs

9.45am: Rosary
10.00pm Mass: O'Malley family Ints -Coffee after Mass
7.00pm: Holy Hour

Friday: Feria

7.00pm Mass: Mass for his Majesty the King

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm Mass: Cash family

Sunday: 5th of Easter

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish
11.00am Mass: Jim Cooper RIP (family)

2nd Collection this weekend for the Clergy Formation fund

PLEASE NOTE: Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection.



I am the gate of the sheepfold.

CONFESSIONS
11am & 5.15pm
Saturday

FR CHRIS WRITES: This weekend is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday in which we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There is also a 2nd collection for the Clergy formation Fund.

As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind, single people. There is nobody who is not being called. What is God calling you for? That is a question we can ask our young people whether as Parents on grandparents. It is a fundamental question of existence. We often ask what do I want to do? But the much better question is what does God want? Surely this must be the right question for our Happiness. We pray that young people may have the courage to respond to our Lord's call especially to the Priesthood and religious life,

Next Saturday the whole country will be celebrating the **CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III**. The Bishops of England and Wales have asked us for three days of prayer from Wednesday to Friday culminating with a Mass on the Friday before for his intentions and for our Country, So we will celebrate a special Mass at 7.00pm on Friday. There are special prayer cards as you enter Church. *May God bless His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come*

MONTH OF MAY This is the special month of Mary. I encourage you all to pray the rosary especially that families pray together. In Church we have A public Rosary outside on a Sunday at 4.30pm and on a Thursday before Mass. We pray especially for Peace and the family and that all sinners may turn to the merciful heart of Jesus.

St Joseph's After School Club: We are currently recruiting for someone to work at the after school club between 3pm - 4:30pm Monday to Thursday. It will be subject to DBS clearance and reference checks and is £10.50ph, Leicestershire Term Time. You can email the manager, Jess, at stjoesasc@gmail.com. Our latest OFSTED report is now available to view online and we passed with flying colours, with outstanding qualities! The report can be found at: [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840](https://efaidnbmnnnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50207840) I would like to add my congratulations to the team. There is always an outstanding atmosphere in the Club.

9th May: National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse: The Isaiah Journey group (who prepare resources for the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) is promoting a week of guided prayer online 11th – 17th May for all who have been affected by clerical abuse in the Catholic Church. join us in this safe space one to one confidential sessions of guided prayer with your fully trained personal prayer guide between. See poster and leaflets info: journeytogetherij@gmail.com

RED BOXES: It is time yet again for the Missio boxes to be brought in for emptying. As usual could you please leave your box on the table in the cloister and collect it the following week or two). Nearly £900 was raised for the missions from our boxes last year. Thank you very much indeed for taking part in supporting the poor in our world.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PATRICK REGARDING SUDAN: As the situation worsens, the Church in Sudan asks for our prayers. I invite you to join me in praying for the horrendous situation in Sudan, and especially for all God's children who are affected most deeply by it. *Lord, that there might be, in the short term, a ceasefire and in the long term, a complete end to this divisive fighting which is tearing the country and children apart. Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

On 21st April Kinga von Schierstaedt, Project Co-ordinator for ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) in Africa and Head of Projects in Sudan, gave an interview detailing the dangers and uncertainties facing our brothers and sisters in Sudan. Let it inform and guide our heartfelt prayers. It is available to view on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottigham.uk/news/sudan

There are **New Year Books** available for £5 with a few articles and of course obituaries from last year.

AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: The green envelopes for ADC are now available for collection on the table in the cloister. Our very sincere thanks to everyone for continuing to help our charities through our envelope scheme. Our appreciation is also extended to all who are donating their unwanted goods and gifts for us to sell through eBay. This invaluable support brought in over £4000 during the past year and together with the envelope donations enabled us to make payments to Father Ed, Father John, Water for Kids, The Philippines Schools Project and Aid for Chad. Some donated clothes, books and household goods were crated up and sent out to the Philippines for distribution to the school children and our money was used to help build a classroom extension. Further boreholes have provided water for two more communities in Chad. Thank you so very much for making this work possible through your generosity. If anyone would like to join the monthly envelope scheme please have a word with Father Chris, Margaret Atkinson or Chris Shepherd.

Applications are now open for the **Gap Year Programme with NDCYS**. Applicants should be aged 18-25 with a willingness to share the Catholic faith with young people. Applicants should be able to commit a full academic year (August-July), and no previous experience necessary as full training and support will be provided. In exchange successful candidates can experience the beauty of the Derbyshire countryside; live, work and grow with other young people, making memories that will last a lifetime; gain confidence, skills and experience which will enhance a CV and help individuals stand out from the crowd; become a volunteer worker, receiving a bursary worth over £3,000, plus meals and accommodation included. **NDCYS Gap Year** the Diocesan Youth Service is holding an Open Evening at The Briars (DE4 5BW) on **Friday 5th May** for anyone interested in being part of the Gap Year Team in 2023/24. Starting at 6.00pm the evening will show what it's like to be part of the Briars Team, with questions answered and pizza available. More information is available at www.ndcys.com