

Parish magazine article

Churches give a warm welcome Back to Church

More than 90 churches across the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham are joining with thousands across the Church of England in a bid to bring thousands of people to worship as part of 'Back to Church Sunday' this September.

Churches are preparing for a swell of attendants during Sunday Services on 28th September across the Dioceses of Southwell & Nottingham and in 38 other dioceses in the UK plus Anglican churches as far away as New Zealand and Canada. Other Christian churches are joining in this including Churches Together in Scotland; the Church in Wales; United Reformed Church; Methodist Church; Baptist Union of Great Britain; Baptist Union of Wales; Elim Pentecostal Church.

Across the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham churches have been distributed invitations to 20,000 people and more than 90 parishes are taking part.

The Back to Church Sunday organisers have created a number of resources supplied by Tradecraft to accompany the event, including various invitations and posters that churches will be using to encourage people to come back to church. Churchgoers will use the resources to advertise the day and invite family and friends who have lost touch with church.

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, the Rt Revd Geroge Cassidy said: "People lose touch with church for all sorts of reasons. But we know some are looking for a way back to church and a personal invitation can make all the difference."

More details on Back to Church Sunday are available on the Diocesan website www.southwell.anglican.org and the dedicated site: www.backtochurch.co.uk

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