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WORDS MATTER

They convey meaning and give expression to our experience, to our emotions and to the freedom of our imagination. The poet, a word-smith, develops the skill of expanding the power of words by applying them in surprising and contrasting combinations and contexts. In a similar way the artist uses colour, shape, form and figure to convey meaning and experience with greater fluidity and immediacy than might be done by words alone.

The Year of the Bible began to open up for us the words that are inspired by God and communicate God's self-revealing. As we move now into the Year of Prayer we have an opportunity to review how those words shape our experience of God. Most particularly, of course, they are shaped by the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who speaks in human dialect from the heart of God the Father whom we cannot see or hear. In Jesus Christ God uses human senses to engage the mind.

Prayer draws on so many media. Of course it uses words - very often words that are hallowed by use across the centuries, such as the Lord's prayer, or our local inheritance of words from St Richard of Chichester. Through the Holy Spirit the words of prayer also connect us with people across time and continent, uniting us with the Church in every land, where Christians are praying in languages we may not know or understand..

For many people, visual images enrich our capacity to bring alive the words of scripture and the inherited patterns of prayer which inform the articulation of our penitence, adoration and thanksgiving. Our Lent Course this year explores how to come alive to God in this way.

I hope and pray it will inspire you to look again at how word, images, sounds and actions that are familiar when you gather with others for worship will also deepen your habit and experience of daily prayer.

Come Holy Spirit, inextinguishable flame of divine love, and inspire in us the words of faith and life.

With best wishes.

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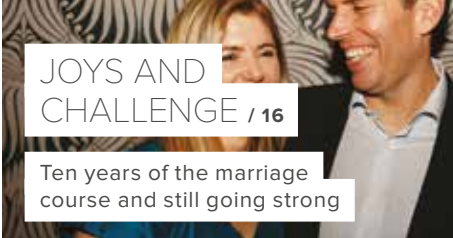
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NEWS

ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

BISHOP MARTIN WELCOMED TO HOUSE OF LORDS

THE Right Rev Dr Martin Warner was formally introduced to the House of Lords on January 15. He was supported by the bishops of Norwich and Chelmsford.

Bishop Martin said: "I look forward to joining others from Sussex who serve in both houses at Westminster and to sharing in the Church of England's contribution to the national life through Parliament."

He has maintained a creative conversation with local MPs on issues of importance to the county, and of course the diocese, and aims to continue to do so.

He will become one of 26 "Lords Spiritual", a group that includes the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the bishops of London, Durham and Winchester as ex-officio members, and 21 diocesan bishops introduced in order of seniority.



THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER WITH BISHOP STEPHEN COTTRELL (LEFT) AND BISHOP GRAHAM JAMES

At a short ceremony in the chamber of the Lords, the bishop presented his Writ of Summons from the Crown, took the Parliamentary oath and then took his place on the bishops' bench.

He will make a maiden speech at some point in the future.

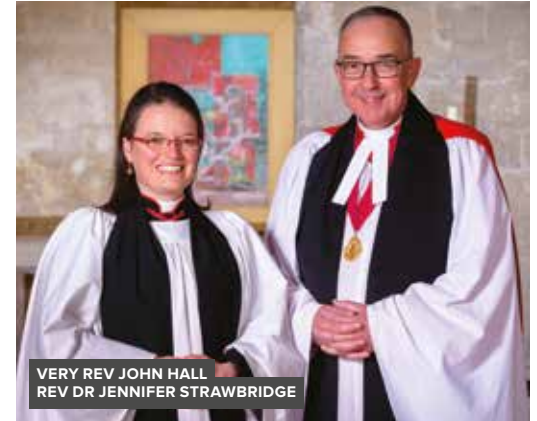
HONORARY CANONS

ON SATURDAY, January 20, the Dean of Westminster the Very Rev Dr John Hall and the Rev Dr Jennifer Strawbridge, an Oxford associate professor, were installed as honorary canons of Chichester Cathedral.

The Dean of Westminster will take the stall of the Prebendary of Bursalis and Mansfield College associate professor Rev Strawbridge will take the stall of the Prebendary of Bargham.

The Bishop of Chichester also appointed the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, the Right Rev Richard Moth, as one of the five canons of honour of Chichester Cathedral. He will be installed on February 11.

