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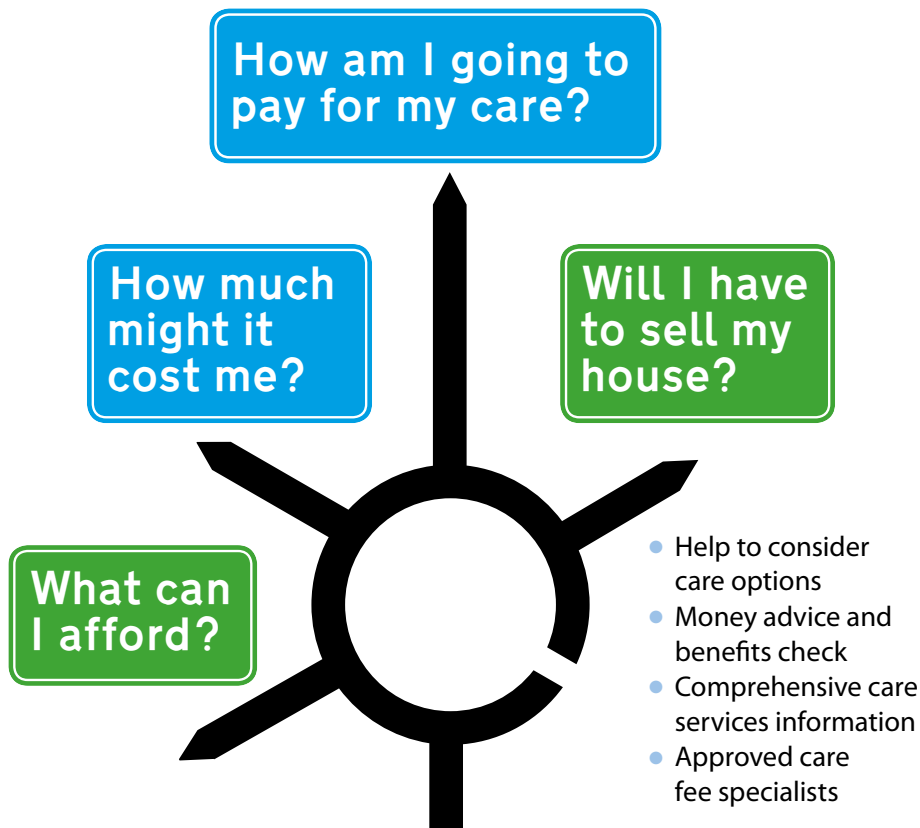
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# WELCOME

As we move into the summer of 2017 there are two events that will unfold. The first is the General Election; the second is the novena of prayer, Thy Kingdom Come, that leads us from Ascension Day to Pentecost.

These two events are closely linked for us as Christians individually and corporately as the Church.

As Christians, we have an important contribution to make in the election. First, it is the assertion that having a vote is a statement of the mutual recognition of dignity in our society. In this respect, we are equal, each of us having one vote.

Second, we should also be committed to the understanding that the democratic process binds us together for mutual benefit.

Of course there will be different views about how that benefit is decided and delivered. But essentially, the vote is an expression of engagement with a process in which law and taxation provide the foundations of what we believe to be morally right. And the principle that wealth benefits all is intrinsic to this.

Finally, as Christians, we assert that this system of ordering our society demands that we also recognise a common accountability to the God from whom all life, wealth, truth and goodness come as gift.

When we pray, “thy kingdom come”, our intention is for the shaping of this kingdom into a society in which the signs of the perfect kingdom of heaven are to be seen.

Having cast our votes, we also pray to be the agents of social engineering, in ways that are consistent with the lift and teaching of Jesus, the universal and eternal king.

**+Martin**

Bishop of Chichester



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# NEWS

## ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

We welcome new clergy to the diocese and announce Chichester Diocesan clergy appointed to new posts. Please pray for them as they prepare for this new chapter in the life of their parish and the diocese.

Revd Ashley Evans has been appointed to the parish of Ticehurst and Flimwell. Ashley comes to us from the Diocese of Hereford and will be licensed as Incumbent on May 18 at 7:30pm by the Bishop of Chichester and the Archdeacon of Hastings. All welcome. Please pray for Ashley and his family and the parish community as they prepare for this new chapter in the life of the parish.

Revd Dr John Caperon, formerly NSM associate priest at Mayfield, was licensed to his new parish of Fairwarp. Fr John, from Crowborough, was licensed as NSM Priest in Charge in March by the Bishop of Lewes and the Archdeacon of Hastings.

Revd Alice Whalley, Curate, Moulsecroomb (St Andrew) was appointed as Assistant Curate, East Grinstead, St Swithun. She was licensed on March 5.

Revd Helen Garratt, Curate, St John the Baptist, Southover, was licensed as Associate Vicar, Brighton, St Peter's (NSM) on March 21 by The Bishop of Lewes.

Revd Tom Holbird, Associate Vicar of Brighton, St Peter, was licensed as Priest in Charge Brighton, St Matthias on April 26 by the Bishop of Chichester and the Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes.

Revd Lindsay Yates, Honorary Assistant Priest, St Paul's, Winchmore Hill (London Diocese) and Tutor, St Mellitus College, London is to be licensed Priest in Charge, Octagon on June 13 at 7:30pm in St Mary's Church by the Bishop of Chichester and the Archdeacon of Chichester.

Revd Helen Rose, Curate at St Paul's and St Peter's, Chichester, will be licensed as Priest in Charge, Holy Cross, Woodingdean on June 23 at 7:30pm by the Bishop of Lewes and the Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes.

Revd Vanessa Baron, PTO from the Diocese of Carlisle, and Chaplain at St Paul's Girls' School, London will be licensed as Associate Priest of Lyminster and Wick at All Saints, Wick on August 1 at 7:30pm by the Bishop of Chichester and the Archdeacon of Chichester.

The Revd Sue Wilkinson, Curate, Lewes, St Ann, St Michael and St Thomas was licensed as Assistant Curate, Eastbourne, Willingdon on April 7 by the Bishop of Lewes.



### NEW CINEMA TEAMS UP WITH CHURCHES

The Depot, a new independent cinema in Lewes, East Sussex, is soon to open to the public.

As part of its community engagement, The Depot recently invited local churches to show a film.

David Broad, a curate in Lewes, said: "The Depot will be a place which the whole community can use apart from just seeing a film. The idea of showing films in churches was a way of opening churches up to different kinds of use and in turn introducing them to the wider community.

"The film we showed was called In Pursuit of Silence. We hope the initiative will be repeated in the future."

As well as a place to see films, the not-for-profit organisation will also incorporate a cafe, restaurant and education centre.

The Depot, Lewes  
[www.lewesdepot.org](http://www.lewesdepot.org)

## DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

The Diocese of Chichester has published a report of the Diocesan Safeguarding Audit carried out by the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE).

Mark Sowerby, Bishop for Safeguarding in the Diocese, said: "This was carried out as part of a process covering all the dioceses of The Church of England and is part of our commitment to making the Church a safer place for all, ensuring all dioceses have the best possible practice in place."

You can read the full report on the diocesan website.

## BISHOP'S LIAISON OFFICER FOR LGBTI COMMUNITY APPOINTED

The Bishop of Chichester recently announced the appointment of Reverend Andrew Woodward, Priest in Charge of St Mary's Kemp Town and Rural Dean of Brighton, as the first Bishop's Liaison Officer for the LGBTi community in the Diocese of Chichester.

The aim of the post is to provide the bishops and parishes with up to date information about the pastoral needs of the LGBTi community and to identify what ministry among this community might look like if it is to be more effective.

The new officer will also represent the church in this community so as to build bridges



and enable pastoral support for a substantial group of people who feel the Church is alienated from them. Many feel they are tolerated but not included.

Bishop Martin said: "This post is about pastoral bridges in line with our diocesan strategy, know, love, follow Jesus. It is primarily about building, opening and crossing new and existing bridges towards great understanding and mutual flourishing."

You can read more on the diocesan website news.

## NEW APPOINTMENT WILL HELP RESPOND TO LOCAL NEED

Diane Watts was recently appointed as the worker for the new joint venture between the Diocese and the Church Urban Fund called Together In Sussex.

She said: "I am excited about meeting many people across the Diocese and finding out all about all the amazing projects that are running to help tackle poverty, deprivation and disadvantage in our communities. I am aware that there exists a huge commitment to this work in all parishes and I am looking forward to meeting many of you and hearing your stories and sharing your concerns.



"I am a Baptist minister and until recently I led a suburban London church. Consequently I know what it is like to have little time and then have people suggest all the things I could do in the community - this is NOT my intention! I am here to find out what is going on and help wherever I can to facilitate and enable local communities.

"In the first instance I am here to listen. I am eager to find out what is already happening across

Sussex, and then to identify how I can help local communities to grow projects as they respond to local need. There may be areas where poverty and deprivation are not as obvious as others and I am also hoping to find out a little more about this and see how we can respond.

"I am aware that Sussex is a large area and so it may take a while to meet you all! Please feel free to email me or phone if you have a project you would like me to see or if you would like to talk about a particular issue or need in your area that you would like some help in tackling; I really am here to help!"

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# NEWS CONTINUED

## BLESSING OF THE OILS CHRISM MASS

The Bishop of Chichester delivered his annual address at the Chrism Mass in Chichester Cathedral in Holy Week on April 11, which was attended by many clergy and ordinands (clergy in training) from across the Diocese.

The service provides bishops, priests and deacons with an opportunity in Holy Week to renew the vows they made at their ordinations.

Bishop Martin linked his 2017 address to the "Year of the Bible" theme, recognised across all parishes in the Diocese this year as part of a five-year strategy for the renewal of ministry for mission.



## ORDINATIONS IN 2017

The Ordination of Priests will take place this year on Saturday 10 June at 6.00pm.

**Three venues will be hosting the ordinations:**

St Bartholomew's Brighton.

(The ordaining Bishop will be Bishop Martin)

St Swithun's East Grinstead.

(The ordaining Bishop will be Bishop Mark)

Holy Cross Uckfield.

(The ordaining Bishop will be Bishop Richard)

**+Martin will be ordaining as Priests at St Bartholomew's Brighton:**

Andy Birks, Toby Boutle,

Robert Coupland, John Underhill

**+Mark will be ordaining as Priests at St Swithun's East Grinstead:**

Katherine Bailey, Peter Deaves, Steve Everard,

Brendan Martin, Mike Nelson

**+Richard will be ordaining as Priests at Holy Cross Uckfield:**

Herbert Bennett, Tim Gage, Karen Higgs,

Lucy Hollingsworth, Jules Middleton,

Neil Shaw, Steve Tennant

Please pray for the candidates who were all ordained deacon last year and will have served their first year as curate in their parishes. After the services the priests will then continue their ministries in the parishes as they continue their curacies.

On pages 10-13 you can read about the ordinands preparing to be deaconed on July 1 at Chichester Cathedral.

## NEW DEAN OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ann Waizeneker, currently vicar of the parish of St Mary de Haura, New Shoreham and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Shoreham Beach, has been appointed Dean of Women's Ministry in the Diocese of Chichester.



Ann succeeds Canon Julia Peaty, Rural Dean of East Grinstead, who stepped down from this role earlier this year, having served in the post since 2012. Ann was ordained into stipendiary ministry in 2008 and is from the Diocese of Chichester.

Ann said: "I am looking forward to working with colleagues in the Diocese to ensure women's ordained ministry is supported and facilitated to its full potential."

Dr Warner said: "Ann will make sure that the particular issues relating to women in ministry right across the Diocese will be articulated and dealt with efficiently and effectively as we work together for the renewal of ministry for mission."

The Bishop further explained that: "Ann's own ministry in this diocese is testimony to the work of Julia Peaty. Ann will be fully supported in her work as we continue our commitment to increasing the number of women in incumbency, in training, in ordination and in leadership roles within the diocese."



Ellen Hill, St Mary the Virgin Barcombe, receiving her certificate from Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Peter Field

## RIDE & STRIDE AWARDS

The annual Ride & Stride Awards ceremony took place at St Anne's Church in Lewes in March. The annual Ride and Stride event is the main fundraiser for The Sussex Historic Churches Trust, a charity that supports historic church buildings.

Attended by the Bishop of Chichester and the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Peter Field, and other distinguished guests, it was a chance to celebrate the outstanding achievements of those that took part in Ride & Stride 2016.

