

The core focus of Partners Together

Partners Together is a network for spouses/partners of licensed clergy in the Diocese of Sheffield that aims to provide opportunities for fellowship, friendship, shared understanding and mutual support among the clergy spouses/partners in the Diocese.

We now work more locally to organise varied events across the diocese bringing friendship and fun to those of us who are part of clergy households, knowing that some really welcome the chance to meet up with others facing the same kinds of practical challenges and concerns. It is what we make of it so use your voice to tell us what might help you! (The Spring update will include one or two items for those who enjoy quieter more contemplative activities, with some optional elements of prayer and worship.)

If at any stage you feel that you or a member of your family would benefit from counselling support, please know that as a diocese we are now in a new scheme to offer confidential support to clergy and their family. Access is via the CMCS Area Coordinator Frances Bloomfield – frances.cmincs@gmail.com or mobile number, 07867009183. Frances locates an available counsellor and then gives the counsellor's details to the client. This means that only Frances and the counsellor know the client's identity, and it remains that way through the whole process.

Keep in touch



Please do share your **email** address with Richard in the office at Bishopscoft, admin@bishopofsheffield.org.uk Normally, mailings for Partners Together are sent out from Bishopscoft to protect personal data, so if you would like them to reach you directly, and not via your clergy other-half, please contact Richard.

Partners Together have a page on the diocese **website**:
www.sheffield.anglican.org/partnerstogether

We also have a **WhatsApp** group, which is very useful when trying to co-ordinate lifts or make any ad hoc arrangements. The co-ordinator is Cathy Rhodes, so please contact her if you would like to be included ... 07754068390. And there's a closed **Facebook** group which is co-ordinated by Jo Chamberlain and Rachel Edmonds. Please email either of us at jo.chamberlain@virgin.net or rpaedmonds@gmail.com if you'd like to be included (Rachel is the current chair of Partners Together – reach her on 07846 439412 too).

Reaching retirement? Information about the excellent **Retired Network** and the work of Canon Peter Wright and his team of visitors is available on request. Information sessions run occasionally.

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What's on

October - Autumn Walk

Saturday 19th October we have a walk to Forge Dam Café: Meet at Ranmoor Vicarage (389A Fulwood Rd, S10 3GA) 11:00am for coffee and cake, then enjoy an autumn walk through the woods to Forge Dam Café for lunch. Clergy partners, children of all ages and dogs welcome! The walk goes along the Whitely Woods Trail by Porter Brook and should take 30-40 minutes.

(<https://www.forgedamcafe.co.uk/>)

Contact: Cathy Rhodes

(catmat30@hotmail.com or 07754 068390) if you would like to come.

November - Curry Night

Thursday 7th November – Join Kinder Kalsi for a legendary vegetarian curry night at 7pm (33 Wisewood Lane, Hillsborough, S6 4WA). RSVP via email or text, by 31st October, so that Kinder can plan his curry batches. Clergy partners are welcome too!

(kinderatwork@hotmail.co.uk or 07787578720)

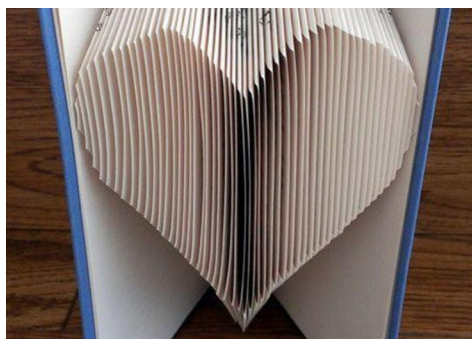


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December - Craft Evening

Thursday 5th December 7.30-9pm at Jo Chamberlain's home, 34 Wilson Road, S11 8RN. Bring an old hardback book that you don't want to read again to a hands-on book folding decorative craft session. RSVP by email or text, by 28th November, so Jo can have enough mince pies ready! (jo.chamberlain@virgin.net or 07944764474)



Into 2020

January - Pub Gathering

Wednesday 15th January, 7pm we'll meet at the Rockingham Arms, 8 Main Street, Wentworth S62 7TL. (rsvp to Rachel Edmonds by 8th Jan with an idea about food choices, menu incl. 2 Pub Classics for £11.49! see website below) <https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/south-yorkshire/rockingham-arms/>

March - AGM

Tuesday 10th March 7pm at Sheffield Cathedral cafe. 'Boundaries, Expectations and Identity – looking at how the Clergy Care and Wellbeing Act of Synod should affect Us' Join us at 5:45pm for Evensong and a drink beforehand if you are able.