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WELCOME

As we approach the season of harvest thanksgiving, I become more acutely aware of how little I have done to till the soil of my own garden. It is massively overgrown with weeds. But, being green, they blend in with the rest of the undergrowth, so don't look too bad.

By contrast the parable that Jesus tells about the sowing of wheat and darnel points to a more obvious distinction. The fruit of good seed, in golden wheat, and the weeds, or darnel, that were never intended to be planted and flourish stand out in contrast to each other.

The significant point about this parable is that the field has to be left to grow until the harvest, in order to allow the good seed to reach its full potential.

In the Bible, the harvest is repeatedly used as a sign of the glorious culmination of God's intention for creation, and for us as its stewards. "Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap", writes the Psalmist (Psalms 125.5).

The danger for us is that we too easily focus on the weeds, and not on the wheat. In terms of Christian discipleship this translates into a preoccupation with what is wrong about the world today. That is easy to spot.

But we are less confident when it comes to asserting what we think is good, and hopeful, and of lasting worth in the sight of God and our own experience.

This edition of Faith in Sussex invites us to rejoice with humble confidence in God's blessing of us. It communicates the stories of Christians who are responding to the gospel of Jesus Christ in many different ways with joy and enthusiasm for the apostolic work of sharing our faith.

Thanksgiving for these stories should also release a spirit of generosity in our thanksgiving. I hope that the needs of those parts of Africa with which we are linked will draw a generous response from you in this year's Harvest Appeal, enabling laughter on earth now to herald the abiding joy of life in its fullness in heaven.

+Martin Bishop of Chichester



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Thirteen Reader candidates from across Sussex will be licensed on 23 September in Chichester Cathedral





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NEWS ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

A DAY ON THE OCEAN FOR **SEA CADETS**

Fr Jim Horton, Priest in Charge at St Nicholas, Saltdean, spent four days on HMS Ocean (the Royal Navy's Flagship) in his capacity as District Chaplain for Sussex Sea Cadets.

Fr Jim and four Sussex Sea Cadets joined other cadets from around the country and boarded the ship at Sunderland for the sailing to its home port of Plymouth.

As well as accompanying the ship's chaplain for morning and evening prayer, Fr Jim and the cadets toured the ship, had a choppy ride in a LCVP (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel), visited the Bridge and joined in with Physical Training!

Sea Cadet Units take chaplaincy very seriously. Prayers are said at Divisions once a month and the chaplain offers support to cadets and volunteers as they embrace new challenges.

Newhaven and Brighton Units are both looking for chaplains, this is open to clergy and Readers. If you are interested contact frjim50@gmail.com





DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR APOSTOLIC LIFE ANNOUNCED

In addition to his current role as Parish Development Officer, Rob Dillingham will be taking on new responsibilities as Deputy Director for Apostolic Life. The announcement comes at a key time as parishes prioritise strategic development in mission and ministry. Rob will be talking about his new role in the next issue of Faith in Sussex.

ENGAGING CHRISTIANITY

'Engaging Christianity' is a course that offers a series of modules produced by the Department of Theology, Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Chichester in partnership with the Diocese of Chichester, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser Andrew Mayes has written three on Engaging Spirituality: classic sources; contemporary issues; spirituality and mission. They are available for local delivery in parishes to stimulate and resource spiritually. Email Heather Ballamy for further details: H.Ballamv@chi.ac.uk Or visit the website www.chi.ac.uk

THANK YOU FROM YMCA DOWNSLINK GROUP ...AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Could you or your church support YMCA chaplaincy services and help show something of God's love to particularly vulnerable young people?



At YMCA DownsLink Group we support around 15000 young people, children and families- the majority of whom live in the Chichester diocesethrough a wide range of services. We focus particularly on vulnerable and marginalised young people, and we house around 500 young people who are homeless or unable to live at home (of which around 450 live in Chichester Diocese).

We were incredibly grateful this year to be the charity chosen for the Bishop Martin's Lent appeal and we want to **thank so much** to all those churches and individuals who supported this helping us to establish a new Life Change fund to make a difference to the lives of the young people we work with.

We need help now to support and extend our chaplaincy services which have a wonderful impact on the young people who live in our housing projects. There is more information in the leaflet distributed with this edition of FIS. We need money, volunteer chaplains and your prayers too for our work- we produce a bimonthly Churches connect newsletter. For any more information please contact Lucy McGrath, Lead chaplain on 01273 222563 or chaplaincy@ymcadlg.org

"the chaplains make the hostel feel more like a home" (YMCA resident)





TAKING FUNERALS SERIOUSLY

Last November 80 Clergy gathered at St Andrews Burgess Hill to be challenged and encouraged by Sandra Millar on the topic of baptisms and how we can get more out of them. This year on 1st December, we holding a seminar focused on the topic of funerals.

Taking Funerals Seriously is a one day presentation for clergy, Lay Ministers and others involved in funeral ministry. New research and resources are making a difference to this crucial ministry where we show God's love and share God's story with thousands every year.

The one day workshop will

- Explore major new research findings emerging from the Archbishops' Council Funerals Project
- Discover exciting new resources to help support your funeral ministry
- Hear how 'GraveTalk' resource is helping to break the taboo around death, dying and funerals

The Revd Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Projects and Developments for the national Church of England, is leading workshop which helps the whole church think about how it can engage more effectively with people around weddings, funerals and christenings.

For more information about booking a place contact Rob Dillingham (Rob.Dillingham@ Chichester.Anglican.Org)

NEWS CONTINUED



THE MEANINGFUL TREAT PACK -A REAL HALLOWEEN TREAT

The Meaningful Treat Pack is a new resource designed to help with mission work on, and leading up to, the eve of All Saints (Halloween). It is suitable for Light Parties, outreach events, schools or for children who trick or treat on 31st October.

Find out more about the Real Halloween Campaign by going to the website www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk

JOIN THE SUSSEX RIDE & STRIDE ADVENTURE: 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Visit Sussex's unique historic buildings, see its beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with the family, in a group or as an individual entry.... what could be better?

The Sussex Ride & Stride is a sponsored ride (bike or horse) or walk in which people all over Sussex walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside.

The money everyone raises through sponsorship helps to save Sussex historic churches, chapels and meeting houses for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs and undertake restoration works.

You will also be helping your local Church as 50% of the sponsorship goes directly to your chosen Church, the other 50% to the SHCT fund.

How can you help?

Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. You can help by joining the Ride & Stride adventure, a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raise money for their repair and preservation.

It's not too late to sign up: www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

DIRECTOR OF NEXT LAMBETH CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The Anglican Communion has announced the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer for the 2020 Lambeth Conference.

Phil George has worked for New Wine for 14 years, following a 26 year career in corporate banking. He will take up his post in September: "I am extremely excited about this new appointment working with the Anglican Communion Office and Lambeth Palace to help deliver the next Lambeth Conference. This historic occasion will be a great success and to serve Archbishop Justin in this way is both a privilege and an honour."

When the Lambeth Design Group first came together earlier this year to plan for Lambeth 2020, a decision was made to fix the venue for Canterbury, starting in the last week of July, 2020



PRAYERS FOR THOSE CAUGHT UP IN TERRIBLE LANDSLIDE

Churches across the Diocese of Chichester offered prayers and intercessions for all those caught up in the aftermath of last month's shocking flooding and mudslide which resulted in an increasing number of people losing their lives. At the time of going to print 400 people were confirmed dead and about 600 people were still missing following the disaster.

The Bishop issued a message to say that he was praying for those realising the enormity and horror of what had befallen this community. He said: "Please pray for all victims, their relatives and those assisting in whatever way is possible.'

The Bishop was in correspondence with his fellow Bishop in Freetown (Sierra Leone) The Rt Revd Thomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson, assuring him of prayers and support from the diocese of Chichester. He said: "We will do all we can to assist you in this time of loss and as you seek to re-build homes and livelihood."





Cynthia with Bishop Martin and the celebratory cake

DEDICATION OF MCARTHUR WINDOW

Bishop Martin dedicated a new memorial window 'Light of the World' installed in St John the Evangelist, Preston Village at a special service on Sunday 21 May.

The window was in memory of a long-serving member of the church, Peter McArthur. His wife Cynthia, said: "We have worshipped at the church for over 50 years and I feel that this will be a wonderful tribute to Peter and will serve to further enhance the church."

The modern depiction of the Holman Hunt was designed and made by Annelise Clarke. Holman Hunt based his famous painting on Revelation 3:20.

Photo: Courtesy of UNICEF

PRIESTINGS & NEW DEACONS

PRIESTINGS

Church members joined family and friends to support the sixteen men who were ordained priest in the Diocese of Chichester on Saturday 10 June.

All of the candidates at the three services had already been ordained deacon. As priests the newly ordained will be able to celebrate the Eucharist and offer God's blessing as their vocation to the priesthood finally comes to fruition.