Churches and groups in the Diocese of Chichester are being encouraged to get involved this year. Is your church planning to be open to welcome participants? Please don't forget to register. Remember that 50% of the amount raised goes to the Trust, from which the grants are made to repair and restore historic places of worship, while the other 50% goes back to the competitor's local church.

Sussex Historic Churches Trust website:  
[www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk)

## NEW APPOINTMENT HELPS RESOURCE CULTURE OF MISSION

An exciting new appointment has been made to help promote and develop mission partnerships and projects across the diocese of Chichester.



Nick Adlam, a projects manager in the public sector, has been appointed to the post of Strategic Projects and Communications Officer and takes up the position at the end of May.

Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, Martin Lloyd Williams, said: "We are delighted to be welcoming Nick Adlam to the Apostolic Life team at Church House at this exciting time of promoting and developing mission partnerships and projects.

"In addition to helping us take forwards the four mission projects that received grants from the Church Commissioners earlier this year, Nick will be helping us evaluate and develop a wide variety of new projects for our next grant application later this year."

Nick lives in Eastbourne and has worked as a project manager in the public sector for 18 years delivering a number of key initiatives, many with an environmental theme. He said: "I'm really excited about this new role. I am looking forward to helping people develop their ideas and working with churches as thriving places for the community."

Nick, who is married with four children, has been an active member of the Church of England for over 25 years.

# PROFILES OF ORDINANDS

The twelve men and woman on these pages will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 1st July at 3pm in the Cathedral and will begin their public ministry in various churches in the Diocese of Chichester, across East and West Sussex and the City of Brighton and Hove. The ceremony will place a seal on the calling they have received from God to serve the Church. We asked them to share a little of themselves so that we might call them, their families and parishes to mind in prayer ahead of their ordination service.

## Isaac Pain

### WEAVING A TAPESTRY

Isaac will be serving his title at St Andrew's Burgess Hill.



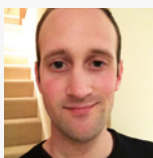
I was brought up on bible stories; Adam and Eve, Moses, Jesus walking on water. However, not until I was a teenager did I come to understand the big story of the bible, and how all these little stories wove together into the tapestry of the story of God's gracious love for a people who deserved the opposite; the story of a Father giving his Son for us, for me. Ever since God opened my eyes to this glorious gospel I have wanted to tell others about it, and especially to help fellow Christians grow in their love and understanding of the God of this gospel.

Prior to ordination I enjoyed teaching Philosophy to teenagers and seeing their jaws drop in awe at some outrageous philosophical theory, but as I look forward to serving my title post I'm far more excited about helping others to be awe-struck by the perfection of the God who has revealed Himself in Jesus.

## Nick Archer

### FEELING DRAWN TO THE THOUGHT OF PREACHING

Nick will be serving his title at St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne.



I was born and brought up on Guernsey in the Channel Islands, and read Mathematics at

university in London. I then spent two great years testing my vocation as a Pastoral Assistant at churches in London, before going on to train for the priesthood at St Stephen's House, Oxford.

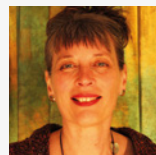
My sense of calling to the priesthood has grown gradually, but became clearer and more persistent when I was about eighteen. I feel that it was formed especially by becoming involved with my local parish and with homeless charities in London, and as my prayer life grew. Looking back a long way, I can also remember being a child in church and feeling drawn towards the thought of preaching!

I'm very much looking forward to the new experiences and challenges which lie ahead: serving the community, being a part of the lives of many different people, and being a part of the Church's mission in Eastbourne.

## Jane Bartlett

### A SPIRITUAL SEEKER IN HER 20'S

Jane will be serving her title at St Mary de Haura, Shoreham and The Good Shepherd, Shoreham Beach.



'If at first you don't succeed, try again.' Jane wonders if this is how it might have been for God, who first called her to ordination back in 2004. She had helped develop a 'Fresh Expression of church for families at St Nicholas's Church, Brighton, and even got invited to Lambeth Palace to talk about it with Archbishop Rowan.

Flushed with enthusiasm, she entered the discernment process, but then had doubts and withdrew. 'But God didn't give up on me,' she says. 'The call returned again about five years ago after volunteering with the church's night shelter project. This time I felt I owed it to God, and to myself, to properly explore a possible vocation.'

And here I am, very excited about becoming an assistant curate in Shoreham!' Jane was not brought up in a church-going family, but became a spiritual seeker in her 20s; a journey that eventually led her to St James's Church, Piccadilly, London where she met her husband John. They have three children.

Jane worked as a journalist and has also authored books, one of which was about the spirituality of family life. She has a Master's degree in Christian Spirituality, and she and her husband started up the 'Brighton & Hove Centre for Spirituality' at All Saints Church, Hove ([www.centreforspirituality.org](http://www.centreforspirituality.org)). She delights in the variety of the worship styles in the Church of England and also likes working with families: 'It's an opportunity to be creative and have fun!' Jane has trained at St Mellitus College. In her spare time she walks the family dog and is learning to play the ukulele.

## Tim Bell

NOT EASY TO GIVE  
UP THE LIFE OF  
A FIRE FIGHTER

Tim will be serving his title  
at Holy Trinity Hastings.



My name is Tim Bell. I am due to be ordained deacon at Chichester Cathedral on the 1st of July. I am married to Emma and have three daughters, Tess (14), Anja (11) and Matilda (10). I have spent the last two years studying at Trinity Theological College which is in the wonderful city of Bristol. Before this I worked as a Firefighter for West Sussex Fire and Rescue in my home town of Worthing. Working as a Firefighter was a role that I thoroughly enjoyed, it was extremely challenging and immensely rewarding. Leaving this career behind was something that at first I struggled with as I followed my call to ordained ministry.

After ordination, I will be serving as Curate at Holy Trinity Hastings. As a family, we feel extremely blessed to be returning to the Sussex coast.

## Sam Carter

EXCITED ABOUT  
SUSSEX RETURN

Sam will be serving his title  
at All Souls Eastbourne.



"I am Sussex born-and-bred, having grown up in Lindfield and gone to school in Brighton. Angela is a long-time Sussex resident too. We married in 2009 and have four children – Isaac, Daisy, Lucy and Henry. In the few moments when I'm not working or enjoying time with the family, I like to run, read and cook, though not generally at the same time. I'm also hoping to pick up the guitar again. We're excited to begin our ministry at All Souls, Eastbourne, and especially to live near the sea for the first time! It will also be good to be back nearer to friends.

Before training for ordination at Ridley Hall I worked in Internet Policy for Ofcom, the communications regulator. The most significant aspects of my call to ordained ministry have been the biblical foundation I received from All Saints Lindfield, the encouragement of several wise and faithful Christians whom I trust and my own recognition of the need for people to teach the bible, pray and proclaim the gospel of Christ. I trust that God will equip me to do just that."

## Colin Cox

GOD'S TIMING NOT OURS

Colin will be serving his title at  
Findon, Clapham and Patching



When I first had a sense of God calling me to the ordained ministry I was still at school and I clearly remember my Parish Priest telling me his story, the outcome of which is that all things take place in God's timing and not ours. This was actually rather prophetic as I recently took early retirement from the Civil Service.

I am married to Marilyn and we have one son, Timothy and two adorable grandchildren, Joshua and Sebastian.

I was born and raised in Sussex and currently live in Rustington which is back to my roots. In my early twenties I had a gap year in Australia at the suggestion of the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and had a great time there visiting the bush churches. I have also lived in Birmingham for

5 years, where I met Marilyn whilst working in an inner-city parish.

I have been undertaking part-time training for self-supporting ministry at St Augustine's these last 3 years. Looking back I can see how God has been working in my life to bring me to this point and I am now really looking forward to serving the people of Findon, Clapham and Patching.

## Steve Mills

### WHAT LIES AT THE HEART OF A PERSON?

Steve will be serving his title at St John's, Preston Park.



My name is Steve Mills and I am just about to complete the final part of my training at St Stephen's House, Oxford, where I have been studying for the last two years. Ever since I made a commitment to follow Christ 24 years ago, I have always had a sense of vocation to the Priesthood. One that began when I was vice president of a Christian union at Bath university, where a group of quite young people set about being a Christian presence, not only in the university, but also in the city.

I have always been involved with young people in one way or another, and before I started studying at seminary, I was a teacher of Religious Education and Drama. I have always been someone who finds it easy to talk about my faith, so being a secondary school teacher provided me with many opportunities to do just that. My sense of calling to the Priesthood has always been what lies at the very heart of me as person; it just took some time to work out what this meant for me.

Having had the privilege of spending the last two years in study, prayer and reflection, I have grown as a Christian and my understanding of Gods call on my life is now as clear as it has ever been.

I look forward to joining the Diocese and working with the people of St John's, with whom I shall be writing the next chapter of my life.

## Harriet Neale-Stevens

### PATIENCE AND TRUST SERVED ME WELL



Harriet will be serving her title at St Peter's Henfield, St Giles' Shermanbury and St Peter's Woodmancote.

I first felt called to ordination at the age of fourteen, shortly after I had been confirmed. Twenty years later and I am looking forward to being ordained deacon in June! Living with a sense of vocation to priesthood, and the reality of working out what that might look like, have taught me patience and trust. I am grateful to all those who have guided me.

I have been living and training at Westcott House for the past two years, with my husband and two children, which has been a wonderfully challenging and rewarding experience. Before moving to Westcott, we lived in Chichester where I worked and worshipped at the cathedral. My background is in the arts, and I originally studied Music and History of Art; I particularly enjoy using music and art to explore life and faith.

We are very much looking forward to returning to Sussex in June when I will begin to serve my curacy at St Peter's Henfield, St Giles' Shermanbury and St Peter's Woodmancote. We are very fond of Sussex, and have family and friends dotted around the county.

## Jessica Reid

### THE DRAW OF THE SOUTH DOWNS ADD TO EXCITEMENT



Jessica will be serving her title at Brighton, St Nicholas.

I am 26 and was brought up in South London, where I first really encountered Christianity at secondary school. Luckily, when I appeared at my parish church someone noticed the awkward teenager at the back and encouraged me to join a youth group - I was baptised and confirmed when I was 17 on the feast of All Saints.

My church at university often spoke of God's call on our lives, though I just as regularly affirmed that whatever God wanted me to do it had nothing to do with the priesthood. Then at an Easter Vigil I was filled with a sense of God's call to serve his

people and his church. For the next two years I combined discernment, post-graduate study and caring for a child with special needs, before training at Westcott House.

## Richard Tuset

### A CHANGE OF DIRECTION

Richard will be serving his title at All Saint's, Sidley and St Barnabas, Bexhill.



Richard and his partner Phil moved to Sussex almost 20 years ago, they have three children and two rescue cats. Richard has always had a strong sense of calling from God and has responded to this in a number of ways before coming forward for Ordination. Initially Richard trained in wildlife nature conservation and worked predominantly in London on a number of environment and sustainability projects finally becoming the CEO of a charity in East London that took care of waterways in the Lee Valley. Richard went on to work for Brighton and Hove City Council, becoming Head of Policy and Communities, responsible for a wide range of services including strategic planning, the Civic Office (City Mayoralty and Lord Lieutenancy), community development, equalities, Third Sector partnerships, Health Overview and Scrutiny, research, sustainability and the financial inclusion.

Despite loving his job at the City Council Richard felt a firm calling from God to the priesthood and having been accepted for ordination he has been training for ministry at Westcott House in Cambridge. Richard feels both privileged and excited to be serving the parishes of All Saint's, Sidley and St Barnabas, Bexhill

## Jeff Tutton

### AND THE REST IS HISTORY!

Jeff will be serving his title at Christ Church, Ore.



As a non-stipendiary deacon, I'll be continuing with my job as a maintenance operative at Eastbourne District General Hospital. My working life to date has revolved around a mixture of Engineering and IT.

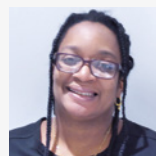
My call back to the church started when a friend badgered my wife to go to an Alpha course with her. I did not know what Alpha was, and Dawn did not discuss it with me, but I noticed a change in her. A week later my incumbent's stand at the school fete was advertising an Alpha course. I signed up and found myself back in love with the church. I helped with maintenance, readings, and intercessions but this did not feel 'enough'. I went through discernment and started training as a lay reader.