The Rev Martin Lane, vicar of Bosham, and Rev Lisa Barnett, vicar of Scaynes Hill, were also appointed as honorary canons. Rev Martin will take the stall of the Prebendary of Gates and Rev Barnett the stall of the Prebendary of Woodhorn. The installation will take place at the cathedral in the context of Evensong on Sunday, March 18, at 3.30pm.



VERY REV JOHN HALL
REV DR JENNIFER STRAWBRIDGE



REV LISA BARNETT

REV MARTIN LANE

SUPPORT FOR CHURCH GROWTH



TO CONTINUE the support for growth and renewal, the diocese has successfully passed the first stage of obtaining another grant from the Church Commissions Strategic Development Fund (SDF). The diocese has applied for £1.5 million to help church leaders develop their parishes. This will be supported by a mission hub in Maybridge, Worthing, and will feed into the curacy training programme. The next stage will be to develop a more detailed proposal and if that is successful, the funding will be available from June.

The next issue of Faith in Sussex in May will report on how the first tranche SDF projects have been doing and what steps are being taken to promote growth across the diocese.

THY KINGDOM COME GRANT

THE diocese has been granted £5,000 towards Beacon events for the global prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come this year. Beacon events will happen across the diocese and there will be three specific events, including one in Chichester Cathedral. The grant will be used for resources including a 24/7 digital prayer initiative/ virtual prayer room that will enable people from across the diocese to engage fully with Thy Kingdom Come. More information will be available soon. See page 31 for more details about Thy Kingdom Come in the Diocese of Chichester.



NEWS CONTINUED

SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE

NINE dioceses were represented at a two-day event in Birmingham, with four or five delegates from each.

The overall objective for the Discipleship Learning Community is to support the implementation of Setting God's People Free, part of the Church of England's Renewal and Reform programme aimed at helping the diocese to become a growing church for all people in all places.

Catherine Butcher, communications director for HOPE and a Reader at St John's Meads, was one of five attending from Chichester Diocese. She said: "It was helpful and stimulating to get together with clergy and lay people from other dioceses to share the learning and planning process.

"It became possible to imagine how churches in Chichester diocese could grow as people from all walks of life in our different churches become more confident in putting their Christian faith into words and action.

"The Chichester team will be working together over the coming months to find and share stories which show best practice. We would love to hear from you if you know people who are fruitfully sharing and demonstrating their faith as Jesus's followers in the workplace, neighbourhood or among friends and family."

Contact the archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor or any of the team members on 01273 421021 for more information.

Pictured are: Fiona Windsor, Archdeacon of Horsham; Andy Angel, vicar at St Andrew's Burgess Hill; Catherine Butcher, communications director for HOPE and Reader at St John's Meads; Jayne Prestwood, officer for lay vocation and ministry; Mark Talbot, principal of St Catherine's College, Eastbourne





DATA PROTECTION

THE General Data Protection Regulation will take effect in the UK from May 25. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. The Parish Resource website provides guidance, templates and a checklist to help you. It will be updated from time to time so do keep checking www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/

VICTORIAN PULPIT NEEDS NEW HOME

A PULPIT considered to be of "high Victorian craftsmanship" is looking for a new home. Archdeacon of Hastings Edward Dowler said the pulpit at Whatlington was designed and carved by the then Rev John Alton Hatchard. He said: "Rev John was himself the son of a priest, ordained in 1841 and a graduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He remained in Sussex all of his adult life.

"As well at the fittings at Whatlington church, it is also known that he carved the pulpit at Slinfold. He designed quite remarkable woodwork and it is not known how he learnt his skills. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings describe the Whatlington pulpit as 'handsome work' and an example of high Victorian craftsmanship."

To find out more, call Jeffrey Bridges, churchwarden at Whatlington, on 01424 772535



Prepare to be Inspired

Parishes are invited to take part in the lent course 2018

INSPIRING Vision is this year's Diocesan Lent Course in which prayer and the visual arts take centre stage as a focus for prayer, reflection and discussion.

It is brought to you by six contributors, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, who also introduces the course in a YouTube video.

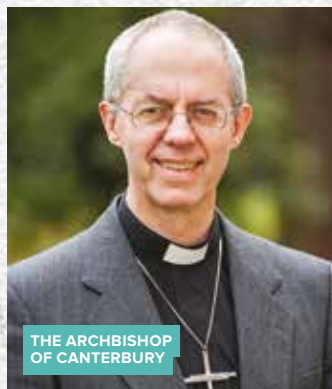
Lent starts on Wednesday, February 14, and each week the contributors will focus and reflect upon a piece of art that has inspired them and helped them in their journey of faith and prayer, giving us an opportunity to use art as a way of seeing salvation and opening windows on to God.