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES WERE ORDAINED AT ST SWITHUN'S, EAST GRINSTEAD, BY THE BISHOP OF HORSHAM, MARK SOWERBY:

Kate Bailey	Broadbridge Heath	
Peter Deaves	Holy Trinity Rudgwick	
Stephen Everard	North Mundham with Merston and Hunston	
Brendan Martin	St Margaret's Angmering	
Mike Nelson	St Mark's Holbrook	

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES WERE ORDAINED AT HOLY CROSS, UCKFIELD BY THE BISHOP OF LEWES, RICHARD JACKSON.

Herbert Bennett	St Mary Kemptown	
Tim Gage	Bishop Hannington Hove	
Karen Higgs	Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch	
Lucy Hollingsworth	St Mary's Ringmer	
Jules Middleton	TRINITY Lewes	
Neil Shaw	St John the Evangelist Upper St Leonards	
Steve Tennant	St Cuthman's Whitehawk	

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES WERE ORDAINED BY THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER, DR MARTIN WARNER, AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, BRIGHTON.

Andy Birks	St Andrews Portslade
Toby Boutle	St Georges Whyke
Robert Coupland	St Michael and All Angels, & St Paul's Brighton
John Underhill	St Andrew's Eastbourne



Four candidates were ordained by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, at St Bartholomew's, Brighton



Five candidates were ordained at St Swithun's, East Grinstead, by the Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby



Seven candidates were ordained at Holy Cross, Uckfield by the Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson.



NEW DEACONS

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner ordained twelve women and men as deacon to serve in parishes across Sussex at a special service in Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 1 July.

Deacons assist priests in parishes, usually for a year, before going on to be ordained as priest. They assist in leading worship, offering pastoral care and gain valuable experience of preaching.

They were supported on the day by family, friends and parishioners from the parishes in which they will serve.

"We are praying for each of them and I know that each of the communities in which they will serve will warmly welcome them and their families at the start of their public ministries," said Bishop Martin.

THE NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS AND PARISHES IN WHICH THEY SERVE:

Nicholas Archer	St Saviour, Eastbourne
Jane Bartlett	Shoreham
Tim Bell	Holy Trinity, Hastings
Sam Carter	All Souls, Eastbourne
Colin Cox Findon	Clapham and Patching
Steve Mills	St John, Preston Park
Harriet Neale-Stevens	St Peter, Henfield
Isaac Pain	St Andrew, Burgess Hill
Jess Reid	St Nicholas, Brighton
Richard Tuset	All Saints, Sidley
Jeff Tutton	Christ Church, Ore
Martha Weatherill	St Paul, Chichester

Profiles of all those ordained Deacon appeared in issue 14 of Faith in Sussex which is available to read on the diocesan website.

BISHOP MARTIN SAID:

"Working prayerfully and creatively with those who feel that they have a vocation to the priesthood is a huge priority for us in the Diocese of Chichester and each and every one of these new priests will be welcomed and supported by the wider diocesan family."

WARM WELCOME FOR OUR NEW READERS

THIRTEEN new readers will be licensed into the diocese at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday, September 23, following two years of demanding and challenging theological study. Readers are a vital resource in the diocese and are trained to lead, preach and teach about Jesus and the Christian life. They will join the parishes in which they will serve and exercise their ministry.



Caroline Armitage

Caroline Armitage St Peter and St Paul's Ashington

"Becoming a reader is a very special moment for me. Throughout my life I have been active both in my church in various roles including as a churchwarden and as a solicitor and board member in my working life. We all know in our heads that worship is not just what we do on a Sunday, but sometimes it is difficult to make that an everyday reality. The training I have received will, I believe, help me to help others integrate their workaday world with their faith so that we can be Jesus's hands and feet in this world."



Dominic Desouza-Campbell

Dominic Desouza-Campbell The Church of St Nicholas of Myra Brighton

"God must have a sense of humour to choose me to serve in such a special way. The journey has not come without its ups and downs. Yet the encounter holds out the possibility that at the end of the struggle with words and meanings I may be able to enable others to know more about the story and purpose of God. And that learning will make us think more profoundly about what the story means for the world in which we live. I hope and pray more people will feel called to this valuable ministry."



Patrick Pearson Miles

Patrick Pearson Miles Ashington, Washington and Wiston with Buncton

"I am the son of a farmer-turnedclergyman and my mother was a social worker/probation officer. I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember. I have for over 20 years been passionate about Christians 'walking as Jesus walked' with the miraculous being a natural part of who we are and what we do, so in order to teach these things the reader course seemed the natural route. I do not hide the fact that I hated the essay writing but loved my group reader and found the experience and material fascinating."

Nick Pendry

St John's Church, Eastbourne

"After my wife, Jane, and I had been going to St John's Church for about a year, the then vicar, Rev Alyson Lamb, asked me if I would consider applying to become a reader. This was a bolt from the blue. However, I thought I should think about it carefully despite my apprehensions. Jane was also a bit concerned I might be taking on a bit much in my sixties, both doing the training and as a reader itself. However, in time we came together to the conclusion that it was indeed a calling from God. The course has been terrific - especially the teaching and the friendships built. I'm still a bit apprehensive about the responsibility but also excited at what lies ahead."

Gaynor Deal

St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill

"When God says "For I know the plans I have for you..." he's not joking. After years of living outside the UK and seeing the doors to various ministries close as we moved country or area, we arrived in Scaynes Hill, where St Augustine's quickly became part of our lives. A small church by many standards, it is still full of people who have ministries, so finding something to do was a challenge. When our vicar, Rev Lisa Barnett, suggested I might consider reader training, everything else that I'd done finally fell into place – it was all preparation for this path. It is a joy and a privilege to take on this ministry, supported by such a loving church family."

Katrina Walker

North Mundham with Merston and Hunston

"I felt a desire to serve God in some way from an early age. It has only been during the last few years that my circumstances have made this possible. Initially I had a concern that training would force me to conform to being a "typical Anglican" but I have actually discovered what a "broad church" we are. I have found the modules, especially the assignments, challenging but they have encouraged me to think more about why I believe what I do. Personally I am more confident about my calling. I realise that previously my desire to serve was based somewhat on my own needs, for self-esteem and identity and as a way of trying to earn God's approval. My formation has helped me to accept, at a heart level as well as a head level, that I am loved and accepted by God. This means that moving forward I will be freer in my serving as it will be a response to this."

Mary Hagell

St George, Donnington

"Our parish was in the middle of a three-year interregnum. A visiting priest who was taking services regularly for us suggested that I applied to be a reader. I was unsure about what it entailed so I spoke to someone who was doing the course. She encouraged me by saying how worthwhile she had found it to be and I recognised that I would enjoy both the academic and the practical elements of the training. It has been challenging and rewarding and I feel well prepared for my reader ministry. I particularly valued the support and fellowship of those who trained with me."

Martin Draper

St Mary, Yapton

"During my time of formation, I have come to appreciate the unique ministry that being a reader is. I see my ministry as being on the edge of the centre of the church. The activity I do in my parish, in my workplace and in my neighbourhood is all part of my ministry. I don't see myself as the 'rector's little helper' confined to the church or church-based activities. I believe there is a real need for the church to look beyond its own four walls and try to find a way to connect to people's lives and experiences."

Andrew Jackson St Peter, Firle

"I came to lay reader training after decades of chaplaincy work. I also run a theology café and am chairman of Freedom from Torture Brighton and Hove Supporters Group. I bring to reader ministry a passion for human rights, liberation and green theology. I have benefited from the training immensely and I am looking forward to developing my lay reader ministry in our group of parishes as well as continuing to provide pastoral support to international students at the University of Sussex."

Anna Glenton

St Mary, Glynde

"Before I was approached to apply for training I had been helped by the ministry of lay readers so I was excited to try it for myself. It has been a very enriching training process, as well as challenging. Working as a solicitor and lecturer, I have experience of listening to people, particularly when they have problems, and communicating ideas. I believe that local churches have a message of love that needs to be heard and that lay people have an important role in encouraging and helping the people in our communities to discover and develop their spirituality."

Joslyn Arnold

Broadwater, Worthing

"As I look back on the last two years I can see how God has led me each step of the way through my training. The path

has not always been smooth, in fact there have been some very bumpy parts. However, I have received words of encouragement and prayer which has confirmed that I am doing God's will. It has been an incredible privilege to get to know my fellow trainees and learn from them, sharing our church and life experiences. The teaching we have received has opened up a greater understanding of the history of the church, our faith and our mission."

Jenny Brown

Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint

"I'm back in the parish that I grew up in (now caring for my elderly mum) so it is particularly special to be licensed to serve as a reader here. During my preparation, I have had opportunity to reflect theologically on our experience of living with dementia and also to consider what integral mission could involve in this parish. I hope I can contribute now to the mission of the church in which the seeds of my faith were sown in childhood.."

Trevor Harrison

St Thomas – New Groombridge

I have felt called to the Lord's service for over 40 years but always discounted formal ministry on the basis that there were other ways in which I could more effectively be of service. About five years ago I finally had to acknowledge that I had run out of excuses and so the present journey began. Studying whilst continuing to work fulltime has been challenging, immensely rewarding and even enjoyable but, above all, it has equipped me to begin a new and very public ministry as a Reader. I only hope that as I look forward to being licensed, I will continue to grow in faith, and help others to grow in faith alongside me.