Towards the end of the first year of reader training a series of events happened over two weeks. First, my vicar preached on the need to be in motion in faith before God could steer us. Next while asking what direction God wanted me to go in, I heard the word 'Pastor', a word I wouldn't have used. Lastly my tutor told me that I should consider ordained ministry. The rest is history!

## Martha Weatherill

### THAT UNEXPECTED CALL

Martha will be serving her title at St Paul's, Chichester and St Peter's, Westhampnett.



I was born in Nigeria, West Africa. I was raised in a Christian family, the daughter of a clergyman. My call to ordination was unexpected, I sense that loving and serving God and his people is what I was born to do.

The last two years, I have been studying at St Stephen's House, Oxford. I have enjoyed my studies and my time at St Stephen's House very much and I am looking forward to ordination and starting ordained ministry in the diocese of Chichester.

Prior to training, I studied computing at degree level and Applied Logic at postgraduate level. The last few years, I worked as a maths teacher, specialising in helping struggling students attain their desired grades in GCSE and A Levels.

I am married to Jonathan and we have a 9-year-old daughter – Amy. We are all looking forward to joining the community at St Paul's, Chichester and St Peter's, Westhampnett.



At the May Diocesan Synod, last year, The Bishop of Horsham launched an appeal for £30,000 to fund a destitution worker for Voices in Exile, the Sussex Charity working to welcome and support Syrian refugees.

Now that Gift Aid has been claimed, Bishop Mark is able to report that in all £45,598.75 has been collected. "I am delighted that we have not only reached but significantly exceeded our target figure of £30,000 and so enabled Voices in Exile to take on additional staff to assist destitute refugees arriving in this country. "I should like to thank, once again, all those parishes and individuals that

responded to the appeal and helped us surpass the target."

The launch of the appeal last year involved The Bishop of Horsham, Mary-Jane Burkett, Director of Voices in Exile; and The Reverend Canon Kieron O'Brien, Episcopal Vicar for Sussex Diocese of Arundel & Brighton). Since then, Canon Andrew Wingate, The Bishop of Chichester's Interfaith Advisor, has been appointed to the trustees of Voices in Exile and so ensuring an ongoing commitment from within the diocese.

Anyone wishing to know more about voices in Exile and its work can visit: [brightonvoicesinexile.co.uk](http://brightonvoicesinexile.co.uk)



# THE STORY OF A SYRIAN REFUGEE

Interview by Madeleine Davies, Church Times  
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A Syrian refugee, taken from the hold of a ship to “light and life” by a German rescue boat, was recounted in St Leonards-on-Sea last week by a priest who discovered tales of suffering and resurrection on Italy’s migration frontline.

The Assistant Curate of Christ Church and St Mary Magdalene with St Peter and St Paul, St Leonards, the Revd Sean Gilbert, spent Passion Week in Lampedusa and Sicily, listening to people who had survived the journey across the Mediterranean. The trip was organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

“All of their stories are basically horror stories,” he said on Wednesday. “Pretty much all are subject to human trafficking and exploitation.” Among those he met was Esther, a 17-year-old girl from Gambia, who was pregnant as a result of rape. An orphan who was sold into sexual slavery, she had a story to tell that was “very familiar” to the charity, he learned.

A man, Gambi, described crossing from Syria in a fishing boat carrying 700 people. Many were in the hold, amid

suffocating exhaust fumes. Two of his friends drowned during the crossing before he was rescued by a German boat. To date this year, 913 migrants have died crossing the Mediterranean.

Mediterranean Hope, a project of the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy, supports these survivors. “When they come on to the dock,” Fr Gilbert said, “they are allowed to clothe them, give them cup of tea, a smile, and a welcome. Some of them need some hospital psychological care.”

Although initial responses on the island had included suspicion and prejudice, attitudes had changed, he learned. A girl rescued from the sea by an Italian fisherman was now considered part of the family; the birth of a child to another survivor had “changed the hearts of people”. Now, the Mayor of Palermo, Leoluca Orlando, operates a policy of welcome.

“If is becoming part of their culture,” Mr Gilbert said. “They are staying true to their own culture . . . saying: this is distinctive part of who we are, and you are welcome to be part of that.”

Many of the refugees he met were Christian. Among the things he saw was a cabinet filled with washed-up Bibles — one of a small number of things that migrants took with them, in addition to soil from their home town.

He prayed for “stability and peace for them and their lives, the friends they had lost, that they will find somewhere safe, and for all those helping then along the way”.

On his return to his parish, he preached sermons over the Easter Triduum illustrated with the stories he had heard. “It was such easy, clear imagery about the best and worst of humanity.”

He recalled those who washed the feet of the newly arrived on the dock; Esther, who had prayed for those who persecuted her; and Gambi, who had suffered the “hell” of the hold, before being “welcomed with light”.

# CHURCH SCHOOLS SHOW COLLECTIVE SPIRIT

Church Schools across Sussex have fully embraced the bible stories in an art themed competition run by the Diocese of Chichester.

Creative sculptures and paintings in 2D and 3D started arriving in the offices of the diocese in Hove during the weeks before Easter Holy week.

Ann Holt the director for Education for the diocese said: "We are delighted that so many of our schools have taken part in this competition.

"There are six themes to the art competition including bible stories and bible characters. We have been simply overwhelmed by the sheer number of wonderful art that has been arriving, around 1000 pieces including Jonah and the whale, Noah's Ark and a life-sized Goliath. We've also received an innovative entry from a school in Lewes. The Mallings community have been collaborating on a project using thousands of 'my little ponies.' These fascinating art panels are now on display in Mallings church in Lewes.

"Selected venues will host the exhibition of all the work once the judging has taken place and we will be announcing the winning entries after the judging day in May."

We spoke to some of our schools to find out how they reacted to the competition. What we heard was truly heartening.

Guestling Bradshaw Church of England Primary School involved all children in the 'Year of the Bible' Diocesan Art Competition. During the academic year they had a 'We are Learning Superheroes!' theme for the whole-school and held an Art Week where the classes thought about what makes a Bible Superhero.

All the classes linked their artwork to a Bible story that they had been studying in class and children brought in beautifully illustrated Bibles to share which supported the work of this successful week.

The art work ranged from Jonah and the Whale to a Paul Klee-influenced Joseph and his coat, from trips to the beach to be further inspired for Jesus' miracle work by the lake to Jesus' healing miracles. The week culminated with a gallery of work in the hall which the children, along with many parents and carers enjoyed.



“We learnt a song from “Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat” and each of us chose one colour from this song to paint a section of the triptych. This was based Paul Klee’s amazingly colourful artwork. We really liked drawing, painting and using pastels in the work. All of this work helped us learn about Joseph and how important he is in the Bible.”

James and Eva, Year 4

In Nutley CofE Primary School it was decided the competition entries would be completed within school and a totally different approach was taken with each class. The village school is small with only 4 mixed age classes but, as with the story of David and Goliath, something small should never be underestimated!

“The whole school enjoyed being part of the competition. They have been on a journey which has deepened their knowledge.”

In EYFS, the children heard and talked about Daniel in the Lion’s Den. Together they produced a collage picture.

With year 1 and 2, the children had a choice over which story to portray in a wax resist picture. The children had learnt about Christian Creation, where they were introduced to the Big Frieze from the Understanding Christianity course. The artwork was based on their vision of the Garden of Eden.

They also learnt about the story of Abednego, Shadrach and Meshach being thrown in the fiery pit for refusing to worship anyone else but God.

Both pieces were completed simultaneously but led to some great discussion as to what would be depicted and why.

Year 3 and 4 based their art work on the disciple Peter. Whilst learning about the events of Maundy Thursday, they looked at Peter’s role when Jesus washed the disciple’s feet and later Peter denying he knew him.

The whole class wire installation is based upon Peter giving up his job of catching fish for following Jesus and being a fisher of men. The children designed and beaded their own individual fish and each fish is as unique as each person is.

Year 5 and 6 began by looking at ‘The People of God’ section of the Big Frieze from the Understanding Christianity resources and identifying stories and people. The children chose which story or character to depict. From Mary the mother of Jesus, Jonah and the whale to Abraham being prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac which was discussed in relation to Muslim beliefs. The stories and characters are familiar to the class but the technique of foil and string art was new to everyone.

## Comments from pupils at Nutley CofE Primary School:

### Year 1

I liked adding water to the paint and making it burst everywhere, just like God’s love.

Gracie, 5

### Year 2

I like painting the Garden of Eden because it is beautiful and I wanted to show that in my picture.

Stanley, 6

The names of the friends are very unusual in the story and the really like the idea of an angel protecting them in the fire.

Emily, 7

### Year 3

The colours resemble how Jesus forgives all of our different sins.

Hector, 8

### Year 4

The fish are all different just like we are and so colourful.

Abigail, 9

### Year 6

I was inspired to focus on Mary by the crosses as I wanted to show she was there all through Jesus’ life.

Annabel, 11

## MARCH SCHOOL, CHICHESTER

The Year of the Bible created a buzz of excitement in the March CE school classes. Budding sculptors were influenced by the Old Testament stories of Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale. Whilst the sculptors worked on their artwork, artists painted the animals for the sails of the Ark, and the Art club children created ceramic animals.

Nicky Metcalfe Headteacher The March CE Primary School Claypit Lane explained how it was a whole school project and described how the children engaged with the it. She said: "It was about stories they were familiar with. We simply used the Bible and the children delighted in exploring the themes. For example they know a fish is a Christian symbol and they were able to be hands on and create their own interpretations."

Pupils Eleanor and Jack both aged 5 enjoyed taking part. "It was fun," said Eleanor Rose, who enjoyed working on the colourful bible art created for the project.



Creative sculptures and paintings in 2D and 3D started arriving in the offices of the diocese

"We loved doing the papier mache part," said Jake Radford aged 5.

Two year six pupils describe the different materials that went into the art pieces, using all manner of things including milk cartons and old books. "I loved working with the chicken wire and mud rock said year six pupil Manka Vecsei aged 10. Samuel Keil aged 11 said: "My favourite was working on all the animals for the ark. It was a class effort. Everyone enjoyed doing it.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Max Foster aged 7 in year 3  
Luke Newman 10 years in year 5  
Oliver Turpin 10 in Year 5

## GORING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher Mrs Clare Jee referenced Ephesians 3 17-19 Gods immeasurable love, as the foundation to the school's theme for the art competition.

"It grew out of the Collective Worship in the school – a 'whole school' art day. It gave the children a focus and freedom to explore and an opportunity to spiritually explore the themes in the bible. The pupils have produced some excellent 2D and 3/D art and they are very proud of what they have achieved."



## DAVISON HIGH SCHOOL VISITED CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FOR SOME INSPIRATION

The school in Worthing started the project by talking about what the Bible is and its relevance today. Each class had a different focus that led to working with particular materials. A group of Year 7's had to consider how to show that the Corinthians 'love is the greatest' verses relate to modern day thinking. Showing everyone that these are modern life quotes that still ring true in today's world. They studied how bible stories have been passed on throughout the ages and were transfixed with the 'book of Kells' and how beautiful the illuminated manuscripts art work was attached to the verses.

The year 8 pupils had the opportunity to visit Chichester Cathedral to see at first hand some symbolic religious imagery. This helped them to visualise and develop paintings that represented some of their favourite biblical text relating to the Holy Spirit and Angels. Some pupils worked collaboratively and others preferred to work on individual pieces. Their ideas were realised in paint, textiles, card and ceramic media. Their art work will be exhibited in school as well as the local community.

*"Seeing all the beautiful art work in Chichester Cathedral inspired me to create my embroidery. It helped me to incorporate symbols representing our Christian values."*

Ella

*"I enjoyed working as part of a group as we all had different things that we contributed to our final piece. Working on this project has helped to promote reading the bible. It has made us realise that it has some really exciting stories and ideas that have relevance to our lives today although it was written such a long time ago."*

Esther

## PEVENSEY AND WESTHAM CE SCHOOL

For Pevensey and Westham CE School to participate in this competition was a great opportunity to engage with the Bible. In January their Collective Worship looked chronologically at some Old Testament figures though the Christian value of Perseverance. This gave the basis for children and staff to prepare their art projects which were completed over two days. The whole school was creatively exploring Bible stories through collaborative work in different media, drama and storyboards, creating an amazing atmosphere. The resulting video can be seen on the schools website.