These reflections are available on podcasts. Written material will accompany the reflections for individual and group use to explore the themes in greater depth and see how they engage and resonate with our own experience. Leaders' notes are also available to download from the diocesan website.

The Archbishop of Canterbury introduces the course in a YouTube video.

There is an interactive poster to accompany the Lent sessions, which includes pictures of the images being talked about and information about the narrators.

It is strongly recommended all parishes engaging with the Diocesan Lent Course use the posters, which will aid study and reflection. Parishes can now order the Lent Course posters. There is a standard postage charge however many you order.



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Youth Lent Course

Speak to diocesan youth officer Dan Jenkins to find out about the course designed for use by parents and their children. They can follow the same topics as the main Lent course but in a way that is tailored to younger audiences.

Email him at Dan.jenkins@chichester.anglican.org or call 01273 421021.

Six weeks of inspiration



WEEK 1
HOLY TRINITY (EL GRECO)



WEEK 2
THE SCREAM (MUNCH)



WEEK 3
THE CALL OF LEVI (CARAVAGGIO)



WEEK 4
L'IMENSITE (COURBET)



WEEK 5
WINDOW IN CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL (CHAGALL)



WEEK 6
THE PRODIGAL SON (REMBRANDT)

YEAR OF PRAYER 2018, OFF TO A PROMISING START



Many parishes and individuals are already involved in activities aimed at developing and deepening a life of prayer across the diocese.

As well as diocesan-led initiatives, some parishes have gone a step further with their own.

Christchurch St Leonards, for example, will be hosting six seminars, open to all. Topics include prayer and social action as well as daily prayer and the Christian year. Each session will include discussion and reflection.

You can find out more about what's happening this year on the events page of the diocesan website: www.chichester.anglican.org

Resources

Parishes are encouraged to engage with one of the courses on offer, designed to help you grow in prayerfulness and develop your spirituality.

Finding God In All Things is a five-week course written by Rev Lisa Barnett, vicar of Scaynes Hill. It will introduce you to Ignatian spirituality, as developed by St Ignatius of Loyola, and provides a wonderful way of living out the Gospel in the world and prayerfully recognising God's presence in all things, especially in the most surprising people and places.

This daily course incorporates stories, discussion and prayer and is very accessible way to engage with the theme for this year. You can read and download the entire course as a PDF from the diocesan website. It includes leader's notes and a suggested reading list. It is best used in groups but is suitable for individuals too.

Way Of Living, written by Bishop Martin

For each of us to have a "way of living" is important if our life of prayer is to be ordered and disciplined and if it is to change the way we live and engage with others.

Bishop Martin invited us to use the five seasons of the Christian year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost) to reflect on different aspects of life in which we set ourselves one or two simple rules.

Bishop Martin explained how the seasons of worship help to shape our Christian identity, through IHS (Iesu Hominis Salvator – meaning Jesus of the Human race the Saviour) Way Of Living. You can read and download all the sessions from the diocesan website.

Supporting schools

Schools play a vital part in the missional activity of the diocese. During the Year of The Bible, the art competition received more than 750 entries from schools. Thanks to the valued support of our partners and churches, we were able to provide prizes to many entries, providing biblical texts and much-needed art supplies to both individuals and schools.

More than 50 people booked on to the two prayer space training

The education department will use this year to build on the success of the Year of The Bible, with an exciting and ambitious programme of events and competitions.

More than 50 people booked on to the two prayer space training and networking days. This activity was designed for anyone in the diocese working with children in churches or schools. The day covered exploring what a prayer space is and how to plan your space and create great prayer activities.

There are several ways you can support and encourage your local schools to take part in the Year of Prayer, including:

- Help to design and plant a prayer garden, either at school or church
- Help to set up and run prayer space activities
- Hold an end of Year 6 leavers' service, which will have a poignant focus on prayer
- Make a donation to the prize fund.

More details can be found at <https://schools.chichester.anglican.org/> or you can contact the education department on 01273 245687 to request a Year of Prayer pack.

Read on pages 18 & 19 how Rev Julie Sear worked with the church school in Hartfield and embraced the Year of Prayer with a prayer garden and activities including worship and all the children were involved.