The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

KNOW, LOVE, FOLLOW: VOCATIONS DAY Saturday 30 September (10-4pm) at St Peter's Church, Brighton, BN1 4GU Sign up at www.chichestervocations.eventbrite.co.uk facebook.com/chichestervocations

MESSY Vintage



PARISH CAPTURES VISION OF 'BEING CHURCH'

Revd Paul Matthews and his wife Zena from the parish of Chidham in West Sussex have been commended for being 'enthusiastic kingdom builders' for delivering an outreach project to a care home for older people.

Messy Vintage is much like Messy church for adults but with an afternoon tea thrown in.

Fr Paul said: It's true to say that Messy Vintage, like Messy Church, comprised the wellknown ingredients of hymns, Bible story, prayers, craft activities and afternoon tea - but that would tell only part of the story.

"The sheer joy, engagement and fellowship experienced that afternoon in Kings Lodge Nursing Home, in Chidham far exceeded expectations.

"We all felt truly blessed. The conversation flowed freely and there were lots of memories from childhood being shared. "It's such a simple and gorgeous way for the church to draw alongside the elderly where they are and we had some lovely comments from the residents."

"What a lovely way to spend an afternoon" Jack (aged 92)

"I'm speechless, it was wonderful" Brenda

Katie Norman is the Messy Vintage Co-ordinator for BRF. She said: "Paul and Zena have clearly captured the vision of 'being church' in a broader context and have embraced the opportunity to share God's love in the more relaxed and personal way that Messy Vintage offers.

"It's great and exudes such joy that's what Messy Vintage is all about, sharing God's love in a way that is very precious."

"I cannot over emphasis what a privilege it is to share God's love in this way and sincerely hope Messy Vintage will soon become a familiar way of 'being church' throughout the UK. To this end, we are currently working alongside Messy Church and the Gift of Years under the umbrella of the Bible Reading Fellowship. It is early days to establish how many Messy Vintages' are already up and running but what is clear is that there are many who are keen to dip their toe in this pool of grace."

If you want to find out more about Messy Vintage for your church please contact Katie on katie.mcvintage@gmail.com or telephone 01534 482364

DIOCESAN STRATEGY

PLANS ARE WELL UNDER WAY FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER

The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, writes that plans are already well advanced for the Year of Prayer, which is to be launched on Advent Sunday.

He said: "Part of the diocesan strategy is for every Benefice to have a stretching plan for spiritual and numerical growth. The Year of the Bible has been a wonderful opportunity for parishes to engage with the Bible as part of that in a deeper and more meaningful way. Many have taken on board the lent course and attended Deanery Roadshows. Clergy have enjoyed lectures on The Bible and Science, The Media, and Politics. We hope that many people will be more disciplined in their own Bible reading as a result."

YOU CAN READ ABOUT SOME OF THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE OUTCOMES IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES

"For the Year of Prayer, many of the elements from previous years will be available again. We hope that by the end of the year our Churches will have a keener sense of praying our worship in ways that encourage and enhance prayer in personal and daily life. We hope that people will have had experiences of different ways of praying. We hope that many will engage with the Archbishops' Thy Kingdom Come' initiative, with events across the diocese."

DETAILS AND DATES ARE STILL BEING FINALISED BUT THE MAIN EVENTS WILL BE THESE:

Training for Clergy to enhance our public worship Three events across the diocese with input from Charles Harrison, Simon Jones and Rachel Heathfield. The events will cover a wide range of liturgical styles from All Age worship to more traditional forms. Dates to follow in the autumn

Once again there will be a diocesan Lent Course. The speakers, both Lay and ordained will speak about images that matter to them as an aid to prayer. There will be a the development of a diocesan website collage of images and prayers.

Archdeaconry pilgrimages to the Cathedral

Led by the Suffragan Bishop and Archdeacon. These will be limited to 150 per Archdeaconry. Pilgrims will gather at the outskirts of the city and walk into the Cathedral where there will be an inspiring Eucharist in the Quire with prayers for healing. There will also be the opportunity for parishes to use the Icon of St Richard as part of their preparation for these days of prayer and devotion.

- Archdeaconry of Brighton and Lewes Saturday, May 19th, 2018
- Archdeaconry of Chichester Saturday, June 9th, 2018
- Archdeaconry of Horsham Saturday, July 14th, 2018
- Archdeaconry of HastingsSaturday, September 15th, 2018

Prayer days

We hope to organise days to encourage and resource personal prayer around the dioceses. There will be a keynote speaker and workshops on different models of praying.

Weeks of accompanied prayer

Parishes may wish to avail themselves of the diocesan network of Spiritual directors who will be available to conduct weeks of accompanied prayer in parishes and deaneries. These will be opportunities to walk alongside a spiritual director to work on our individual prayer lives.

Thy Kingdom Come

The Archbishop's initiative has been growing in popularity since its inception three years ago. It is a concentrated time of prayer in which we are all invited to pray for our friends to come to know Jesus in the time between Ascension and Pentecost. Resources are available nationally and we will be holding several beacon events across the county, often with our ecumenical friends. The Cathedral will also be hosting an event on Pentecost Sunday as a culmination of the novena.

Other Pilgrimages

The three Bishops will be participating in pilgrimage during the year. Bishop Martin will be leading a group to the Holy Land (details elsewhere in the magazine). Bishop Mark will be leading a group in the 'footsteps of the Northern Saints'. Bishop Richard will be travelling across the middle of the diocese in the four days before Pentecost weekend, stopping off at the 35 parishes he crosses to lead prayers.

Lots more details to follow, but we are looking forward to an exciting year focussing on our prayer together to better know, love and follow Jesus.

LENT COURSE 2018

A special Lent course looking at prayer and art. How do other people encourage us in out prayer life through pictures and works of art which are the fruit of various forms of inspiration? The Archbishop of Canterbury will be amongst the contributors. More details will be published on the website.

DIOCESAN STRATEGY





CHICHESTER ARCHDEACONRY STUDY DAYS

Hundreds of Clergy have attended the Clergy Study Days held across Sussex to mark the Diocese of Chichester's Year of the Bible.

The Revd Professor David Wilkinson, Principal of St John's College, Durham, looked at the issue of "The Bible and Science" at Holy Cross Church, Woodingdean. This was followed by a lecture in Hastings from Christine Morgan, Head of Religion (Radio) at the BBC, who reflected on the use of the Bible in media and broadcasting. Professor James Crossley gave a timely lecture on the Bible and politics which took place in Easebourne.

The fourth and final lecture takes place 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'

'BIBLEATHON' BETWEEN 25TH AND 29TH OCTOBER

To mark the Year of the Bible, St Nicholas Saltdean is holding a 'Bibleathon' between 25 and 29 October, ending on Bible Sunday.

A team of twelve volunteers will read the whole bible, out loud, in the church; there will be displays and refreshments throughout the 4 days.

The participants will be sponsored and individuals can buy a ten-minute slot if they wish to be involved.

Proceeds will go to; Benin Christian Support, Emmaus UK, Hove & Adur Sea Cadets and to raise funds for the parish sound system.

Details on the parish website or contact frjim50@gmail.com





YEAR OF THE BIBLE FLOWER FESTIVALS

Parishes have engaged with the Year of the Bible in many creative ways including themed flower festivals. St Mary's Horsham held theirs A Journey through the Bible over five days in June and all their publicity literature took a creative twist on the strategy logo and colour schemes.

A Journey through the Bible involved an opening concert and dancing from the local CE school as well as a closing celebration Service. The church's Bethany café was open throughout the five days.

Reflections on the Bible is Seaford Parish's Flower Festival also with the theme reflecting the Diocesan Strategy, Year of the Bible. It takes place on Friday 22 - Monday 25 September. Further details: www.seafordparish.org.uk

YEAR OF THE BIBLE PARISH LECTURE

All Saints Church Crowborough played host to a Year of the Bible lecture event in June which left people hungry to know more.

James Packman, Rural Dean of Rotherfield Deanery, said the idea behind the event was to help demonstrate the link between what we read in the Bible and what happened in history.

He said: "It was a wonderful opportunity to pull the deanery together to engage with the Year Of The Bible. The speaker was Dr Chris Sinkinson. He gave an excellent presentation that left many people hungry to know more - we may invite him back!

DIOCESAN STRATEGY

BIBLE-IN-A-WEEK – BIBLE MARATHON AT HOLY TRINITY HURSTPIERPOINT

Review by Rev Jane Willis

It would be hard to overestimate the diversity of our lay and ordained ministry team at Holy Trinity – but one thing we were completely agreed on as we began our Diocesan Year of the Bible, was the hope that by the end of the year every member of our congregation, from wherever they were at, would have come to know and love the Bible more, and have more confidence to open it and navigate it – and so to grow to know and love God more.

Right at the beginning of the year we surveyed our congregation on their everyday use of the Bible, and found that those who read the Bible every day were in a significant minority – and that many felt daunted at the thought of opening it up and engaging with it apart from in church services. We've offered a number of resources and events for the year – including a marathon reading of the Bible – the whole book in a week!