The whole school celebration and the exhibition made staff proud and really showed how much the children had enjoyed their learning:

*"I liked it; visitors came in and told us things we didn't know." "It showed me the highway code to help me think about the Ten Commandments."*

The exhibition was then ready for parents' evenings so the whole school community was involved. One parent commented "What a brilliant way to bring RE to life." We are so grateful for the support children received from governors and friends from local church organisations, and that our SIAMS inspector said "... outcomes were stunning and provided the pupils with a rich opportunity to explain the depth of meaning behind the Bible stories."

# DIOCESAN STRATEGY UPDATE



## YEAR OF THE BIBLE 2017



### BISHOP UPBEAT ON BIBLE EMPHASIS

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, believes his diocese has embraced the challenges and opportunities posed by the designation of 2017 as the Year of the Bible. In a video interview, the Bishop explains that the Year of the Bible is part of a five-year strategy of growth and renewal. He said: "The purpose [of the Year of the Bible] is to enable us to be more confident in our witness to the world."

"So far there has been a fantastic launch to the Year of the Bible, with many people bringing their

Bibles to church in Advent to mark the start of the year." He said, what had been very encouraging was: "a remarkable uptake on the Lent Course both across the diocese and further afield."

The Bishop also explained that the current emphasis was on: "the clergy, who have also been brushing up on their own biblical study – looking at the way in which the Bible touches on politics and culture".

He said: "The year is giving us a new confidence as to how the bible is taught and explored in the parishes. It is something that everyone can do wherever they are and whatever the context."

The YouTube video can be viewed on the diocesan website:

[www.chichester.anglican.org](http://www.chichester.anglican.org) . A lecture series to which the clergy have been invited will be made available online.

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## ARCHDEACONRY STUDY DAYS

The first of four lectures across Sussex took place at Holy Cross Church, Woodingdean, in March, to mark the Diocese of Chichester's Year of the Bible.

Professor David Wilkinson, Principal of St John's College, Durham looked at the issue of "The Bible and Science"

Three other study day lectures will take place later this year. They will be looking at: the bible and politics, the bible in the media and what is widely known as the effects of biblical scholarship on how the bible is regarded.

Details of the other study day lectures:

**Hastings Archdeaconry:** Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 18.00 – 20.00 at St John's, Upper St Leonard's

Christine Morgan, Head of Religion: BBC Radio, will give a talk entitled: 'The Bible and the Media'.

**Horsham Archdeaconry:** Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 15.00 – 17.00 at St Mary's, Easebourne Professor

James Crossley, Professor of Bible, Society and Politics at St. Mary's University, Twickenham will give a talk entitled: 'The Bible and Politics'.

**Chichester Archdeaconry:** Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 15.00 – 17.00 at St Nicholas', Arundel Professor

John Barton, Oriel and Laing Professor, Oxford will give a talk entitled: 'Biblical Criticism in a Secular Culture'

Videos from all study days will be available for clergy to download from the diocesan website.

# THY KINGDOM COME

Over the last few years Archbishop Justin's Thy Kingdom Come initiative seems to have captured peoples' imagination. Indeed the Archbishop has said that, "I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit." It has now become an annual event where we are being encouraged to pray for 5 friends to come to know Jesus Christ. The main focus of prayer is between Ascension day and Pentecost. There is a great website with resources, videos and even a day by day prayer guide or novena for the days between Ascension and Pentecost.

Whether you are happy praying in an extemporary way, or find it easier to pray with set prayers, there are resources for you.

The website is: [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)

A number of Churches in the diocese will be holding their own events in that period and there are some bigger events for a wider constituency which are listed at the end of this article.

## COME AND PRAY THY KINGDOM COME AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL!

Chichester Cathedral is creating beautiful, interactive ways to pray in response to Archbishop Justin Welby calling the Church to pray in the days leading up to Pentecost. Themed around the Lord's Prayer, pause to pray for your family and friends in the tranquil garden, praise God's holy name in the majestic Throne Room. Suitable for people of all ages, there will be space to reflect on your life and pray creatively for people in need throughout the world as we come together to pray Thy Kingdom Come.

To celebrate our praying together Stu Barbour and his band from the Point Church will be leading worship in the Cathedral on Saturday 3rd June at 7.30 pm.

Thy Kingdom Come will be situated in the North Transept and is open from Wednesday 31st May until Saturday 3rd June between 8.30am - 7.00pm.

## EVENTS

There are events in each Archdeaconry, although many churches will be holding their own activities as well. We particularly want to draw your attention to the Beacon event at Chichester Cathedral.

### Brighton and Lewes Archdeaconry

St. Patrick's, Hove, Saturday June 3rd at 7.30 pm  
Ecumenical celebration and prayer vigil

Beacon event

St. Peter's, Brighton, 6.00pm, June 4th,  
Pentecost Sunday  
Prayer celebration

### Chichester Archdeaconry

Chichester Cathedral Beacon event  
Prayer space in the north aisle from  
May 31st – June 3rd open all day  
Prayer celebration led by musicians from The  
Point. Saturday, June 3rd, 7.30

### Hastings Archdeaconry

Eastbourne Bandstand, Sunday, May 28th  
(afternoon, check locally for exact times)  
Ecumenical prayer and worship event

Holy Trinity Hastings, Ascension Day,  
Thursday, May 25th, 7.00 for 7.30pm  
Prayer and worship event

### Horsham Archdeaconry

Crawley, May 28th  
Ecumenical prayer and worship  
event.



# PARISH NEWS



## A 'RARE' EVENT

### THE CONSECRATION OF ST MARK'S HOLBROOK

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, conducted his first consecration of a church in the diocese since becoming bishop. Church members of St Mark's church, Holbrook and clergy from neighbouring parishes packed out the church to witness the 'rare' event in the life of the diocese. Consecration services of this type are exceptionally uncommon within the Church of England, and this was the first such service Bishop Martin has been privileged to conduct.

To mark the occasion the Archdeacon of Horsham The Ven Fiona Windsor, the Diocesan Registrar Mr Matthew Chinery, the Diocesan Secretary Gabrielle Higgins and Horsham Member of Parliament The Rt Hon. Jeremy Quin were in attendance.

St. Mark's Church was built in 1990 to serve the new housing that was being built at that time in north Horsham, and it was dedicated as a daughter church to St. Mary's, the parish church of Horsham. However, following the Crawley and Horsham Review, and the establishment of the new benefice and parish of Holbrook, St. Mark's was consecrated to serve as the new parish church.

The incumbent of Holbrook, the Revd Dr Richard Coldicott, said "It was a very special day in the life of the community of Holbrook parish as we celebrated the establishment of St. Mark's as its parish church."

## REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

### CASH BOOST FOR PROJECT 16

St. Nicolas Church is the parish Church of Pevensey. It is the oldest building in the village still used for its original purpose from 1216 - more than 800 years ago. Its Patrons include Earl De La Warr. In 2006 St. Nicolas and Westham PCC embarked on a restoration appeal to fund much-needed repair and maintenance to bring St. Nicolas church to its former glory. The Appeal, Project 16, was to coincide with the church's 800th Anniversary last year.

Its fundraising target of £255,000 is now only £23,000 away from being achieved thanks to local fundraising efforts and a number of grants from a range of institutions. A grant of £74,900 came from the Heritage Lottery Fund for restoration work. Other grants comprised: £30,000 from the Sussex Historic Churches Trust; £10,000 from the National Churches Trust; £10,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation and £2,300 from the All Churches Trust.

Churchwarden, Simon Sargent said: "Naturally, we are very grateful to the grant donors and pleased that a fundraising campaign which has been over four years in the planning is getting close to the target needed to complete a restoration programme which began in 2006. "The whole project will have cost almost £500,000 by the time the restoration work is completed towards the end of this year.

"Increasingly the church is being used by the community who find its acoustics are of outstanding quality for music making, talks and festivals. Interest and support from the local community has also been a great help and encouragement for the project."





## NO NEED TO RE-INVENT THE WHEEL WHEN IT COMES TO PRAYER SPACES

Brighton and Hove City Mission (BHCM) is a Christian charity that has teamed up with TRINITY Church, Lewes to support mission.

Revd Steve Daughtery is the vicar of TRINITY, a vibrant, outward-looking Anglican church, meeting across 3 sites with 6 congregations throughout Lewes.

He said: "It seems to me that there is no point reinventing the wheel, especially when someone already has one ready, for free. TRINITY has a thriving Youth and Children's ministry with two full-time leaders, yet, harnessing BHCM's skill set in a partnership, whose agenda is to advance the Kingdom of God, has proved to be a winning combination.

"We have been able to observe BHCM's Prayer Space in a school and then invite them to work with us to successfully set up two spaces in our schools. If you can see the potential for a partnership with an organisation whose core mission can be used to support yours – why wouldn't you?"

Neil Chisnall Children, Families and Schools Minister of TRINITY said: "Last year I met with BHCM, hoping that we may be able to work together with some of the schools. I visited a Prayer Spaces In Schools (PSIS) that BHCM were running in Firle CE Primary School and I was not disappointed.

We then started working on one together in Southover CE Primary School. TRINITY would provide the people, and BHCM would plan and resource the space. TRINITY got together seven volunteers to help for the week.

"Over the week we had 14 classes visit the PSIS, that was almost 350 children! Many of the children seemed to really engage with the different prayer stations, which helped them to pray or think about their worries, the future, friends, the past, the world, and themselves.

"I know TRINITY are already looking forward to working with BHCM again."

Julian Haddow Director of BHCM said: "These are positive words from Steve and Neil. "We have run Prayer Spaces in Schools together, encouraging and training 6 volunteers from within the church, whilst supporting their Families and Schools Minister Neil Chisnall to lead the weeks.



Neil Chisnall, pictured centre.

"It has been so encouraging to start seeing our new aim and drive working out in practice, as we seek to train, equip, and support the church more and more.

"One of the volunteers from TRINITY has completed the entire Schools Work Training Days at Church House, run by BHCM in conjunction with the Diocese of Chichester's Education department."

If you would like to find out more about the project or prayer spaces contact Julian Haddow Mission Director on 01273 609484 [www.bhcm.org.uk](http://www.bhcm.org.uk)

# SUSSEX WRITER HELPS TO

# celebrate

## 25 YEARS OF

# caring



Crime writer Peter James and the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, will be helping Terry's Cross Trust celebrate 25 years of caring for those who have given their lives to the service of Christ's church.

In 1951, Lady Davidson bequeathed the House, in the small West Sussex village of Woodmancote, near Henfield, to Alice Warner. In 1952 she gave it to the Diocese. Terry's Cross is now a registered care home, open to all, but priority is given to retired Anglican clergy and Church workers, together with their dependents, and anyone from Churchwardens, to bell ringers who have had a close association with their Church of England Parish Church.

The Diocese has owned the house since 1992 but it's run an independent charity, managed by a team of trustees that includes members of local churches and chaired by the assistant priest, for Henfield, Shermanbury and Woodmancote, the Rev'd Christina Bennett.

The Rector of St Peter's, and ex-officio trustee of Terry's Cross, the Revd Paul Doick, said: "For the Trust, it's not just a time of celebration it's also an opportunity to remind people that Terry's Cross should no longer be one of the best-kept secrets in Sussex!

"There is a real sense of community. Residents share meal times together, and each week most residents gather in the small chapel for the Eucharist on Thursday mornings.

"This celebration is a time for the trustees and residents to give thanks to God. We have, like so many other charities, faced hard times in recent years, but by recruiting some truly dedicated and compassionate staff and by registering as a care home we are now moving in a new direction. We offer care to

anyone who needs it, but we will continue to give priority to those who in faith and love have served and followed Jesus.

"For me, to have a place in the Diocese of Chichester caring for those who have given so much for others is a very special thing."

**All are welcome to attend a celebration Eucharist as part of the anniversary celebrations on Thursday, May 11 at 3 pm, in St Peter's Church, Woodmancote, at which Bishop Martin, the Trust's president, will preside and preach. Local crime author, Peter James, patron of Terry's Cross, will also be present. After the service tea and cake will be served in the grounds of the house.**

Celebration Eucharist enquiries to the parish office on 01273 495532 or [admin@henfield.org](mailto:admin@henfield.org)



## SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOLY LAND

Over 60 Anglican and Roman Catholic representatives gathered at Lambeth Palace in March for Friends of the Holy Land's (FHL) second national Diocesan Coordinators conference.