Other ways to engage in Year of Prayer

Weeks of guided prayer

It is hoped each deanery can organise and host a Saturday morning conference called Pathways of Prayer, including a keynote speaker and workshops on diverse practices of prayer. Diocesan spirituality adviser Andrew Mayes is available for

advice (andrew.mayes@gmail.com). In addition, prayer guides are offering to come to parishes to lead sessions over the course of a week.

Pilgrimage to Chichester Cathedral

Pilgrimages have always been an important part of the path of prayer, with the experience of journey, arrival at a holy place, worshipping together and then returning home again refreshed and renewed.

As the mother church of the diocese, the cathedral has for centuries been a place of pilgrimage. During the course of the Year of Prayer there will be four archdeaconry pilgrimages to the cathedral, which will offer a generous welcome to pilgrims. More details will be released soon.

Clergy study days

There will be three clergy study days in the Year of Prayer, which will focus on how we might realistically raise the quality of liturgy and worship in our churches, given our resources. The days will have the same format, with input in the morning followed by workshops in the afternoon.

April 17 – St John's, Eastbourne

June 26 – St Mary's, Horsham

July 7 – Chichester Cathedral

Resources for all activities relating to the Year of Prayer can be found on the diocesan website. They can also be ordered from the online shop accessible from the home page of the website.

For any other information, email Nakita.ainsworth@chichester.anglican.org



PARISH NEWS

(PAGES 14-21)

FISHBOURNE LOVES BOOKS

FISHBOURNE does indeed seem to love books – and is now preparing for its third literary festival.

This year four authors have been secured to speak in St Peter and St Mary Church, while a large book sale, refreshments and side events will go ahead in the hall and a marquee.

The church needs a new boiler and redecoration, but it is planned to give half the amount raised to

the Apuldram Centre, Chichester, for adults with learning disabilities. It is hoped the money can incorporate the buying of books or have a connection with reading.

Authors are invited who give a balance to the day. Last year Simon Brett talked about writing crime and comedy and Max Egremont about his latest book on the First World War poets. These two live in West Sussex

but children's author Caroline Lawrence came from London to talk about her Roman adventure books. She arrived in full Roman costume and created quite a stir.

This year three other authors will come from further afield – Béatrice Crawford, Margaret Drabble and Adam Mars-Jones, all writing in very different genres.

Béatrice's Voice On The Great Wall is an unusual travel memoir. Margaret, a successful author since the 1960s, wrote a rumination on the ageing process entitled *The Dark Flood Rises* while Adam, research professor of creative writing at Goldsmiths, has written on diverse topics. Following *Kid Gloves*, about his father Judge Mars-Jones, he has written a sensitive story about a disabled boy and a study of a classic Japanese film.

The festivals have always included a local speaker. In 2016 it was Kate Mosse, whose book *The Taxidermist's Daughter* is set in Fishbourne and actually starts at the door of the church. Last year, Jane Rusbridge talked about her novel *Rook*, set in Bosham.

Also planned for this year's event, which is on Saturday, March 24, will be a discussion between a panel of authors on how difficult it can be to get a book published.

The festival was launched in 2016 to raise funds for the new hall – St Peter's Place. Although already built, it needed blinds for its vast windows, fittings for the kitchen and tables and chairs. The hall is in constant use and has proved an enormous blessing to the church. About £2,000 was raised, half of which was donated to Fishbourne CE Primary School to buy books for its new library.

By last year, the 13th century church was very much in need of repair and following the enthusiasm and success of the first year, another book festival helped raise funds to repair the roof. Half the proceeds were donated to the St Wilfrid's

Fishbourne is preparing for its third literary festival.

Dreambuilding project with the hope the money could be used to create a library in the new hospice.

Organisers are hoping for fine weather because last year, so many books had been collected that tables had to be placed all round the hall and marquee. They will be for sale at 50p each or £1 for hardbacks, with the "special" ones set aside on another table in the hope of commanding more.

To secure a seat for authors' talks, £20 day tickets can be bought from Liz Grant at lizgrant@gmail.com or 01243 530639. Entrance is otherwise free.

Up to date information can be found on www.fishbournelovesbooks.com



DAME MARGARET DRABBLE

The fourth guest will be local author Isabel Ashdown. She studied English and creative writing at Chichester University and her sixth novel will be published in April.

MARRIAGE COURSE IS GOING STRONG

THE marriage course has been running in churches for more than ten years and now caters for those preparing for marriage and those already married.

There is even a version delivered especially for clergy, which has also been taken up in this diocese.

Some 30 married couples attended a “time out for two” event at Blackstock Country Estate in Hellingly.