We chose the week from Pentecost to Trinity – following

on from the Thy Kingdom Come week of prayer and taking us to our patronal festival. One of our Readers, Kevin Carey planned out a schedule, with approximate timings for each book - and then we invited folk to sign up. Conscious that some folk would struggle to stand to read for an extended amount of time, we decided to make the setting informal, and put a sofa on our central dais, with chairs around. We started reading at 12 noon on Pentecost Sunday - and read continually (allowing for choir and bells practices, and going to bed at night) - our curate Debbie was reading the closing chapters of Revelation as folk arrived for our 9.45 Eucharist the following Sunday.

Some folk read just for half an hour or less. Some shared a slot together – a mother and her two young daughters read half of Romans. Three of our older ladies signed up to read Ecclesiastes between them. They read beautifully, taking chapters in turn. When they'd finished they looked up and one of them asked, 'Now Jane, would you like to explain why this is in the Bible?' We laughed and I replied 'Good point!' Then I explained how I'd once felt like that, it seems so negative – but having studied it at college, I found it to be shot through with light and so relevant to today. Others signed up for heroic amounts – and kept coming back for more! There were times when readers didn't want to stop.

MANY OF US READ PARTS OF THE BIBLE WE'VE NEVER READ BEFORE – AND THEN WENT HOME AND READ MORE OF IT!

Many were nervous of how to pronounce some of the names – when a young mum who is new to us (and soon to be confirmed) was reading, those stewarding and listening suggested they all said them together. One lady read in her first language, German. Kevin read from Braille. Friends from our village Methodist Church also joined



in, and our village CofE Primary School, St Lawrence, took all of Matthew's gospel – children from years 5 and 6 coming in shifts to read.

Some of the reading was hard going - Leviticus, Judges, for example. One person declared 'I'm so glad Jesus came!' Another remarked on how we'd experienced the scale of the book – having started Sunday lunchtime, we reached the gospels, reached Jesus, Friday lunchtime. I find it hard to describe the sense of palpable relief to get there - at last, the saviour! And then the power of reading in Luke of Jesus taking up the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announcing 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' Interviewing the congregation on Trinity Sunday morning, one of our faithful folk said 'I now understand why the Old Testament is important to us.' Another described it as being like walking round London, as opposed to travelling on the Tube. On the Tube, you

pop up in all sorts of places which seem unconnected – so it is when you read the Bible in isolated short extracts. But when you walk you experience how it all joins together. One thing which has been remarkable is that, however much or little people have read, they have had a wonderful sense of being part of the whole.

So much of this feels like aift - one of those things you set up and wait and see what God will do. We certainly have a greater hunger for God's word and increased confidence to open up the book and read it for ourselves. One person has suggested we have box in church in which people can post their Bible questions, and then our ministry team can answer them. However we build on this I think I now have more work to do rather than less! But I'm excited - and so thankful -I think we have grown in our love for God, and for his word.

'I now understand why the Old Testament is important to us.'

OUR ONE THING FOR 2016

Rob Dillingham, Parish Development Officer and Deputy Director for Apostolic Life, was encouraged by the response in 2015 when parishes were asked to come up with "one thing" that they could focus their efforts on to embrace the Diocesan Strategy.

He said: "What the parishes adopted as their 'one thing' were foundation stones for the future. We would still like to hear how current projects are progressing and I am particularly keen to hear from those parishes that have started to think about their next 'one thing' project for 2018."

Parishes demonstrated a range of innovative and creative thinking. A few examples can be read here and you can view all of them on the diocesan website at: http://www.chichester.anglican.org/2016-projects/



RESPONDING TO LONELINESS AND ISOLATION IN MEADS AND ACROSS EASTBOURNE

In response to having identified loneliness and isolation as a major concern for the parish, St John Meads worked with colleagues from Churches Together in Eastbourne to form a new charity called **Linking Lives Eastbourne**. Since those first tentative steps a year ago, **Linking Lives Eastbourne** has now been set up with St John's as the first 'core' church.

In June, Byron Stevens, a member of St John's Church, was appointed as co-ordinator. His initial focus has been on meeting with other interested local churches and preparing to launch the scheme which has included the recruitment of the first intake of volunteers.

A major part of the vision for Linking Lives Eastbourne, whose patron is the Bishop of Lewes, has been to expand the pastoral reach of local churches by not only recruiting volunteer befrienders from the local churches but by also providing all its volunteers with access to comprehensive training.

ST JOHNS BURGESS HILL

St John's applied for a grant to install high-grade telecommunications to enable the streaming of services live on the internet connecting new groups and individuals with church activities. Funding of £2500 was secured from Affinity Sutton and this allowed for the installation of commercial grade web network around the church - accessible to all areas via Wi-Fi. The installations will allow the streaming of including funerals and weddings, but also the main Sunday service and will provide a live feed to local retirement homes via smart boxes to their TV.

FINDON VALLEY

A new community allotment was opened at St Peter's Church in High Salvington last year in response to the Common Good element of the Diocesan Strategy. The church is part of the parish of All Saints Church, Findon Valley, and the plan has involved Guild Care working in close partnership with the parish in order to create something unique, practical and successful.

The garden is designed for older people at St Peter's Church, in Furze Road, as a place to visit to relax or even cultivate and grow plants and produce.

Kelly Wickham, from Guild Care, said: "The group has been created because gardening is a very valuable activity for fitness and wellbeing. It can also reduce isolation and solitude by bringing people together.

The project is still in the early stages. Plans are coming together to develop it out more into the local area.



STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

Ihanks to God WHOSE WORD WAS SPOKEN

BY NEVILLE MANNING

GOD is in the communication business. Hopefully if our Year of the Bible in the diocese has taught us anything it will be that.

Our hymn under consideration in this issue is a thoughtful exposition of how God communicates with us.

"Thanks to God whose word was spoken" was written by Reginald Thomas Brooks (1918-1985). Born in Wandsworth, Brooks was educated at The London School of Economics and Mansfield College, Oxford.

He was ordained as a United Reformed Church minister and worked in religious broadcasting for the BBC.

He wrote the hymn in 1954 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Bible Society. It was published first in The Methodist Hymnal but, I am informed, is now to be found in at least 34 hymnals. Rather oddly, in The New English Hymnal it has only four verses and begins with the words "Praise to God whose word was spoken".

The hymn goes very well to the tune St Helen but there are at least three other tunes that are used with it. Its full version speaks of five different ways God can speak to us (you may find it useful to open up the words in a hymn book as you read what follows).

God speaks to us in Creation, "in the deed that made the earth". I wonder whether Brooks had come across the story of St Antony, one of the desert

"THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US, AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY"

saints, who was asked how he could live as a hermit deprived of books. He replied: "My book is the nature of created things and whenever I wish, I can read in it the works of God".

God speaks to us in Jesus Christ "word incarnate" whose "deeds and words and death and rising tell the grace in heaven's plan". As St John reminds us in his Gospel prologue "the word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory".

God speaks to us in scripture: "Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page, record of the revelation". Scripture read and expounded first and foremost in public worship, but also read and reflected on personally, is a key constituent of Christian discipleship.

God speaks also through his "word published in the tongues of every race". I would love to know exactly what Brooks had in mind in that verse. Was he thinking of the scriptures being translated into other languages, which has always been one of the great works of The Bible Society? Or was he thinking also of the word being preached week by week across the world?

Finally God also speaks within us, "whose word is answered by the Spirit's voice within", like a certain famous drink said to reach the parts of us other drinks do not. Here the hymn changes from the past tense "God has spoken" to the present "God is speaking". That word is still a word for us today.

CHURCH SITE TO HOUSE FIRST 'COTTAGE HOSPICE'

WORK is due to begin in the next couple of months on an exciting new venture which highlights the close relationship between the Church and the Hospice service.

A little piece of history will be made as the first bricks are laid in a rural part of East Sussex for what will be the UK's first "cottage hospice".

And another piece of history will live on as the much-loved but dilapidated church building that was on the site is moved to a new home and a new role.

The story of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Five Ashes, near Mayfield, and Hospice in the Weald is a heart-warming tale of teamwork ¬– and a touch of good fortune.

It was back in the 1920s that a plot of land at Five Ashes was given for use as a place of worship. A wooden Nissen hut, a First World War officers' hut from an Eastbourne airfield, was transported over to the site and, thanks to villagers' generosity, was turned into the small Church of the Good Shepherd.

But over the last few years the church, the "daughter" of nearby Mayfield parish church St Dunstan's, started to need substantial repairs and its congregation was diminishing.

Father Nigel Prior, the Vicar of Mayfield and Five Ashes, was increasingly concerned – then a parishioner, Adrian Hope, spotted an advert by the Kentbased Hospice in the Weald which was searching for land to build a cottage hospice.

The plan was for a small, more intimate and family-orientated hospice with fewer clinical staff, placing care back into the heart of the community. Fundraising was already under way towards a £3.5 million target to build the hospice which, crucially, would include a chapel.

Father Nigel saw the opportunity to sell the Five Ashes land – and maintain a place of worship. He said: "We had a small but faithful congregation at the Church of the Good Shepherd and they saw the sense of it. They knew it was time to move on and with the cottage hospice came the idea of a chapel in the new build. We'd be able to have a little say in its design and the hospice would pay for it.