The day focused on the importance of pilgrimage, particularly the experience of ecumenical pilgrimage, and the growth and success of FHL since its foundation in 2009. With 25 Catholic and Anglican dioceses represented, it reflected FHL's ecumenical and apolitical credentials. Dean Hosam Naoum of St Georges Cathedral in Jerusalem urged those attending to engage in "hope filled action" by working together through FHL to support vulnerable Christians living in the Holy Land.

The Rt Revd. Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, who chaired the morning session said, "The strength of FHL shows how God can grow significant initiatives out of the smallest things. FHL helps us in our role as Christians to bring hope in what can appear to be a hopeless situation."

Reverend Canon Dr Andrew Mayes, Vicar of East Blatchington and Bishopstone is the Diocesan Co-ordinator for FHL. As Fr Andrew was away on pilgrimage, Fr Nigel Prior, vicar of Mayfield, represented the Diocese at the conference. He said: "Our Parish has been fundraising for FHL

some years now and it would be good to know how many other RC and Anglican Parishes in East and West Sussex respectively are also beavering away?

I very much commend the ecumenical commitment behind all the same dreams we share with Friends of the Holy Land for justice, peace, and solidarity with all our sisters and brothers there."

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) is a charity established in England and Wales, supporting and helping Christian people and communities in the Holy Land to ensure the survival of a Christian presence.

FHL believes that Christian pilgrims should both visit the Holy Places of our faith and spend time with the Christian people of the Holy Land, to observe the difficulties they face and the frustrations and insecurity that are a major part of their lives. Details of the Bishop of Chichester's pilgrimage to the Holy Land can be seen on page 25.

Reverend Canon Dr Andrew Mayes, diocesan Co-ordinator for FHL, can be contacted on 01323 892964 or email [andrew.mayes@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.mayes@gmail.com) [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

# EXPLORING GOD'S CALL

Twenty-two people under 30 attended the Bishop's Palace in Chichester earlier this year to spend a day exploring God's call.

The Bishop of Chichester spoke engagingly about the meaning of vocation and his own vocational journey from his time as a chorister at Rochester Cathedral through to ordination and parish ministry in Plymouth and Leicester.

The Rev'd Lisa Barnett, Vicar of Scaynes Hill and two ordinands (Lucy Sullivan, a second-year ordinand from Mirfield, and

Taylor Carey, who has just been recommended for training) also spoke encouragingly about their experiences, the discernment process, selection and training.

Rev'd Dr Dan Inman, Diocesan Director of Ordinand's DDO said: "Many have since written to say how inspiring and helpful they found the day, and we're already planning more such events for the next few years."

If and are interested in exploring ministry of any kind, do get in touch, as there are a wide range of resources and people available to help you find out what God has in store for your life. As a starting point, either drop a line to our Vocations Officer ([paul.redparth@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:paul.redparth@chichester.anglican.org)) or, if under 30, our Young Vocations Officer: [robert.norbury@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:robert.norbury@chichester.anglican.org)

## EXODUS 3-4 - MOSES CALLING

By Jules Middleton, Curate, Trinity Church, Lewes

When people ask if becoming a Vicar is something I've always wanted to do, I have to stifle a laugh. I was not a willing listener when the call came. In fact I did all I could to stick my fingers in my ears and ignore it. That's why Moses' story always strikes a chord. I mean, the living God asks him to do something and Moses responds by asking God to send someone else! Err, rude... And yet, it's funny how often we ask God to use us, then when he does, we say, 'oh, not that, anything else, but not that!'. I feel some kind of affinity with Moses in that moment. His evident fear and dislike of God's plan for him is rather comical really. He comes up with every excuse imaginable and yet God, with infinite grace and patience, has a come back every time, until finally 'the Lord's anger burned against Moses'. I'm not surprised to be honest,

anyone who's experienced the repetitiveness of young children might understand how God felt in that moment:

*'Oh for goodness sake, would you just do as you are told!'*

Which is rather how I imagine He felt with me and my refusal to engage with His prompting. Like Moses I too finally got to a point when there were no more questions or excuses and I realised that if I didn't explore this calling, I might just quietly go round the bend. Which was pretty terrifying to be honest, as I imagine it must have been for Moses, hearing a voice from a burning bush, I mean that's not your average every day experience is it...? But I took strength from God's response to Moses' first objection – 'I will be with you' – and that's all I really needed to know.

So, here I am, several years later, with a collar around my neck and still wondering quite why God would call me to this, but now the difference is I've stopped arguing with Him and accepted that this really is where He wants me.

And the one thing I still need to know and remind myself of every day, is that 'God will be with me'. It's a calling that is rewarding and tough, joyful yet draining, heart warming, but occasionally desolate, so without him it just wouldn't even be worth considering but with? Well, with, it's possibly the best job in the world.





# DEVELOPING LINKS WITH EUROPEAN CHURCHES

By Rev. Keith  
Perkinton  
Vicar of Hangleton

In June of last year I attended the European Ecumenical Study Course in Josefstal, Bavaria, an annual event organised by the Lutheran Church in Germany. The conference is one of the ways in which our diocese maintains and develops its links with European churches.

Around 40 delegates representing about 15 European countries and the denominations of the Lutheran, Reformed Lutheran, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, Czech Hussite and Roman Catholic Church, came to live and study together for 10 days at the Josefstal Study Centre.

Each year takes a different theme for study and the area for 2016 was Art and Faith. I was asked if I would attend because of my own art background and enthusiastically said yes to the opportunity of learning more about the different churches' approach to visual art.

After the first day or two I soon discovered that the course was

about much more than study and discussion. It was about living together and listening to each other as we shared our different experiences, histories, convictions and beliefs. Social events were just as integral to the conference as worship and study groups, all of which enabled us to live a unity which had little to do with compromising our differences of belief and theology, and all to do with recognising a deeper common life.

We live in a world which is divided along so many lines, so many walls keeping ourselves safe and others out, fear and suspicion creating suffering and violence between people. Since attending the Josefstal conference I've been thinking a great deal about the importance of friendship as a way of unearthing a deeper unity, a richer heart, which we all share but which we can often forget as we seek to remain loyal to our own causes.

This year is the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation and the theme of this year's Josefstal Conference is 'Reconciliation'. Just before the European Referendum I shared with my own people how I would vote and why. It wasn't a complex argument, quite simple really, some may say simplistic: as Christians we are called to be bridge builders. I'm looking forward to attending the Josefstal conference this year for a second time. In conclusion here are some words spoken following the destruction of Coventry Cathedral in 1940 by the then Provost Dick Howard.

*"He said that when the war was over we should work with those who had been enemies 'to build a kinder, more Christ-like world.'"*

# CHRISTIAN AID'S DIAMONDS



As Christian Aid marks 60 years of its annual fundraising drive, Christian Aid Week, the charity is celebrating the incredible dedication of its supporters by awarding Diamond Awards across the UK.

Mark Rodgers, regional co-ordinator said: "Christian Aid has been there for refugees since 1945. But none of our work would be possible without the tireless dedication of volunteers. As we mark the diamond anniversary of Christian Aid Week we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped free people from poverty and say to others – will you follow in their footsteps and bring real change to our world?"

"We are delighted that Bishop Martin will be joining us for our big celebration event, the Christian Aid Week Diamonds Award Celebration, at St Mary's church in Kemptown Brighton on May 16. He will join Christian Aid diamonds, organisers, reps and supporters to celebrate what has been achieved over the last 60 years of Christian Aid."

Bishop Martin said it was inspiring to hear stories of volunteers from local churches. He said: "Over the last 60 years of Christian Aid Week people in churches have volunteered thousands of hours raising money to free people from

poverty. These wonderful volunteers are not just Christian Aid Week diamonds shining God's light and love in our world, but diamonds both to God and we as a church who we value so very much."

Sue Greener and Margaret Luetchford are just two of the wonderful volunteers nominated.

Sue Greener from Heathfield was nominated for a Christian Aid Diamond Award because for many years Sue has run events to raise money to lift people out of poverty and to speak up for the poor who are often not heard.

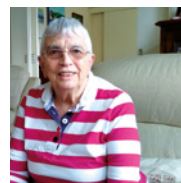
Rev. Susan Murray, from Three Bridges, Crawley, nominated Margaret Luetchford. "Margaret has been collecting for Christian Aid for 53 years. Initially on door to door envelopes, she has consistently and persistently made our church, St. Richards, Three Bridges, aware of what is going on and making us involved.

"As well as organizing publicity she nearly always puts on an extra event like soup lunches, cake bakes and makes sure the local primary school has the envelopes required. This year we managed to persuade the school to do an own clothes for the day if you give to CA, which has raised lots.

You can help to change the lives of people fleeing conflict and crisis this Christian Aid Week by donating online at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org) calling 08080 006 006, or texting 'GIVE' to 70040 to give £5.

Christian Aid Week Diamonds Award Celebration takes place at St Mary's Church, Kemptown, Brighton on Tuesday 16 May

**"In the last few years this comparatively small neighborhood has raised something like £1000 each year, this year including a Big Brekkie. This would not happen without Margaret."**



Margaret Luetchford



Sue Greener

# CAREWISE

## TAILOR MADE FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR LATER LIFE

There are few certainties in life, but change is one of them. Many of us don't think about the need for care until it affects a loved one or we need to consider it for ourselves.



The goal of Carewise is to ease the worry of paying for care. Our independent care fees specialists have years of experience in supporting people to make well informed choices about paying for long-term care with an emphasis on maintaining a secure income to pay for good quality care whether you choose a care home or home care.

Carewise is a partnership between West Sussex County Council, the Society of Later Life Advisers (SOLLA), Age UK West Sussex and West Sussex Partners in Care which makes sure that the scheme can offer the right advice at the right time for your individual circumstances.

Carewise has a panel of seven local independent financial advisers specialising in financial planning for later life – all members of SOLLA. They constantly review the care market for the best products and services for clients offering comprehensive advice on what type of care and support you can afford, either at home or in residential care, and preserving some assets.

Age UK West Sussex offers free impartial advice on a wider range of issues affecting people in later life. Their Money Advice Service provides confidential jargon-free information on everything from benefits, budgeting and energy comparisons to debt management and savings.

As we all continue to live longer and enjoy a better quality of life, it's never been more important to think about how to cut the cloth according to our means for today and tomorrow. Every person's situation and expectations of the future will be different. Here are some of the ways Carewise can support you to live independently for longer.

Guide - With a myriad of choices that people can make, such as deferred payment agreements, renting out property, care fees annuities, and equity release, where do you start? Carewise can help you make more informed choices.

Save – Ensure you don't spend more than you need to and that you are receiving all the benefits to which you're entitled.

Adapt – Carewise knows people are often at their most vulnerable when they have to deal with serious changes in their lives, and that having someone they can trust to help them make the right decisions about their financial health is invaluable.

Invest - Helping you understand how to put your money and assets to good use by offering unbiased and unrestricted advice on a broad range of saving and investment products based on a comprehensive and fair analysis of the market.

You wouldn't take out a mortgage without financial advice, don't go without financial advice for long-term care funding.

To find out more about Carewise go to [www.westsussexconnecttosupport.org/carewise](http://www.westsussexconnecttosupport.org/carewise) where you can find a list of the Carewise care fees specialists or phone Adults' CarePoint on 01243 642121 and ask for an information pack.



Students from Sussex University

# SLEEP EASY 2017

## AN EXTREME CHALLENGE

### Mission accomplished!

On Friday 24 March over 100 people slept out at locations in Hove, Horsham and Guildford for the YMCA Sleep Easy to raise awareness and funds for tackling youth homelessness.

This year the Bishop of Chichester chose the charity for the Diocesan Lent Appeal. Importantly the appeal raised awareness of the vital work of the YMCA among churches in Sussex, helping the charity to achieve its goal of £40K with many parish donations going direct to YMCA Downlink based in Hove or through the Justgiving page which was set up for the event.

Lucy McGrath, YMCA's Lead chaplain based in Hove, was full of praise for the way in which the diocese responded to its biggest annual fundraising event.

