

On Wednesday, we will be visiting St Mary's Church to meet Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton, who is travelling around the local churches on his bike.

**LET'S FIND OUT A BIT MORE ABOUT HIM
BEFORE WE GO...**

WHO ARE BISHOPS?



A bishop is a priest or minister who holds a high position in a large church organisation. A bishop is of a higher rank than the priest or minister of a local church.

The congregation of the village church was excited about the visit from the bishop.

The responsibilities of a Bishop:

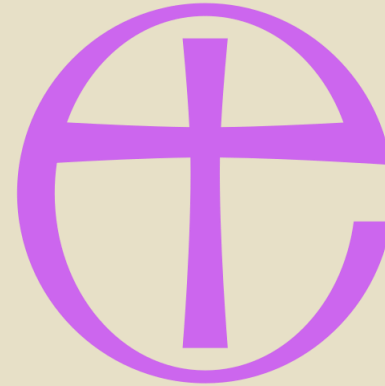
A bishop's responsibilities in the Christian Church typically include leading, teaching, and overseeing ministry within a diocese (*a district under the pastoral care of a bishop in the Christian Church*).

They are responsible for proclaiming the Gospel, guarding the faith, and administering the sacraments. A sacrament is a religious ceremony or ritual, particularly in Christianity, that is believed to bring God's grace or love to the recipient

Additionally, they have the authority to ordain priests, license ministers, and confirm new Christians.



Canterbury Cathedral is considered to be the historic centre of the Church of England and is the seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the most senior figure in the church.

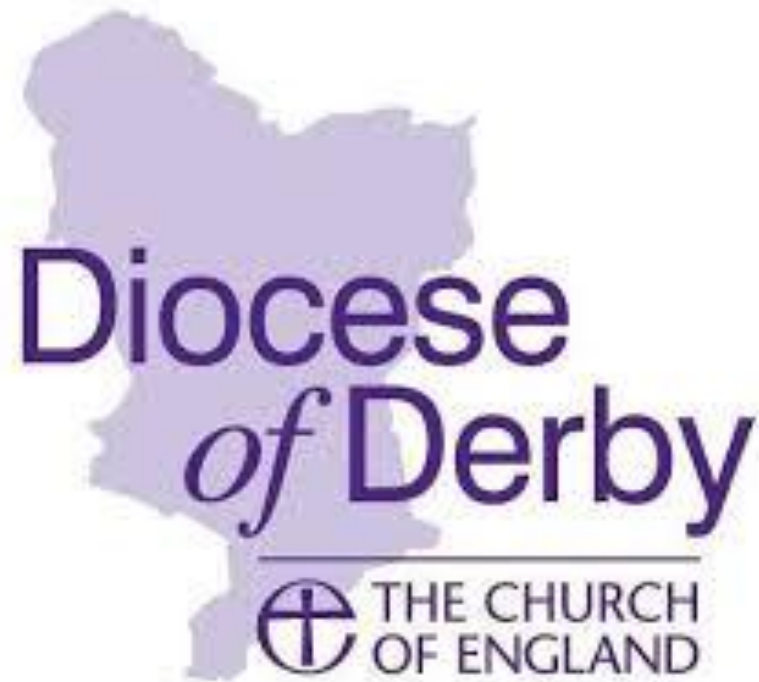


THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



THE BISHOP OF
REPTON

MALCOLM
MACNAUGHTON



William Malcolm Macnaughton (born 1957) is a British Anglican bishop.

Since 2021, he has been Bishop of Repton, the suffragan bishop of the Church of England's Diocese of Derby.



Bishop Malcolm was ordained in the Church of England as a deacon in 1981 and as a priest in 1982.

After this, he served, and held different roles in the Dioceses of Durham, London and Oxford.

From 2007 until his appointment as a bishop, he served as Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of York. He was made a **canon** (an official, often a priest, who is a member of the Chapter of a cathedral or collegiate church) and **prebendary** of York Minster in 2016.