"The Church is an important influence in the hospice movement, we are all connected. It was a very exciting plan."

The idea was conceived well over a year ago but the path to success has not always been smooth.

Father Nigel said: "The hospice had to have public consultations, as you do with any such planning matter, and it was pretty hairy. Some people objected on such grounds as increased traffic and that kind of thing.

"It's in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and we were dealing with lots of planners. The whole thing has taken twice as long as we expected."

But now the deal is sealed. The Church has sold the land to the hospice and work is about to begin on a 10-bedroomed cottage hospice that will transform care for those who need it.

Jo Yardley, quality and effectiveness director at Hospice in the Weald, said: "It is primarily to bring care of the dying back to family, friends and loved ones, if that is what they want.

"When people go into hospital they tend to automatically assume the role of patient and we don't want that. The cottage hospice will be an alternative place to home where home cannot facilitate end-of-life care and it will be as much like someone's home as it can be. It will be volunteer led with far fewer clinical staff than we have at Hospice in the Weald."

Jo, who is also a Baptist church deacon, added: "The community is at the heart of the gospel and by having church services in the hospice, having the community come in to it, is by far the best way to go forward. Some joke that I think finding this land was divine intervention, though it was more a case of people driving around to see what was on the market and then this coming up."

It is anticipated the hospice will be ready by the end of next year and as well as the chapel, it will have a community café and, in the fullness of time, beautiful grounds. It is hoped members of the community will enjoy using it as well as church members and patients and their families.

Father Nigel said: "It will be lovely. The font from the old church and two beautiful old stained glass windows have been restored and will be included in the new design.

"The café and the grounds will mean people can have a pastoral link to the hospice. I've been assured children from the local primary schools will be welcome in the chapel for occasions such as Harvest and I think they will add a great deal to the hospice. It will break down many barriers.

"People from my parish – and others – will all be able to be involved. I'm thrilled with the way things have turned out."

The money from the sale of the land will go to the Nicholson Trust, a Church of England charity which promotes anything to do with the Church in Five Ashes, Mayfield and Hadlow Down. For example it has just given leavers' Bibles to all the primary school youngsters.

And in a final pleasing touch, the Church of the Good Shepherd building – the Nissen hut – will also live on.

It has been donated to the Etchingham Military and Aviation Preservation Group, which is dedicated to preserving wartime history. It will rebuild the wooden hut at its site in Etchingham and use it as a First World War museum.

Hospice in the Weald not only approved of this but helped with the costs of dismantling and moving the wooden church

Father Nigel, who conducted services in the Church of the Good Shepherd, will continue his responsibility for Sunday worship at what will be known as the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, though the hospice also has its own full-time chaplain.

Father Nigel said: "I think we've done a great job. We've worked very closely with the hospice and it's turned out to be a lovely story: that positive change can be transformative, and it will be."

EXCITING TIME FOR HAPPY CAMPERS

By Dan Jenkins – Diocesan Youth Officer



NEARLY 500 YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEADERS FROM CHURCHES ACROSS THE DIOCESE TOOK PART IN THIS YEAR'S MAY CAMP AT PLUMPTON RACECOURSE.

Our flagship youth event is growing dramatically – and there is nothing else of its kind run by any other diocese in the UK.

The racecourse was packed for a weekend of high-energy fun, which included everything from graffiti to archery, sports and inflatables. Worship and teaching looked at how we have a faith we can be excited about. The campers worked their way through Hebrew's 11, looking at the heroes of faith and knowing that together we can achieve even more.

The weekend is built to allow churches and youth leaders to be

intentional about the discipleship journey the young people they work with are going on.

It is designed to strengthen the relationship between young people and the church and at the same time being the best fun they have had all year.

Fifty young people made commitments to follow Jesus over the weekend and youth leaders were preparing to start new groups when they got home to help these young people to continue to seek God and grow with Him.

Emily Ludgate, the youth leader from Scaynes Hill, said: "We had a great time, our group have loved the worship and activities. Eight of our young people became Christians."

Victoria Manzano, the youth leader from St Cuthman's Whitehawk, said: "Our youth love May Camp and start getting excited months before we go. They have so much fun and get to witness the power of God in ways they have not experienced before."

May Camp is a great way to help transition young people from children's work into youth work and a great place to invite young people who have looser affiliation with the church – like an open access youth club.

It ties in with the diocesan strategy where we see numerical

and spiritual growth, churches reimagining ministry to young people and investing in the common good, building up and encouraging young people with great youth work.

Plans are already in full swing for next year when May Camp will look at how we have a God that loves us and pursues relationship with us, warts and all.

Booking is now open and groups that attend mini May Camp on November 25 can get the lowest price ticket for May Camp 2018.

To find out more, email youth@ chichester.anglican.org and check out www.maycamp.org.



MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON EDUCATION BY BECOMING A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

"There has never been a more important time in our country's recent history to be involved in education, we need skilled and motivated governors who are committed to transforming our schools" Lord Nash

As we start the new academic year, our church schools are looking for skilled volunteers from the Church community to become Foundation Governors. This is an exciting and rewarding time to be involved in education.

There are 158 Church Schools across the Diocese of Chichester, responsible for the education of 37,000 children and young people at any one time. Across these schools, more than 600 Foundation Governors carry out their role by providing strategic management and making executive decisions, but are not involved in the day to day running of the school.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS HAVE A PARTICULAR ROLE TO PROMOTE THE CHURCH SCHOOL ETHOS AND CHRISTIAN CHARACTER OF THE SCHOOL.

What is the role of a Foundation Governor?

Foundation Governors in Church schools are appointed by the Diocesan Board of Education following nomination via the school and Church and will mostly be active lay people.

Being a school governor is about promoting the best outcomes for each and every pupil in the school. Foundation Governors are expected to carry out their role in a non-discriminatory manner working to support the best interests of all children and young people in the school, whatever their faith or background.

Being a Foundation Governor is a fantastic opportunity to make a real impact and difference to the lives of children and young people across the Diocesan family of schools.

"I'm not a parent..."

There is no requirement for you to have a child, niece/nephew or grandchild within the school in order to become a school governor.

"I don't have time..."

On average, governing bodies meet once a term, with the addition of a committee meeting each term. It is expected that this should take 10-15 hours per school term, which would include attending meetings, background reading and preparation for meetings and school visits where appropriate.

"I have no prior knowledge, I wouldn't know where to begin..."



Governing bodies are looking for your skills and experience, it is not expected that you would come with prior experience of being a governor. There is a host of training and support available from the Diocesan Education department, both in terms of courses and information available through our website. We strongly recommend that all new governors attend our "New to Governing in a Church School" course, which is free of charge.

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, your vicar may be able to tell you if there are any vacancies in your local church school. You can also contact the diocesan education office on 01273 425687 or e-mail us at schools@chichester. anglican.org to express your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

Living Faith

Living Faith is a new discipleship course launched this Autumn by The Department for Apostolic Life.

Living Faith is based on the Foundations for Ministry course, originally designed by the diocese of Chester. It applies the Bible and Christian thought to discipleship in daily life and is open to anyone active in church life who wants to grow in discipleship.

Jayne Prestwood, the Officer for Lay Vocation and Ministry, describes the course as 'a fantastic opportunity' for lay Christians to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and 'calling' means for them.

She Said: "We expect that all applicants will be actively involved as Christians in serving. God through the church and in their lives. It is not a basics course, so we expect participants to have some background in Christian life and thinking.

> "I AM EXCITED ABOUT BRINGING THIS RICH RESOURCE TO THE DIOCESE."

"As well as the main course content, what many people gain most from on the course is learning about each other. Living Faith is designed as a course where people from different parishes can meet together to learn from and encourage each other. We ask that anyone applying discuss it with their church's incumbent and gain their support for doing the course."

WHEN DOES IT START?

The part-time course is spread over three terms. All sessions commence in the week beginning 30 October 2017. There is an induction day at the start of the course, this year on 21 October, with two additional Saturday study days. These take place at Church House, Hove.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM CHURCH HOUSE OR CONTACT COURSE ADMINISTRATOR FOR MORE DETAILS: **SAM ALSOP 01273 421021** 30 FAITH IN SUSSEX

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE IN FULL TECHNICOLOR!

The Diocesan Art Competition for the Year of The Bible culminated in two exhibitions and prize giving events across the diocese in July.

Cain and Abel by Hammerhead Class from St Leonards CE Primary Academy



Church schools across the diocese enthusiastically embraced the challenge set by the Year of the Bible themed Art competition , with over 70 church schools taking part.

Art work ranged from intricately painted silks, a plethora of Ark's, numerous whales and a life sized Goliath; which is now proudly guarding the entrance to the Education department in Church House! One school even went so far as to hire a swimming pool to re-enact the great flood, using under water cameras to capture the action.

Due to the awe-inspiring response to the competition, judging took place in two rounds. The first round of judging saw the two largest meeting rooms in Church House being covered in art work for two days. Selected staff from within the diocese were then asked to come in and score every piece of art work. With around 1000 pieces of art work this was no mean feat!