One of the organisers, Mandy Marshall-Taylor from St Peter’s Church, Brighton, said: “Couples often prepare for a couple of years with a relatively large budget for a single wedding day, yet preparation for the emotional and relational joys and challenges that lie ahead is often minimal.”

Couples sat at tables for two, carefully decorated with ribbons and roses, and enjoyed private conversations with no children and few distractions.

Steve and Mandy Marshall-Taylor walked the couples through the first two sessions of the course, which is seven sessions in total covering topics including communication, dealing with conflict, forgiveness and good sex.

Couples explored how to build strong foundations – carving out time for each other and identifying, understanding and meeting each other’s emotional needs. The need for good communication was reinforced with Mandy and Steve demonstrating an “effective listening” exercise which left everyone laughing.

The couples said they loved the day. One admitted: “Something

has changed in our relationship since we both decided to try to focus not on our own needs and each other’s faults but our own faults and each other’s needs.”

Another said: “We would definitely recommend the marriage course, whether you’re starting out or have been blessed with many years of marriage as we have, there’s always something to learn. Do it, you will not be disappointed.”

Couples were encouraged to continue the marriage course, which runs at St Peter’s, Brighton, (www.stpetersbrighton.org). More information is available on familylife@stpetersbrighton.org. To find out more about marriage and marriage preparation courses – or how to run one – go to www.themarriagecourse.org.

The
Marriage
Course

STEVE AND MANDY MARSHALL-TAYLOR

THREE IS BETTER THAN ONE

THREE parishes in Lewes have combined to form Trinity Church.

It was officially launched on New Year’s Day and comprises Southover, South Malling and St John sub Castro.

Its purpose is to create a single church of more than 500 members, based in three locations with six congregations united by a single vision “to see lives transformed by the love of Christ”.

It was clear five years ago the mission and witness of three churches in Lewes would be significantly enhanced by coming together as one.

Rev Steve Daughtery, Rector of Trinity Church, said: “There have been huge challenges along the

way, but God is always faithful and he has brought us to the point of uniting as one parish with unanimous support from all members at the three respective Annual Parochial Church Meetings.

“We have also completed a major building project with the incredible provision of grants, loans, gifts and unexpected legacies just at the right moments. There is a great feeling of excitement as this new chapter in our church’s life begins.”

Trinity aspires to reach further into the community with new ministries that show love, demonstrate welcome and lead people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. The newly completed Trinity Centre will

be central to this vision as an open door for the community in the form of a weekday café and the base for “Love In Action” initiatives.

“There is a great feeling of excitement as this new chapter in our church’s life begins.”

Steve said: “Despite being a parish that has a diversity of worship styles, we have found a unity in our mission that encourages all members to play their part in seeing growth in discipleship and lives transformed by God’s love.”

BISHOP’S BLESSING FOR NEW ROOMS

BISHOP Martin Warner has officially opened the new parish rooms at St Mary Our Lady Sidlesham.

St Mary Our Lady was established in the 13th century and has been added to over the years but it lacked proper facilities. Organisers said “a long journey of faith and effort” has resulted in the building now adjacent to the church, containing a communal space, office, kitchen and toilets.

During the service Bishop Martin entered and blessed all the rooms and then returned to the Church for the Eucharist. Afterwards he chatted with members of the congregation and met some of the

young people who had recently been confirmed. Chris Field, one of the churchwardens, thanked all who had contributed to the building, including fundraisers, grant-giving bodies and individual donors, along with the team of architects and builders.

She said: “This building is for the use of the whole community of Sidlesham and will be well used as a point of outreach to all.” Parish priest Father Stephen Guise said: “We were delighted to welcome Bishop Martin to our new building and we know it will provide much-needed facilities for all who come to our lovely church and add to our Christian welcome.”



A PEACEFUL PLACE TO PRAY

A PRAYER garden created in memory of a former school governor has been officially opened.

The ceremony was the culmination of a week of preparation involving all the children at St Mary the Virgin School in Hartfield.

As part of the Year of Prayer in the diocese, Rev Julie Sear, Rector at Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch, led a collective worship with the pupils ahead of the official opening of the garden, which is in memory of governor Marion Jackson.

Rev Julie and Parish Children's and Families' worker Katrina Thomas looked at Psalm 139 and thought about why Jesus asks us to pray. The children from age four through to 11, discussed why they pray and what prayer means to them before working on their own art projects.