In October 2020, it was announced that Malcolm Macnaughton would be the next bishop of Repton. He was scheduled to legally take the see of Repton and be consecrated a bishop by the archbishop of canterbury, Justin Welby, on 28 January 2021; however, this was postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

He was instead consecrated a bishop on 14 April 2021, by Sarah Mullally, bishop of London, during a service at Lambeth palace.

Bishop Malcolm has different responsibilities and he does a lot of work for charities and communities.

Community

Bishop of Repton is using pedal power for 70k in May challenge

Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton is going the extra mile for vulnerable communities around the world during Christian Aid Week 2024.

The Rt Revd Malcolm, Bishop of Repton, is taking part in '70k in May' – a challenge to cover 70 kilometres in whatever way you like, in solidarity with millions of people who have to walk long distances for clean water or to sell their produce.

“I’m doing 70k in May not only to get more exercise, (though that in itself is going to help me) but mainly to encourage folks to give to Christian Aid’s work. With family and friends in Burundi, I want to help Christian Aid empower local communities facing extreme poverty and the impact of climate change.

“I plan to walk, cycle, and on a good day run a bit every day, to encourage people to join with me in supporting this work.”

Money raised during Christian Aid Week will help the organisation’s partners empower vulnerable communities to find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty.

New Bishop of Repton aims to work with young people and deprived areas



A key focus for Bishop Malcolm's ministry will be to support those engaged in church revitalisation, especially through establishing new churches, particularly in areas of deprivation.

He will also be leading work across the diocese with young people, schools and with the Derby Diocesan Board of Education.

Malcolm Macnaughton will be installed as Bishop of Repton at Derby Cathedral.

A special service at Derby Cathedral will be held to honour the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Derby City Council said the commemoration - which was organised by the council, the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Derby Cathedral, the Royal British Legion, the University of Derby, and Derby Cathedral - will take place at 17:30 BST on Thursday.

The cathedral's bells will ring out as part of the event, the authority said, adding the service "will honour and remember the immense sacrifices made by so many" during the World War Two.

Malcolm Macnaughton, the Bishop of Repton, said it was important to mark the occasion and remember "the value of the people".



'Struggle goes on'

Bishop of Repton Malcolm Macnaughton, who was at the service, said:

"Suddenly there was this great relief that years of conflict had come to an end, years of uncertainty of fear and anxiety.

"The struggle would go on for so many still suffering with PTSD after their experiences.

"It makes us think of the needs of service people and their families today who in different circumstances are facing some of the challenges that former generations did.

Derbyshire bishop remembers meeting 'great leader' Pope Francis as tributes pour in

The Vatican announced the pontiff's death aged 88 on Easter Monday

A number of public figures around [Derbyshire](#) were quick to remember Pope Francis, who assumed his papacy in 2013, including Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton, the Suffragan Bishop of Repton in the Diocese of Derby. Bishop Macnaughton expressed his sadness following the news, detailing his own experience of meeting the pontiff following his inauguration in 2013.

He said: "The death of Pope Francis the day after worshipping with the crowds at St Peter's on Easter Day is both sadness for Christians the world over, and loss to all who seek the cause of truth, peace, and justice. The strength of his witness to the risen Christ, and his love for all people, has inspired generations of believers, and will continue to do so.

"The day after the inauguration in 2013 after a formal 'audience' we queued up to greet the Pope one by one. I remember imagining he was like a baker, who knows his customers so well that he knew exactly where to turn to find just the right loaf for each one. Though there were so many of us for him to greet, I shall never forget my brief moment – he looked at me, took my hand, and asked me to pray for him.

What questions do you have for Bishop Malcolm?



We will write some of these down to take with us to the Church on Wednesday.

Reflection

As it is the first day of our final term of this school year, I would like us to take a moment to reflect on everything that we have learned and shared together so far this year.

Our school value this term is 'aspiration': what do you aspire to achieve before the end of the school year? How will you achieve these goals?



Prayer

Dear God,

At the beginning of the new school term, we pray that you will help us to make the best of this new start and go forward with confidence and enthusiasm.

Fill our school with

warm welcomes, happy hearts, love of learning, contented classrooms, friendship and fun.

Help us to work hard together to make our school a place of love, happiness and respect.

Amen.