The second round of judging saw our five judges have the unenviable task of selecting our winners. Our judges included Ann Holt, Diocesan Director of Education, the Bishop of

"The whole experience of judging the art competition was simply a treat." Horsham, Marc Steene from the Pallant Gallery, Annelies Clark a local artist and Antonia Howard a children's book illustrator. It took our judges a full day to come to their decisions and due to the quality of the work, they even decided to add in more prizes, particularly around whole school collaboration and innovative ideas.

Annelies Clark said:

"The whole experience of judging the art competition was simply a treat.

I was moved by the overwhelming response from the schools and the students and the highly original approach to some of the Bible stories. It felt a bit like Elijah discovering how many prophets there were left in Israel and it was wonderful to see how the Bible can inspire even today."

Mark Steene said:

'It was a privilege to be asked to judge such wonderfully creative work, rich with meaning, providing new insights and thoughts on the bible and the stories therein.'

Beatrice Mackmin from East Hoathley CE Primary School receives her winning certificate



In total, there were 43 prize winners, including seven special school prizes which were awarded for innovative approaches to completing their entries. Overall winner in the primary section was St Andrew's Primary in Hove and overall winner in the secondary section was Davison High School for Girls.

Chris Keating, Headteacher of Davison CE High School for Girls said:

"I am delighted that our wonderful students and staff have embraced the Diocesan Art Project so enthusiastically. The standard of entries, from all schools, has been amazingly high. To have received so many awards makes us all beyond proud! Our thanks go to Michelle Perry and all colleagues involved in arranging such a fabulous project. Our staff are already making plans for project number two next year!" Our prize winners said:

Colette Philips, from St Margarets CE Primary, Ditchling, said: "I feel really proud about winning because it was out of lots of people. I really liked winning because colouring is one of my favourite things and I love books!"

Lydia Dixon, from St Catherines College, Eastbourne, said: "I was so pleased to be selected as a prize winner and was over the moon with my prize. I will use the art materials to help me with my A-level studies next year and I have put the vouchers towards my next art project of weaving. It was an honour to use my art to glorify God"

Adult category winner, Revd David Garratt, is a chaplain at St Catherine's College Eastbourne. He said: "It was great to be a prize winner, especially when it's for something you really believe in as well." Our thanks go to those who have supported this competition since its launch in advent, without whom this would not have been possible. Special thanks go to the Diocesan Board of Finance, an anonymous donor and nine of the deaneries who all donated money to the prize fund. Further thanks go to Books Alive in Hove and Seawhites of Brighton who also generously donated prizes.



Lauren Faithful from Worthing's Davison CE High school for girls

Family and friends and school colleagues gather at Chichester Cathedral for the exhibition

You can find a list of all the schools and winners on the diocesan website www.dioceseofchichester.org





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Winner Emily Ramsey from Nutley CE Primary school



PLEA FOR HELP FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION

Kathryn Anderson, MU diocesan president for the Diocese of Chichester, tells us about activities and work of the District Mothers' Union and what's in store for the months ahead.

DURING a recent family break on the Isle of Wight, I was struck by one of my readings during that week. Deuteronomy 10 v 12 and 13: "...what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul".

As Mothers' Union members we are seeking to put our heart, soul and strength into all that Jesus is calling us to do, whether for those in adversity – those going on a holiday in our caravans, or using the contact centre, or in hospital with their sick children – or fundraising events or meeting and welcoming new British citizens.

We are being given more opportunities in secular situations to raise our profile in our communities and reach out in love and service to all. With this in mind I would urge you to consider volunteering for the Eastbourne Family Contact Centre. Right now, there is a serious shortage of volunteers. If this continues, the important work for children will be seriously impaired.

We are turning to the wider Christian community

and asking for help to find new people. These centres offer a most valuable service to the children of separated parents. They are run to a very high standard with all staff fully trained and supported.

In Eastbourne, the contact centre is held in The Gateway Centre in Hampden Park twice a month on a Saturday. A growing number of families use this service and it is necessary to have six people on duty at every session.

Please tell the members of your church about this and ask them to pray. Maybe they are being called to give some of their time to these young children whose lives have been turned upside down through no fault of their own. Call me on 07922 631901 if you can help.

BEXHILL DISTRICT COFFEE MORNING

The annual coffee morning in June was hosted for the second year running by St Mary's Westham Branch, in Westham Village Hall, where the Rev Chris Clark welcomed everyone and praised the work of the Mothers' Union both here in the UK and across the world. Villagers and MU members enjoyed a variety of stalls, including plants, cakes, tombola and bric-a-brac to name a few, plus the grand raffle. We were delighted this made £167 for family support work in our diocese. The further amount of £764.35 raised will help our Mothers' Union projects.

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OPEN GARDEN, RINGMER PARK

The Deputy Lieutenant for East Sussex Deborah Bedford invited Mothers' Union to organise an open garden at her home Ringmer Park in June. Her invitation followed on from a meeting during citizenship ceremonies in Lewes. A great team of helpers from Lewes, Lancing, Ringmer and Denton branches organised everything and served ploughman's lunches, tea and cake in the gazebo, raising £825 was raised for Mothers' Union diocesan projects. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the event. The gardens looked beautiful and were further enjoyed by the helpful explanatory notes of the plants.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All welcome - if you are not a Mothers' Union member, please come and find out more about us.

Branch dedication and enrolment of

new members, St Peter's Church, Selsey, Sunday, September 10, at 10am followed by refreshments.

Eastbourne Family Contact Centre celebration

and cream tea, Saturday, September 16, at 2pm at The Gateway Centre, 66-70 Lottbridge Drove, Hampden Park, Eastbourne, BN22 9PB. Our speaker will be district family Judge John Robinson. The suggested donation for tea is £5.

Open garden, Ringmer Park. Once again, the Deputy Lieutenant for East Sussex Deborah Bedford has invited MU members to provide the refreshments for her open garden on Sunday, September 17, from 2pm to 5pm. Proceeds will go to Mothers' Union diocesan projects.

Branch dedication and enrolment of new members, at All Saints, Eastbourne, on Sunday, September 24, at 10am followed by lunch.

Autumn members' meeting, Bishop Hannington Church, Hove, on Saturday, October 14, from 10.30am, to include Faith in Action Eucharist and speaker Daniel McAllister.

For more details, email kathrynandersondp@outlook.com, call 07932 720747 or visit www.chichestermu.org or Facebook.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

SCHOOLS AND TOOLS

There were two questions that a group of people from the Parish of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate asked themselves when they came back from a trip to Nyahururu, in Kenya last year.



Building-site to school in 10 days. How did they manage that?

How can you teach technical courses with no tools?

Revd Sheila Higgins explains.

"It so happens that a much loved member of our parish who died three years ago, left money in her legacy to help fund a new diocesan secondary school in this new diocese in Kenya.

When we visited in 2016 we could hardly believe that the school, Mercy Secondary School, was already largely built and was about to open in 10 days.

We learned that the diocese wanted to sponsor a number of orphan children who would not otherwise have any secondary education. This touched our hearts, and on return we set about raising money to sponsor some orphan children.

In addition to this we were struck when we visited in 2016 that a number of the technical colleges in the diocese of Nyahururu had very little equipment. We advertised in our parish magazine when we returned and many men in the parish donated very generously.

On our return trip this year with a group from the wider diocese of Chichester, led by Fr Ian Hutchinson Cervantes, we were able to take out with us a very valuable collection of tools for two technical colleges.

Our parish vision is to enrich our own parish life by fostering a 'live' link with our Christian brothers and sisters in this part of Africa.

One of our church wardens having just retired, cycled with two friends from Canterbury to Rome and donated his sponsor money to this project and we also launched "SMARTIE ORPHAN APPEAL" in our three primary schools. In addition our church congregations collected money themselves. Overall we have been able to sponsor two children, Eunice and Eric, to go to Mercy Secondary school for four years.

We have already established 'Whats App' link with the chaplain and one of the teachers and are working on being able to have regular contact between Mercy Secondary school and our own church primary school in Eastergate. It is our continual prayer that this will be of great interest and benefit to our own pupils as well as their Kenyan 'pen partners'.

We trust and believe that God's hand has been in this and that the life of our own parish will continue to be enriched by this contact.

What next??..there are now plans afoot to take some older teenagers from the parish to work for a week on a project at Mercy Secondary school...watch this space!



HARVEST OF HOPE

This year's Harvest Appeal for our diocesan linked churches in West and East Africa brings practical help to those in need and strengthens their hope for their future service in Christ. Our diocese is very fortunate to be working with inspirational people and able to assist with the challenges they are facing daily. Last year through the Harvest Appeal our diocese raised a little over £26,000, which is great achievement. Thank you everyone!

With that money we have maintained our support for training workers and keeping development projects working effectively. This year's appeal highlights two ways money has been used and a third example of how parish and school links are strengthening bonds with our linked churches.

The Diocese of Freetown, Sierra Leone has been helped to buy a minibus to reach places where roads are very bad and transport almost non-existent. Practical help and training for development can now take places across a much wider area. Real hope for a country where the effects of civil war and ravages of the ebola epidemic are still very apparent.