She said: "We valued your support on so many levels – and the fact that YMCA DownsLink group is the chosen charity for the Diocesan Lent Appeal has really helped us on an ongoing basis to build relationships with Anglican churches in the Diocese.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner and Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, Martin Lloyd Williams joined around 50 others sleeping out for the night in Hove, with over 100 sleeping out in total in other parts of Sussex and Surrey including Horsham and Guildford.

Bishop Martin offered a prayer and blessing at the event. He said:

"It was great to be part of the Sleep Easy event on Friday night. It taught me how little we understand about the vulnerability, discomfort, and indignity of homelessness and sleeping rough, and how terrifyingly easy it is to end up with no other option.



Youngest and oldest participants: Holly (16) and Bob Wright (84)

“On the positive side, it was an opportunity to see the amazing commitment of the YMCA team, and the enthusiasm of supporters for raising awareness and raising funds to tackle homelessness among young people. And for our one night out under the stars, we had the best tarmac hospitality.”

Archdeacon Martin said: "The night was dry and cold, the atmosphere was excitable and nervy, the organisation was exemplary and all fifty of us were gathered for a great cause. I did feel rather apprehensive beforehand but I shouldn't have worried. This tiny taste of outdoors improvised sleeping on cardboard and a wooden pallet was scarcely exposure to the trauma of the real thing, but hopefully, the profile of homelessness was raised a bit, and a good sum of money was given to a very worthwhile cause."

The event was opened by the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Peter West.



The Bishop of Chichester and Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, Martin Lloyd Williams, with their certificates of participation.

# ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

## A FARMING FRIEND IN NEED?

Revd Dr Mark Betson is the Diocesan Rural and Environment Officer and the South East Regional Director for Farming Community Network. (FCN)

"We have a wonderful farming community in Sussex, but that doesn't stop it from having its times of difficulty. The old networks and places to meet, such as the livestock markets, are now few and far between. The price of land is high and being increasingly bought up for lifestyle rather than livelihood. Trying to make ends meet with poor prices for what you grow and more and more forms being asked for you to fill in is made more stressful with fewer people to talk to who understand what you are going through.

"The Surrey & Sussex group of FCN cover the area of the Diocese with 18 volunteers that bring a range of skills in support of the farming community - from dealing with increasingly complex paperwork to being alongside families facing the difficult issue of succession on the farm. They don't give advice but can point in the direction of help and will be there to walk alongside those seeking that help.

"We would appreciate your prayers and support for our work."

If you would like someone to talk to your Church or PCC about the work of FCN please contact Revd Dr Mark Betson, South East Regional Director for FCN:

m.betson@hotmail.co.uk; or the national office via mail@fcn.org.uk, or Tel: 01788 510 866

You can show your support for our farmers and for the ministry of the Farming Community Network with your prayers. Additionally, you can help the nation's farmers by buying local produced British food.

FCN will be writing to all parishes offering resources for Harvest services. The FCN Helpline is available every day of the year from 8.00am until 11.00pm on 03000 111 999 or e-mail [chris@fcn.org.uk](mailto:chris@fcn.org.uk)

## ENERGY STEWARDSHIP PROVIDES LEGACY FOR CHURCH MISSION

The 'Energy Stewardship Programme' started in 2015 to transform church buildings to make them as accessible, useable and efficient as possible.

Diocesan Energy consultant Dr. David Greenfield has been working with the diocesan sustainability officer, Fr Lawrence Maclean, and rural officer, Revd Dr Mark Betson, to show ways to improve heating, lighting, accessibility and sanitation. This in turn would fundamentally provide opportunities for the wider community to use these

wonderful buildings in other ways than solely worship.

"We see that providing buildings 'fit for purpose' for the next 50-100 yrs is a legacy that has profound consequences for the Mission of our church", said Dr Greenfield.

"We've spent the last 18 months undertaking Energy Opportunity Assessments (EOAs) on 26 parishes; Church House, the Bishop's Palace and we are currently undertaking an EOA on Chichester Cathedral. The EOAs are becoming an intrinsic part of applying for funding for capital works as it allows parishes to demonstrate that they have considered the energy opportunities for their buildings. Parishes can now apply for an EOA with the cost being offset through the funding application."





## Some typical efficiencies underway or completed

- LED replacement bulbs under a "Sponsor a Bulb" initiative
- External lighting replaced and new community sponsorship developed
- Reglazing project undertaken to reduce heating costs
- Reroofing with solar
- Sustainable heating solution

If you are interested, please e-mail [julieg@soenecs.co.uk](mailto:julieg@soenecs.co.uk) for an information pack and to arrange a date for a survey.

## ENGLAND SHOW IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH

The South of England Show is celebrating its 50th birthday on 8, 9 and 10 June 2017, at the Showground in Ardingly, West Sussex, where you can enjoy the very best of the British countryside, food and drink and outdoor entertainment for the whole family.

The Society will be showcasing its charitable work and continued support for the next generation with hundreds of students from schools and colleges from across the region involved in competitions, exhibits and demonstrations.

"Epiphany, a unique and highly talented group will be performing at the show again this year and there will be a great range of resources, books and CDs from Books Alive. Tea and coffee will be served round the clock, parents and carers will find comfortable and clean baby changing facilities, school parties are welcome to join us to sit comfortably and enjoy their packed lunch and we will also be the show's official carers of any



The National Farmers Union will be exploring how farming has changed over the last 50 years as well as what the future holds.

The Sanctuary is a spacious multi-use area run by local church leaders and volunteers. Revd Sue Wilkinson, curate Willingdon and chaplain co-ordinator for the show said: "We are always delighted to be joined by ministers from our partner dioceses and other denominational churches who help in practical and pastoral ways to keep visitors engaged and welcomed.

"This year we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the show with lots of specially themed activities for all ages including Forest school.

lost sheep (real people actually!). We care for people young and old until they are reunited with their family or friends. All in all you are in for a very happy experience. Please pop in and say hello. We look forward to welcoming you."

Family and friends can take full advantage of the ticket prices again this year with under 16s going FREE (accompanied by a paying adult £21); senior citizens and students over 16 £19. There is also FREE parking and a regular bus shuttle service from Haywards Heath train station to the showground. For advance ticket discounts visit [www.seas.org.uk](http://www.seas.org.uk)



# A RUSSIAN PRINCESS

By John and Jeanette Simpson

Many visitors to the Norman church of St Nicolas' in Old Shoreham are drawn to the unusual gravestone which marks the last resting place of a Russian Princess and actress.



## THE INSCRIPTION READS

HERE LIES LYDIA YAVORSKA PRINCESS BARIATINSKY, THE ADORED WIFE OF JOHN POLLOCK. THE YOUNGEST OF THE FOUR GREAT ACTRESSES OF HER GENERATION: NOBLE HEART, LOFTY MIND, BURNING SOUL, SHE DEVOTED HER LIFE & GIFTS TO THE WORSHIP OF BEAUTY AND TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. 3 SEPTEMBER 1921.

The unfolding story of Lydia's amazing life as a princess, actress, suffragette and refugee relief worker, was even more dramatic than the plays in which she performed. Unpacking it has been the culmination of a four year research project by John and Jeanette Simpson who live in Shoreham.

Lydia was the daughter of a police chief, born in 1871 in Kiev. From an early age she was drawn to the theatre. In 1890 she went to St Petersburg to attend drama school and was offered a place in a touring company, acting under the name of Yavorska. She first appeared on the professional stage in Revel (now Tallinn, Estonia) on 23 May 1893, to enthusiastic reviews.

Lydia became an acclaimed actress joining the Korsh Theatre in Moscow where her lifestyle, including her relationship with the writer Chekhov, both shocked and fascinated society.

Lydia's marriage in 1896 to Prince Bariatinsky, a cousin of the Tsar, scandalised the Imperial Court. The couple's liberal views became too much for the Imperial authorities. They left Russia to tour Europe, and arrived in London in 1909. Lydia became a fashion icon and a Suffragette, and took the English stage by storm. Her production

of Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* was an outstanding success and the record-breaking run was only halted by the outbreak of WWI.

Lydia at once began fundraising for refugees from the Eastern front, and returned to Russia in 1915 to administer relief work. There she discovered the Prince wanted a divorce. He finally succeeded with the help of Rasputin.

Lydia became a staunch opponent of the Bolsheviks and fled back to England after an arrest warrant was issued. In 1920, she married John Pollock, who had worked with her in Russia as a Red Cross Commissioner. Sadly they had little time together because Lydia died in Hove in 1921 and now lies in this quiet Sussex churchyard.

In 2016, on the 95th anniversary of her death, a book was published "*Princess of Dreams*", which it's hoped will help to restore Lydia to her rightful place in theatre history.

The website [www.aprincessinshoreham.org](http://www.aprincessinshoreham.org) gives more information about the Princess, the events which took place at St Nicolas' to commemorate the 95th anniversary, and details of the book.

## STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS BY NEVILLE MANNING

# WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

Both words and tunes are important parts of any hymn or worship song but sometimes a good tune can help to root a hymn in our hearts and minds, writes Neville Manning.

That I find is true of the hymn “Will you come and follow me”, usually sung to the tune Kelvingrove. Once heard or sung it tends to reverberate in the mind at every opportunity.

It was written in 1987 and comes from the Iona Community in Scotland, which was founded in 1938 by the late Rev George Macleod as an ecumenical community in the old but reconstructed Iona Abbey buildings.

The community has often focused on social concerns but also has a reputation for hymns and resources for worship. This hymn was largely the work of a Scottish Church minister, John Bell, an accomplished musician and lecturer. He was assisted by Graham Maule, an architect who moved into work with young people and resources to encourage them in worship.

As it is so recent, it has probably only found its way into a few hymn books, such as Hymns Old And New, though congregations used to words on a screen may have more access to it. It was used at Blackburn Cathedral in 2014 at a landmark service to mark 20 years of women being ordained in the Church of England.

It is particularly appropriate at time such as Pentecost when we think of God’s Spirit being outpoured to enable us to share in Christ’s work of Mission, as it takes its cue from the stories of Christ in the Gospels calling people to follow him.

The hymn is a series of questions to us personally: Will you come and follow me? Will you leave yourself behind? Will you let the blinded see? Will you set the prisoners free? Will you kiss the leper clean?

These are worth reflecting on one by one. I am often struck by the penultimate verse asking “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide... Will you quell the fear inside?”. If we are to fulfil that command to love our neighbours as ourselves, we have to learn to love and accept ourselves, in spite of the hidden bits we don’t particularly like, and to overcome that lack of self worth which can be a common human problem. The hymn is very personal, speaking of Christ calling us by name.

Worship is about God speaking to us, but it is also about our responding to him. The hymn’s questions of Christ to us are followed in the final verse by our response to him: “Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.”

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Find more about this and other hymns on the website of Oystermouth Parish Church, near Swansea: [www.oystermouthparishchurch.com](http://www.oystermouthparishchurch.com)



Bishop Joseph distributing food

## OVERSEAS MISSION

The Diocese of Chichester's Overseas Council recently received an urgent request for help from one of its Companion Diocesan Links and approved an emergency grant of GBP 5,000. This was sent directly to the Diocese of Nakuru which, in partnership with the Anglican Church of Kenya's Development Services, will buy and distribute foodstuff and other essential supplies to the drought affected areas.

Revd Canon Ian Hutchinson Cervantes, World Mission Officer and Rector of Nuthurst and Mannings Heath writes:

"I am grateful to the Diocesan Overseas Council for approving the emergency sum of GBP 5,000 which is just under half the total amount requested. We have already had a letter of thanks from the Bishop of Nakuru."

"The contributions will really help the families affected in Baringo Region. Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity and time and effort that you have put into supporting the drought stricken area." Bishop Joseph

Baringo County is frequently affected by drought and famine leading to human and livestock loss. The county has not received adequate rainfall for the last two years leading to human death, human migration, and human-wildlife conflict and inter-tribal wars. The situation worsened in October 2016 when the county did not receive any rain as expected in the short rains season. The communities are more vulnerable to drought because of their heavy reliance on livestock as their own source of livelihood.

There have been confirmed reports of community members resorting to wild (and in most cases poisonous) fruits for food. Most of the dry water pans are already contaminated by animal carcasses which die around water points due to hunger, exhaustion, heat and disease.

Please keep the diocese of Nakuru and all our companion dioceses in your prayers.

## OTHER NEWS

### Kenya

Mothers' Union representative, Chris Emson and Diocesan Schools Business Development Officer, Lesley Hurst, will be visiting Kenya this month (May) as part of a group that is particularly interested in developing schools links, in particular, Connecting Classrooms an international project funded by The British Council..

"The aim of this exciting initiative is to encourage high quality professional partnerships between teachers across an international community," said Lesley. As a diocese, we have looked to the Connecting Classrooms programme as a way to start to establish links between our schools here in Chichester, and those within our link dioceses in Africa. We have already given some of our schools the opportunity to take part in this training and are eager to see how this progresses.

"I am excited to be able to accompany the diocesan trip to Kenya this May to find out more about the schools and to look at how we can best establish sustainable relationships across both countries. Building on the success of the schools' art competition for the Year of the Bible, we are hoping to have a more international focus on our competition for the coming Year of Prayer which we anticipate our schools to approach with the same enthusiasm as we have seen this year. "



### Gambia

Margaret Lumley is a member of the Diocese of Chichester's Overseas Council and the Deanery Secretary for Chichester. She visited The Gambia in March.

Margaret met with the Head of the Schools Department while she was visiting the Gambia to discuss identifying a potential partner school for Heene School, Worthing.

She reported: "While it was clear that the change of president had affected the whole nation, making them happy and relaxed and hopeful for the future, the new idea of school links, based on friendship, cultural understanding, prayer and regular communication by electronic means rather than merely raising funds for the schools was not easy to put over to all our link dioceses.

#### Cameroon update

... progress previously made during Bishop Dibo Elango's 2016 visit has currently stalled as the schools and the legal profession in the Cameroon, have been on strike since November due to a protest over the requirement to use only the French language in the English speaking areas. The English internet was closed down as well by the government.

"We hope that, with the regular communication, the links will be two way, with the African schools realising that they can offer something to us such as prayer, ideas and an awareness that there are Anglican schools in other parts of the world and our children know theirs, if only by letters. There is room for teachers to share ideas and concerns. Financial help only comes much later on in the relationship, when there is an urgent need that has arisen." (Margaret Lumley, DOC member)

### Sierra Leone

Revd Bruce Holben, curate at West Wittering joined church members from the parish to visit Sierra Leone in November 2016. It was the 10th anniversary of their link with a large school in Bo diocese. While there, Bruce participated in the ordinations of 5 people including Fr. Joseph Wangai who visited our diocese last year.



# MOTHERS UNION

BY PRESIDENT KATHRYN ANDERSON



Mothers' Union representative Alison Phillips and her daughter Megan at last year's Family Fun Day.

It has been a busy few months with some encouraging news about new members and a new branch.

Among other events, I attended the Canterbury Province Conference at High Leigh in Hoddesdon. We looked at the challenges and opportunities for the future and began the consultation on the Worldwide Constitution.

Later I took part in an away day together at The Palace in Chichester. Following my meeting with Bishop Martin he would like Mothers' Union members to have resources to teach children Bible stories. We will be providing an activity at the Family Fun Day at Amberley Museum on Saturday, July 8. Make sure you get your tickets.

I also represented the diocese at a half-day conference, Hope 2018, for church leaders and agency leaders. This year is for prayer and preparation and working together for our local communities – let's see faith in action.

I am delighted with news from around the diocese, particularly being able to welcome new members, a new Branch at Selsey and to congratulate long serving members.

A new outreach opportunity for members in the east of our diocese is providing refreshments, cakes and a warm welcome to those attending monthly citizenship ceremonies. After meeting Deborah Bedford, deputy lieutenant, at the Lewes ceremony, she will be opening her Ringmer Park garden for us on June 20, as a fundraiser for the diocese. For details, contact Heather Bruce, chairwoman of Lewes District.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Away From It All open days

10.30am till 1pm, Winchelsea Caravan, Saturday, May 20, and Selsey Caravan, Sunday, May 21. Details from Brenda on 07578272732.

### Big Church Day Out at Wiston House

Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29. Contact Rachel Arding at Mary Sumner House.

### Trustees' Meeting at Church House

Friday, June 16, 10am to 1.30pm.

### Open Garden at Ringmer Park

Tuesday, June 20, 11am to 3pm.

### Family Fun Day at Amberley Museum

Saturday, July 8, 10am to 5pm.

### Units Meeting at Church House

Friday, July 21, 10am to 1.30pm.

### Members' Days at Mary Sumner House

August 2 and 3.

### Mary Sumner Day

August 9.

### Trustees' meeting, Church House

September 15, 10am to 1.30pm.

### Finance and member services meeting

Church House, September 15, 1.30pm to 4pm.

### Service and general meeting, Edinburgh

Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30.

### Autumn members' meeting

Bishop Hannington Church, Hove October 14.

### 16 Days of activism against gender violence

November 25 to December 10.

### Units meeting, Church House

November 10, 10am to 1.30pm.

### Trustees' meeting, Church House

December 8, 10am to 1.30pm.



## WINCHELSEA CARAVAN

Open day at the Winchelsea Caravan will be held between 10.30am and 13.00pm on Saturday 20th May 2017. There will be refreshments served in the site Club house from 11.30am.

The address of the site is Rye Bay Caravan Park, 2 Pett Level Road, Winchelsea Beach. East Sussex TN36 4NE. The number of the caravan is 231. Mobile telephone 07578272732 It is on 101 bus route between Hastings and Rye

## SELSEY CARAVAN

Open day at the Selsey caravan will be held between 10.30 and 13.00pm on Sunday 21st May 2017. The refreshments will be held in the caravan from 10.30am.

The address of the site is Bunn Leisure, West Sands, Mill Lane, Selsey, PO20 9BH. Caravan Number 934. Mob Tel 07578272732. The turning to Selsey can be found on the A27 at the Chichester roundabout.

# VISIONARY INFASTRUCTURE

*John Sherlock, Strategy & Resources Adviser, considers two projects and asks the question: 'were they worth the investment?'*

## PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS)

The Parish Giving Scheme has now been adopted by twenty dioceses and processes nearly £2 million every month. Our diocese has more churches operating the scheme than any other in the country.

Lancelot Brown, better known as Capability Brown, never lived to see his grand designs mature. He conceived the landscapes at Petworth Park, Sheffield Park and many other places in Sussex and nationwide, but died before the outcomes could be appreciated.

A century later the Victorians were busy creating infrastructure, particularly in towns, that would last far beyond the inventors' lifetime. Their efforts, like Capability Brown's, would have seemed absurdly messy to people without a 'vision' of the future.

Although on not such a grand scale, two present-day 'infrastructure' projects have been at the forefront of my mind recently. Were they worth the investment?

The first is the implementation in our diocese of the Parish Giving Scheme. When I first recommended this system (invented in Gloucester diocese) it was new, unproven and therefore risky. But it has turned out to be such a boon to local churches in our area that it has

almost become a 'no-brainer'. It now remits over £3½ million each year to PCC bank accounts in our diocese and has cleverly addressed the problem of 'static giving' which used to plague so many churches. Financially, PGS is now paying off – inflation-linked increases to donations are already more than the processing cost paid by the diocese. The benefit in terms of time saved by local churches is huge. Who knows how future generations will value it?

So the answer for the PGS is an unqualified 'yes' – it was well worth the investment, and it's now taking its place amongst a portfolio of modern payment solutions supporting local church life.

## THE RESOURCES STORE

Another project – one that has not yet proved itself (but will, I hope) – is the resources store. It's operated by CPO in Worthing who are specialist Christian publishers, and it enables anyone to procure diocesan resources efficiently to help with local initiatives. CPO also operate the 'Church Print Hub' which supports national campaigns such as 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The diocesan store has just opened, and new resources are being added to it regularly. The infrastructure has been created, so the 'messy' part of the project is over, but the outcome

will (we hope) be valuable to future generations. Worth the investment? Time will tell.

Both these projects are for the future: infrastructure does not usually 'pay back' in the short term. But it's all too easy to invest poorly: when the huge station was constructed at Christ's Hospital near Horsham in 1902, somebody forgot to tell the railway company that the school (recently moved to its new country campus from the centre of London) was only for boarders. The expected daily train traffic, for which the monumental station was built, never materialised! Sadly this grand edifice has now been demolished.

The church is here for the long term, and so the diocese will continue to support parish life by investing in appropriate 'infrastructure' projects. Unlike centuries ago, I hope we can do this without creating disruption or making monumental mistakes! The best of the projects – following in the footsteps of the PGS – will be adopted nationwide soon.

You can access the store anytime online at <http://store.chichester.anglican.org> or by phoning 01273 041368 during business hours.



# FAMILY SUPPORT WORK (FSW) NEWS

## MAYOR'S CHARITY

FSW is pleased to have been a 'chosen charity' of the Mayor of Brighton & Hove this past year. Benefits to FSW have included the chance to promote its work, closer links with other charities, and an opportunity to raise funds.

Last month, the Mayor hosted two evening receptions for FSW at Brighton Town Hall. Local clergy and councillors were consulted on plans for a new family support service in the City. FSW is already working closely with the Moulsecoomb Parish Team to offer Family Fun Days in this deprived area. With additional funding, the charity hopes to deliver comprehensive family support. The Bishop of Chichester attended one of the evenings and, in his speech, endorsed the work of the charity and spoke of its effective governance.

## MAGGIE GOES THE EXTRA MILE!

FSW was given one of the Mayor's free places in the recent Vitality Brighton Half Marathon. This was taken up by Maggi Pratt, from the charity's Eastbourne Deanery committee. Maggi ran 13.1 miles in just over 2 hours and raised £750. Well done Maggi!



## CLAIRE'S STORY

Claire had 3 children and was living in cramped two bedroomed house. She was also depressed and not able to put family routines in place. The children were regularly going to bed at 2am and not getting up in time for school. They also argued and fought. FSW's Support Worker visited three times a week for three months. She helped Claire establish bedtime and morning routines for the children and to get some specialist help for herself. The children now go to bed at 9pm and get to school on time. The house is more peaceful and Claire has joined a local class in order to get out and meet others.

## FSW EVENTS

Easter Walk, Ashdown Forest – 17th April

Charity Masquerade Dinner,  
Brighton Pavilion – 28th April

Open Gardens in East and  
West Sussex – 1st -6th July

Teddy Bear's Picnic,  
Haywards Heath – 8th July

Amberley to Arundel Walk – 24th August

September Fair, Henfield – 10th September

For full details, contact 01273 832963  
[fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk)  
[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)

## ADVICE FROM THE DAC



# TREE CARE

In a new series in Faith in Sussex we take a more in-depth look at advice issued from the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Dave Grant, Assistant Secretary to the DAC and Mission and Pastoral Committee shares some of the considerations around tree management in churchyards.

## WORKING ON TREES

Trees in churchyards contribute to the significance of the setting of the churchyard. The management of trees within the curtilage of the church is governed by the Faculty Jurisdictions Rules 2015. The FJR 2015, allows for works on trees with 3 separate levels of consultation; List A (Works for which no authorisation is needed), List B (Works which can be authorised by the Archdeacon) the third level is a Faculty (Formal application has to be made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and is then authorised by the Chancellor) for further detailed information on the FJR 2015. See link: [www.chichester.anglican.org/church-buildings-property](http://www.chichester.anglican.org/church-buildings-property)

Local Authorities also have an interest in the management of trees, for example a tree may be the subject of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) or it may be in a Conservation Area. For this reason it is necessary to contact the Local Authority and obtain their permission / consent to carryout work on trees. It is important to note that Local Authority permission does not negate the requirement, where necessary to gain permission from the Archdeacon, through List B or the Registry through a Faculty.

**Situations that have recently occurred in relation to proposed works on trees:**

## DANGEROUS TREES

A parish church with a Grade II listed boundary wall had been advised, by a tree specialist, that removing the trees in close proximity to the wall was necessary as their roots were damaging the wall. The trees were healthy and potentially would live on for many years. The parish wanted to fell the trees, under List B (B6 (2) (b)), based on the fact that they were a clear danger to the wall. Unfortunately the definition of dangerous provided by the Church Building Council (CBC) makes it clear that the danger has to be immediate, so in this case the parish have had to apply for a Faculty.