Drive three hours or so north of Nakuru in Kenya and you reach the arid countryside of the Pokot region. This was particularly badly hit by food shortages recently. All part of the East African drought and famine which has now dropped out of the news. The Bishop of Nakuru, Joseph Muchai, asked for help to buy food for people in this area north of Lake Baringo and we sent £5,000 in emergency aid. The picture shows this food being distributed. This is a good example of how we are able to respond very quickly to desperate need and help people to hope again for their future.

Also highlighted in this year's Harvest Appeal leaflet is a project not funded by the Harvest Appeal, but nonetheless part of the link. Parishes in our diocese have raised money specifically for the building of a vicarage. For years the priest has slept in the church. Now he has a home for himself and his family. To mark the help which has been given here over the years the vicarage has been called 'Maison Chichester.' French? Yes. The Diocese of Guinea is the only wholly Frenchspeaking diocese in the Anglican Communion. It has been featured this year as an example of the individual links between parishes and schools which run alongside the annual Harvest Appeal.

The links between our diocese and dioceses in East and West Africa, go back over forty years. That's forty years of learning, commitment and hope in action both there and here. Thank you for your support.

2017 DIOCESAN HARVEST APPEAL

Rebuilding Lives: Encouraging Hope. Please help us with this year's Diocesan Harvest Appeal as a part of your Parish Harvest Thanksgiving. We are enormously thankful to all the parishes which supported last year's Harvest Appeal. Materials to support the appeal will be available and sent out in early September.

MARQUEE EVENTS

IN SUSSEX

The Bishop of Chichester once again hosted many events in the palace gardens this summer to say thank you to many groups and people for the work they do and to demonstrate support for many of our local charities.

As well as making the venue available to charities such as Children's Society and Chichester Anna Chaplaincy the Bishop also invited retired clergy and their partners to a special lunch which took place in the marquee in the Bishop's Palace Gardens in June. Over two days 300 guests enjoyed a delightful lunch in a beautiful setting. Bishop Martin was joined by the Archdeacons, Bishop's Mark and Richard and rural deans who were able to say thank you for all the years of faithful service that for many still continues.

Representatives of charities and partner organisations as well as civic dignitaries were also invited to an early evening event of Jazz, canapés and fizz to say thank you to all the partnership work that takes place alongside and with the church in the diocese.

Chichester Anna Chaplaincy, was one of the charities that made use of the marquee space to hold its formal launch event. The Chaplaincy is a registered charity dedicated to befriending and supporting older people of all faiths and none and their families and carers.

It was a splendid affair graced by many notables among the 200+ attendees, but the most important were the residents of local Care Homes, some of whom had not been outside for many months. The weather helped of course, as did the presence of the newly appointed local Chaplain, Lou Lou Morris.

Anna Chaplaincy – Chichester

is affiliated to the Anna Chaplaincy, founded in Alton in 2010 by Debbie Thrower in partnership with the Bible Reading Fellowship, represented by Richard Fisher CEO.

It has since spread throughout the UK and the launch formalised this local work already done much in the area.

A celebration cake beautifully iced and with 'The Gift of Years' logo provided a stunning centrepiece, while tours of It was a splendid affair graced by many notables among the 200+ attendees, but the most important were the residents of local Care Homes

the Palace were very much appreciated, conducted by Cathedral Guides Judith Lee and Celia Javan.

Debbie Thrower and Canon Richard Fisher (CEO Bible Reading Fellowship) both made inspiring speeches; while Deborah Hennessy the Chair of trustees of Chichester Anna Chaplaincy gave a rousing a call to action for more volunteer and financial support.

Chichester Anna Chaplaincy has made huge progress since its initial planning meeting last year – indeed the rapidity of this progress has amazed many onlookers – but this only been possible because of the wonderful help given by many at the Cathedral and in the diocese and by enthusiastic volunteers from nearly all of the local churches.

Chichester Anna Chaplaincy is, and will remain, a noteworthy ecumenical ministry!



Guests enjoyed fizz and canapes in the Bishop's gardens



The retired clergy lunch welcomed 300 guests over two days

Bishop's Palace gardens



Anna Chaplaincy's new Chaplain, Lou Lou Morris pictured with various members of the Management Committee

Offers of help can be made to chichester.anna.chaplaincy @gmail.com

CATHEDRAL EVENTS: HARVEST 2017

WHAT'S ON

See Behind the Scenes at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 9th September: 1.00pm – 4.00pm



As part of Heritage Open Day, areas of the Cathedral normally closed to the public will be open to visitors. Come and discover a secret chamber, rare books and the Bishop's Chapel, the private chapel of the Bishop of Chichester. Free entry. All are welcome.

'Live Better Together' – Peace Day at Chichester Cathedral

Thursday 21st September – All day event



Join us at Chichester Cathedral to celebrate the International Day of Peace observed around the world on 21st September. See opposite page



Family Activity – 'Fall into Fun!'

Friday 27th October: 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 some autumn art and craft 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

Lunchtime Concerts at Chichester Cathedral – Autumn 2017

Tuesdays from 12th September – 21st November: 1.10pm – 2.00pm

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

'Food for Thought' with Rachel Bentley, International Director of Children on the Edge

Wednesday 13th September at 12.30pm

Join the Friends for an interesting and topical lunchtime talk in the Vicars' Hall. Tickets cost £13.00 which includes a light lunch and coffee available on 0333 666 3366 or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Chichester Cathedral Friends - 'Desert Island Music'

Thursday 5th October at 7.30pm

The castaway for this year is the Very Reverend Stephen Waine, Dean of Chichester Cathedral. In the Vicars' Hall. Tickets cost £25.00 which includes wine and canapés, available on 0333 666 3366 or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

'Book at Breakfast' with Chichester Cathedral's Chancellor

Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th October: 9.00am – 10.00am



Join the Cathedral Friends' for a continental breakfast and a lively and stimulating review and discussion of the current Book at Breakfast with the Chancellor, Canon Dr Anthony Cane. 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

'Food for Thought' with The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner

Wednesday 15th November at 12.30pm



Join the Friends for an interesting lunchtime talk in the Vicars' Hall. Tickets cost £13.00 which includes a light lunch and coffee available on 0333 666 3366 or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

RECONCILIATION AND PEACE FOCUS AS CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Chichester Cathedral will be celebrating the International Day of Peace on 21 September with an exciting programme of activities.

The 'Live Better Together' programme will bring together thought-provoking activities for adults including speaker Dr Justine Huxley of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, an interfaith panel discussion, art workshops and a film screening, all of which explore the ideals of peace and reconciliation. You are welcome to book just one activity or as many as you would like to. Booking in advance is essential even for free activities.

Tickets (free to $\pounds10$) and full details of each event at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

TALK: Creating Sustainable Peace Within Our Communities We are delighted to welcome speaker Dr Justine Huxley, Director of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. Introduced by The Treasurer, Reverend Canon Stephen Ferns. 10.30am—12.00pm, 4 Canon Lane. Tickets free, although advance booking essential.

CREATIVE WORKSHOP: Make Art Not War Led by artist Cath Bristow, for adults of all abilities. Using printing techniques and inspired by Cathedral's colourful and symbolic tapestry by Ursula Benker-Schirmer, transform a humble cloth shopping bag into a unique art work to spread the word of peace, 10.30am—12.30pm, Eastern Arm. Tickets £10, advance booking essential.

INTERFAITH PANEL: How can we live better together, for the well-being of all? Noted representatives from different local faith communities will take part including Abbot Ajahn Karuniko of Chithurst Buddhist Monastery and Sheikh Fazle Abbas Datoo, Imam of the Al Mahdi Centre in Fareham. Chaired by the Chancellor. 2.00pm—3.30pm, 4 Canon Lane. Tickets free, although advance booking essential.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN: Make Art Not War. Join us to create a colourful, collaborative printed banner inspired by the Benker-Schirmer tapestry for display within the Cathedral. All welcome. Carpeted area available with soft toys for children under 3 years. Led by artist Cath Bristow. 2.30 - 4.30pm, Cathedral Green. Free drop-in event, no need to book.

FILM: Welcome. Philippe Lioret's 2009 film is a compelling and thought-provoking social drama about the plight of refugees and asylum seekers trapped on the shores of Calais. Introduced by the Chancellor. 7.00pm—9.30pm, Vicar's Hall. Tickets £8, advance booking essential.

CARING AND SHARING

LIVE MORE SIMPLY THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE

As well as the fabulous work of our Diocesan Overseas Council working with our link dioceses, another organisation has been steadily but surely making a difference to countless lives. David Farey, vicar of Hellingly looks at the work of Caring and Sharing.

The Caring and Sharing scheme was started in Eastbourne in 1982 and is based on two ideas: the first is that by making a small sacrifice members can turn away from the material values of the western world; the second is that they can share their comparative wealth by sending the savings from this small sacrifice to projects in poorer countries to provide the basic needs of life.