## A TREE IN THE WRONG LOCATION

A parish, acting on advice from an Arboriculturist and after having obtained consent from the Local Authority Planning department, were intending to carry out some works on a number of their trees; some were dead or dying and one was dangerous and in imminent danger of falling, these circumstances are covered by List B (B6 (2) (a))

### Further information and advice:

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Mr Dave Grant, Assistant DAC & DMPC  
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& (b). However once they had carried out these works they were left with a healthy tree that looked out of place, which they also wanted to fell. Whilst being sympathetic towards the aesthetics of the churchyard it is not possible to fell a healthy tree that is of no immediate danger. The parish were able to obtain a Faculty and reinstate the visual balance in the churchyard, by felling the tree.

## EASIER THAN WE THOUGHT

A parish wanted to tidy up the churchyard, they had obtained an Arboriculturist's report, which recommended the removal of a number of small self-seeded trees, that were prolific within the churchyard. The parish, were reluctant to go down this route for fear of it involving either a List B or a Faculty application. The parish called the DAC Secretary and she was able to confirm that as the church was not in a Conservation Area, the trees were not subject to Tree Preservation Orders and the trees in question were 75 mm in diameter or less, they could be removed under List A (A8 (1)).

## SMARTENING UP THE TREES

It is possible to carryout general maintenance (lopping or topping) on trees, not amounting to felling, through List A (A 8 (2) (a) or (b)) if they are dying, dead or dangerous or through List B (B6 (3)), if they are healthy.

## WILDLIFE ISSUES

When carrying out authorised work on trees in the churchyard, it is important to avoid periods when the trees are being used by nesting birds, with special care to trees inhabited by bats and other endangered species.

## GENERAL

For all works to trees, due attention is to be had to the Church Buildings Council guidance on trees ([www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Guidance\\_Notes/PCC\\_Trees.pdf](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Guidance_Notes/PCC_Trees.pdf))

All work should be done by a qualified arboriculturist.

List B applications should be accompanied by the following paperwork:

- A report from a suitably qualified tree professional, clearly identifying each tree what is wrong with it and what action is to be taken.
- A copy of the PCC minutes including the voting figures.
- Communication from the Local Council providing permission / lack of objection to carry out the proposed works, if required.
- Specification of work from a suitably qualified contractor.

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

## PENTECOST 2017

### Year of the Bible 2017

#### **Chancellor's Lectures 2017: 'The Bible in the Public Square'**

This year the Chancellor, Canon Dr Anthony Cane, is sharing his annual series of public lectures with three distinguished bible scholars. Held in the Cathedral nave with free entry.

**Monday 5th June at 6.30pm**  
'The Bible in the Post-truth World': This first lecture is given by Canon Dr Anthony Cane.

Monday 12th June at 6.30pm.  
'The Bible in Contemporary Culture': A lecture by Dr Hannah Strommen, University of Chichester.

**Monday 26th June at 6.30pm**  
'The Bible in English Politics': A lecture by Professor James Crossley, St Mary's University, Twickenham.

**Monday 3rd July at 6.30pm**  
'The Bible in the Ecological Debate': A lecture by Professor Richard Bauckham, University of St Andrews.

### Chichester Cathedral Peregrines

#### **Until Sunday 18th June 2017**

Every year a pair of Peregrine Falcons raise new chicks in the Cathedral's south east turret. View them on the Cathedral website and in the RSPB marquee off the Cloisters Café. Later in the project the birds can be viewed through telescopes in the Cathedral grounds. Entry is free.

### See Behind the Scenes at Chichester Cathedral

#### **Saturday 15th July 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

As part of the Festival of Chichester, areas of the Cathedral normally closed to the public will be open to visitors. The Song School, located high up in the Cathedral's triforium and reached only by a winding spiral staircase. Come and discover its secret chamber! The Cathedral Library in the Cathedral heights, where a fascinating collection of rare books is stored, and the Bishop's Chapel, the private chapel of the Bishop of Chichester. (Please be

aware there are 40 spiral stairs up to the Song School).

### Exhibition at Chichester Cathedral:

#### **'400 Days' and 'Alternative Values' – An exhibition by Frieda Hughes.**

#### **Wednesday 14th June – Thursday 17th August**

Frieda Hughes is a poet and painter and the daughter of poets Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath. In November 2015 Frieda decided to find out if she could create a painting every day for a year. Each painting is 10" x 14" and all 400 will be on display. The project is an exploration of how our days change in mood and tone, and what it looks like when one person describes their experiences in shape and colour over a finite period of time. From early childhood writing and painting have been the two driving forces in Frieda's life, the growing collaboration between her poetry and this artwork is realised in 'Alternative Values'.

In the North Transept. Open daily with free entry.

## Family Activity 'Up, up and away!'

**Friday 28th July 10.00am – 3.00pm**  
**(Last entry 2.30pm)**

Come along to the Cathedral for some holiday fun! Families can follow a trail, collect a prize, and then go to the Vicars' Hall to take part in the creative activities. £2.50 per child. No need to book, just drop in. Suitable for children aged 3-12, who must be accompanied by an adult.

For further details call 01243 812497  
or see [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)

## Lunchtime Concerts at Chichester Cathedral Summer 2017

**Tuesdays from until 20th June: 1.10pm – 2.00pm**

Admission is free. Bring your sandwiches and come along and enjoy the concert. Coffee provided. All are very welcome.

## 'Book at Breakfast' with Chichester Cathedral's Chancellor

**Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th June: 9.00am – 10.00am**

'Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need To Know About Global Politics' by Tim Marshall. In the Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane. Tickets cost £7.00 (includes continental breakfast) available on 0333 666 3366 or see [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk).

## Special Services:

### Thursday 25th May

The Ascension of Our Lord

5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)

5.30pm Sung Eucharist

### Thursday 15th June

Corpus Christi

5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)

5.30pm Sung Eucharist

### Thursday 29th June

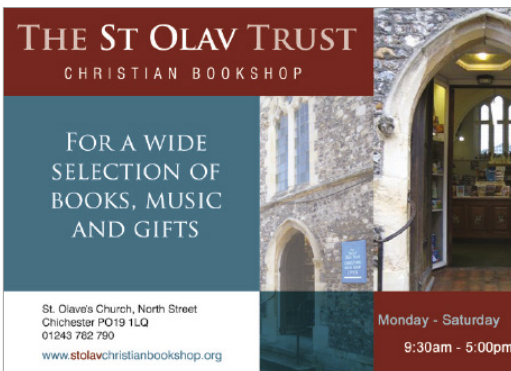
St Peter the Apostle

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# BOOKS AND REVIEWS



## EXPERIENCING

## CHRIST'S

## LOVE

BY JOHN TWISLETON

The five chapters of John Twisleton's book lay before us a comprehensive structure for reviewing our rule of life of worship, prayer, study, service and reflection to encourage the reader to experience more deeply the love of Christ.

He draws on his own spiritual journey and pastoral work to demonstrate how he has experienced and grown his spiritual discipleship. There are also riches here from past and present spiritual writers to encourage the reader to explore further.

The Summary of the Law is presented in sections at the start of each chapter. Throughout we are given a prayerful reading of the scriptures. Each chapter is worth reflecting on at some length. There is a distilled wisdom here worth pondering on.

This is a timely book for the diocese in this Year of the Bible and has been commended by the Bishop of Lewes, The Right Revd Richard Jackson.

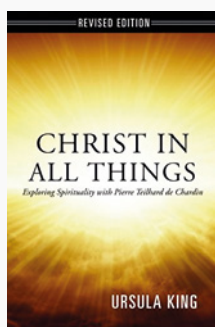
He said: "Love is a word that our culture has grossly misunderstood, often described as mere romantic feeling. Yet

in the scriptures love is always active. God's love always issues in action.

"In this very helpful book John fleshes out what an active expression of loving God and loving neighbour looks like. Using the picture of a hand, five fingers reaching out to God, he places worship, prayer, study, service and reflection in the framework of the great commandment.

"This helpful metaphorical treatment is a both a challenge and an encouragement to deeper Christian living. John brings together his catholic and charismatic spirituality into a gem of a book that richly rewards prayerful study."

Copies can be ordered from St Olav Bookshop, Chichester  
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## CHRIST IN ALL THINGS

BY URSULA KING

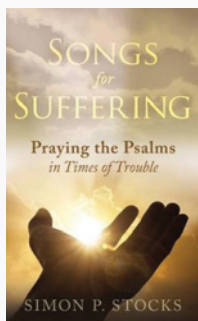
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## SONGS FOR SUFFERING

BY SIMON STOCKS

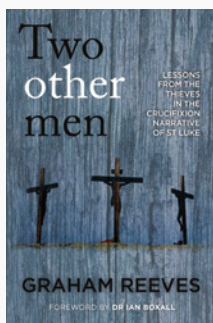
This is a wonderful guide for “anyone who is going through tough times, whatever form that takes”.

Simply written and without theological jargon, it is hugely accessible but with a depth of knowledge evident from Stocks’ own academic experience.

He focuses on psalms of lament and uses personal reflections and stories from people’s lives to embrace difficult themes such as shame, doubt and anger. With his own experience of life and pastoral ministry, he brings a sense of assurance for the reader and encourages us to engage with the themes for ourselves, offering practical suggestions to deepen our own prayer lives.

Stocks reminds us afresh that The Psalms are a wonderful resource, passed down through the ages and used as the bedrock of Christian prayer for centuries. He notes: “May you find deeper connection to God... even in the toughest of times.” This book will help you do that.

Songs For Suffering is published by Hendrickson and can be ordered at most good book stores online including Eden (£12.99) and Amazon (£11.99). There is a website that goes alongside the book and will host other resources linked to lament at: [www.cryhard.org](http://www.cryhard.org)



## TWO OTHER MEN

BY FATHER GRAHAM REEVES,  
MENTAL HEALTH CHAPLAIN  
SUSSEX PARTNERSHIP NHS  
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At Easter we rightly focus on Christ’s passion and resurrection, yet are we missing something? Can the account of the crucified thieves, the two “other men”, open our eyes to deeper, fuller understanding of the gospel?

This study explores the deeper meaning of the thieves in Luke’s crucifixion. Only the Gospel of Luke records their final words. Why does he include these exchanges and what is it about these unknown, dying men that makes them worth remembering?

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Luke’s story of the penitent thief at the cross (Luke 23:39-43), like so many scenes shaped by Luke’s literary artistry, has had a profound impact on the Christian imagination.

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Two Other Men (978-1-909728-59-2) is published by Instant Apostle and is available from online retailers, Christian bookshops and bookstores. Non-fiction, paperback, £8.99

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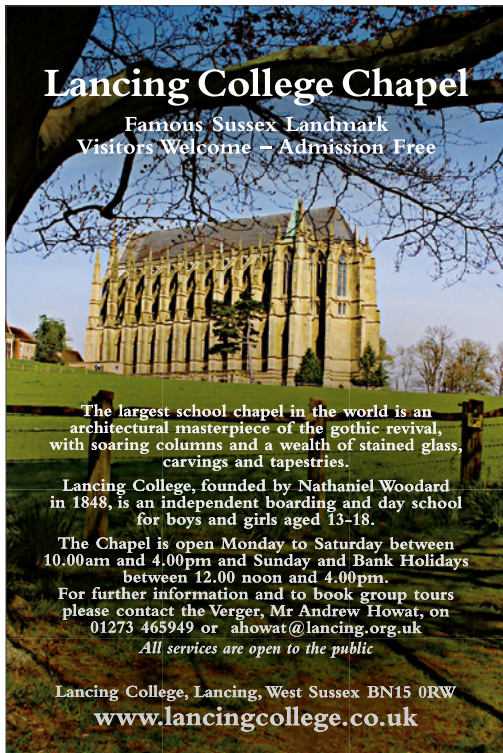
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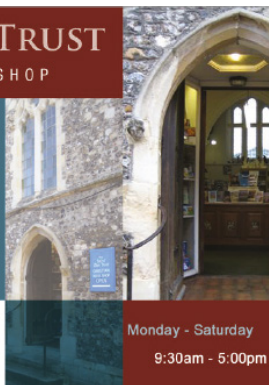
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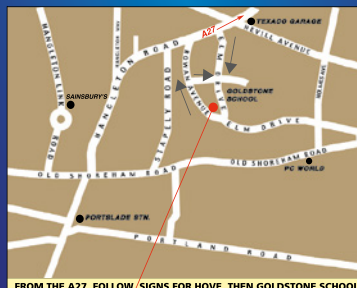
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