A criticism of many charities and mission aid projects is the amount of money that gets absorbed by administration and other overhead costs. The beauty of Caring and Sharing is that it is totally run by volunteers. A yearly newsletter is published but everything else that is raised by the ninety churches across the diocese goes to the fourteen projects it supports. It amounts to around £70 000 every year.

The principle is that members make small but regular sacrifices. If you put just 10p aside per day that mounts up to over £36 a year. The principle is to: 'Live more simply that others may simply live'.

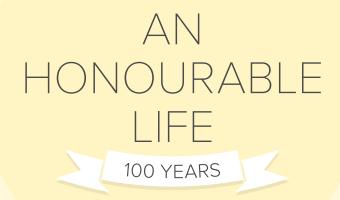
The scheme administered by a management

committee of volunteers supports fourteen projects across Africa, South America, Asia and Eastern Europe. The sort of schemes includes drilling water boreholes in Uganda, a deaf school in Tanzania, a fistula hospital in Ethiopia, child care in Brazil and Peru, street educators in Colombia, a leprosy village in India, supporting a residential care home in Romania and caring for sick children from the Chernobyl disaster in Belarus. These and other projects mean that many individuals who formerly would have had short and painful lives now have a chance to live and live with a reasonable quality of life.

Local retired Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Rev Nicholas Reade (former Archdeacon of this diocese) is the Patron and says, "It is wonderful news to hear that over the 31 years £2.5 million has been raised for the very varied but also muchneeded projects we have supported in some of the poorest areas in the world. It is the prayer and the small sacrifice we make that is so important to enable others' lives to receive a small blessing."

Caring and Sharing makes a difference!

For more information or to arrange a guest speaker - www.caringandsharingeastsussex. org.uk, email – Chairman, the Rev Canon Hugh Moseley c/o annabelle.moseley@btinternet.com, or phone 01273 813260.



By Bruce Holben

CONGRATULATIONS to Reverend Felix Boyce, who has just celebrated his 100th birthday and 76th anniversary as a priest.

The occasion was marked with a choral evensong in the parish church where he regularly took services until two years ago and is still a regular attender in the parish church of West Wittering.

Felix, born towards the end of the First World War, was ordained during the Second World War and has had a distinguished career in the Church.

He served his curacy in Derbyshire where he took sole charge almost

immediately as the vicar became a chaplain in the Army.

He returned to his training college, Cuddesdon, after the war, this time as vice-principal for five years, then parish ministry before working in Jerusalem to found and head St George's College while also serving as canon in the Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem.

Felix returned to the UK in 1961 when he became chaplain to the Queen at Hampton Court Palace where, after 17 years' service, the Queen bestowed on him the honour of Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order. He then became chaplain to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn after which he retired.

But he continued to serve at his home parish of West Wittering, where he lives with his wife Gay, and also every year at All Saints Church, Marseille, where he celebrated the 70th anniversary of his priesting in both English and French at the age of 94.

His theme was "time" – and not having much of it left. Well he had at least a further six years and, we hope and pray, many more. Congratulations Felix. What an inspiration you are.



Felix in 1968 with the High Sheriff of Surrey - Felix was chaplain to the Queen for 17 years and received the honour of Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order at the end of his service.



Felix celebrating 60 years as priest with his daughter Helen and grandsons Oliver and Sam



Felix shortly after the end of WW2. There are no earlier photos as his home was bombed and they were all lost.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW MARKS



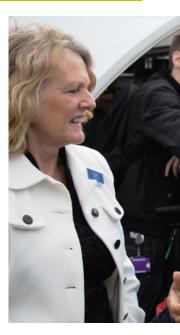
This year marked the 50th South of England Show at Ardingly and the diocese of Chichester along with ecumenical partners joined in with the celebrations.

Our own Bishops, Archdeacons and Chaplains demonstrated faith in action at the show by getting involved in many different ways. The Diocesan rural officer and the shows education chaplain, Mark Betson, greeted HRH The Duchess of Cornwall as she visited the Education Hub. HRH was in good spirits as she undertook her royal duties touring the show, meeting and chatting with the exhibitors and show officials.

Bishop Mark offered blessings at the regional foods and Bishop

Richard visited the education hub to see the wonderful mini-garden designs school children created with the 50th anniversary theme. Archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor presented prizes to the school children in the Education Hub after having read through and commented on all their written work which accompanied the designs.

This year saw nearly 2,000 students from schools visiting the Sanctuary, the churches presence at the show, including Petworth CoFE school (pictured). A teacher reported 'It enriched our children's experience with the camp fire and toasted marshmallows.' Photos opposite are printed with kind permission of Ollie Henwood.











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BOOKS AND REVIEWS



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PETER BLEE

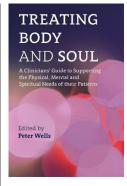
In the early years of the Second World War, the Hon. Mrs Sandilands ran a jam-making group in a sleepy farming village on the South Downs. She also served on the PCC of St Michael and All Angels, Berwick, and in August 1941 she objected to a decorative scheme of murals that were designed by local residents who were members of the "Bloomsbury Group".

Her concern, set aside at a consistory court, was that "Berwick Church might become a centre of attraction for sightseers and entirely spoil our quiet little rural village."

Bishop George Bell, writing in August 1942 in The Studio, pointedly argued that ancient churches "must serve a living purpose, and in doing so, necessary changes must be introduced". Bell was also keen to encourage proper employment for artists in the war years.

Peter Blee's book is beautifully illustrated throughout. (As reviewed in Church Times May 2017 by The Revd Dr Nicholas Cranfield, Vicar of All Saints', Blackheath, in South London)

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TREATING BODY AND SOUL

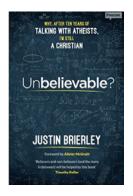
PETER WELLS

Patients who are facing illness and uncertainty often find themselves reflecting on the bigger questions in life, and the core beliefs or principles they live by. These convictions, religious or otherwise, are integral to a patient's identity, and consequently to their most fundamental emotional and spiritual needs. Perceptive clinicians have proved that, by recognising and working with their patients' spiritual requirements, they have been able to significantly improve their patients' experience in the medical setting.

Peter Wells has assembled a very thoughtful collection of pieces in this book. Practitioners across the field of health care offer some fascinating and richly personal insights into the outworking of spirituality at times of crisis and uncertainty. The clarity, compassion, and sheer humanity of the contributors make this a great resource for students and professionals alike. The Revd Canon Dr Margaret Whipp, practical and pastoral theological educator, former consultant oncologist and Lead Chaplain at Oxford University Hospitals.

Deserves to be read widely by all those, practitioners and students alike, who wish to develop and enhance their professional practice in informed, compassionate and integrated ways. The Rev Dr Jonathan Pye, Honorary Research Fellow, Centre for Ethics in Medicine, University of Bristol.

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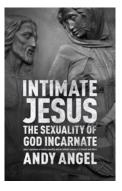
UNBELIEVABLE?

JUSTIN BRIERLEY

For over ten years Justin Brierley has been interviewing atheists on Premier Christian Radio on his Unbelievable? Programme. His task of getting people with opposite views to engage has impacted him and triggered this book, an apologetic work flowing from the ongoing radio series which has 2.5 million downloads a year from premierchristianradio.com/unbelievable.

Since so much of media is hostile to faith it was an achievement in itself to get a Christian radio station to give air time to unbelief. His apologetic for apologetic is 1 Peter 3v15: be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account for the hope that is in you. This well written book, drawing from the author's experience, feeds mind and spirit and goes well beyond rhetoric and point scoring to deep learning.

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INTIMATE JESUS: THE SEXUALITY

OF GOD INCARNATE

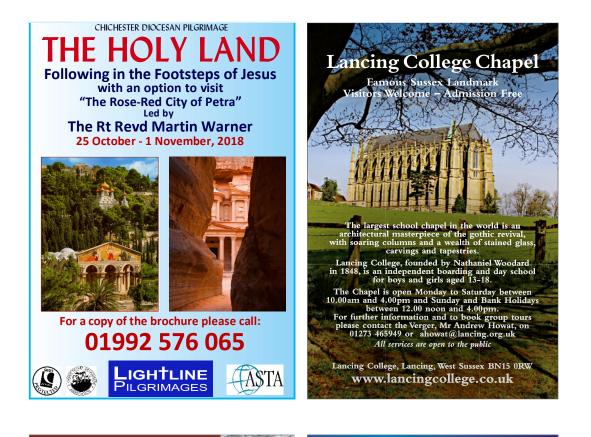
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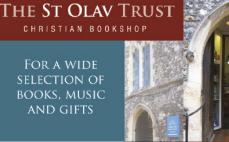
Revd Dr Andy Angel is the vicar of St Andrew's, Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

This is the first book to open up for general readers key questions about Jesus' experience of human sexuality and his attitude towards it in himself and others. It examines all the relevant sayings and actions of Jesus and others in the Gospels, and explores their first-century cultural context (Jewish, Greek and Roman) in order to better understand the historical Jesus as a fully rounded human being.

"Andy Angel has the gift of taking scholarship seriously and wearing it lightly. I commend this serious and thoughtful study as an important contribution to faith in Jesus Christ that allows human sexuality to be honoured as something beautiful, commonplace and sacred" The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester.

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