St Mary's School then held a "pause day" with the whole school considering prayer and what it means in their lives. "They made prayer flags, prayer wishes for the year ahead and wrote prayers in decorated jars.

The jars were filled with their prayers and solar candles placed on top. They also wrote prayers on CDs to hang in the garden and in the willow reflection den.



photos courtesy of Graham Franks



One pupil, Roma, aged eight, said: "I loved it because it was so creative and fun to do and we wrote some special prayers."

The prayers were placed in areas of reflection in the school, including the garden itself. The opening was performed by Rev Julie and Mrs Jackson's widower Tim. All the children gathered for the ceremony and joined in prayers to give thanks to God for the school and community.

Rev Julie said: "Many of the children have been encouraged to visit this space, in particular the

beautiful heart stone placed at the centre which is being used as a garden of remembrance.

"They can remember loved ones or go when they are feeling sad. The children can add a coloured stone around the heart and remember someone they miss or want to pray for.

"As part of the prayer space, a newly planted willow structure was named, after a vote by the children, as the 'Reflection Den'. More of the wishes and prayers were added so this can be used as a quiet space to reflect during play times."

Hilary Rowberry, a current school governor who is also responsible for running the wildlife explorers' club, planted flowers in the garden for the children to enjoy.

Acting Headteacher Frances Taylor said: "By pausing on the curriculum to consider aspects of life as a church school has given all of us the time to reflect and pray. It has been truly meaningful for our children who are looking forward to using the prayer garden throughout the year."

IMPROVEMENTS AT ST LUKES, PRESTONVILLE

The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson blessed the new improvements at Luke's Church, Prestonville Brighton in a special service last November. The church was awarded £75,000 to enable it to begin the first phase of a building project to make the church more accessible for the community.

The improvements entailed the reworking of the main entrance of the church with disabled access ramps and glass doors, the provision of disabled toilet facilities and the creation of a new foyer which can be used as a separate meeting room create a more accessible church.



OLD FRIENDS RENEW THEIR TIES

PAST and present came together for a poignant Remembrance weekend at St Bartholomew's in Maresfield.

The village played host to 42 trainee officers who are serving as part of the 11th Signals Regiment, Maresfield Squadron.

It came after Captain Charles Jones from the squadron made contact with Rev Nick Cornell, rector of Maresfield, in the hope of rekindling ties with the village. The squadron was named in recognition of its long link with Maresfield which, for many years, was the site of a training camp for the regiment.

The visit was an opportunity for the village to come together and remember the service of the many who gave so generously of themselves in military service. It was made even more poignant by

the presence of serving men and women during the Remembrance Day service.

The visit brought together the many different groups from the village who shared a common interest in the history of the Army's time in Maresfield. Over the weekend several hundred people attended the different events on offer.

No sooner had the squadron arrived than they got to work in the church and village, tidying leaves, polishing brass (to a very exacting standard) and, for those who drew the short straw, cleaning church gulleys.

Later, at an evening presentation, the trainee officers outlined the work of the Signals in previous generations when they trained in Maresfield and the contrast to their training today in Blandford, Dorset. Major Jason Budding

presented the squadron's badge to the village to mark the renewed links.

The highlight was on the Sunday, when the Army marched from the Manor House, Maresfield Park, to the church. St Bartholomew's was packed to capacity with residents, representatives and pupils from Bonners CE Primary School, dignitaries including Wealden MP Nus Ghani and many former serving Signals.

Wreaths were laid at the memorial in the churchyard remembering the fallen from the village.

At the end of the service and before the Army headed back to Dorset, servicemen and women spanning several generations shared their memories of training as Signals, some in Maresfield. It is hoped this will be the start of an ongoing friendship and link between the village and squadron that bears its name.



ALIGHT: CHICHESTER ART PILGRIMAGE TRAIL



Alight is a new Art app commissioned by academics in Theology and Religious Studies at King's College London and developed by Calvium in partnership with the Diocese of Chichester and former Bishop Otter Scholar for Theology and the Arts, Naomi Billingsley.

It is being officially launched for Lent 2018, and complements the Diocese of Chichester's Year of Prayer Lent Course, which focuses on works of art that relate to the prayer.

The app introduces its users to works of art in a way that explores the art's religious dimensions and devotional power and includes several 'curated pilgrimages' that connect works in different locations, offering unique perspectives on temporary exhibitions as well as insight into permanent ones

The Chichester Art Pilgrimage Trail is the first of a new type of trail in Alight, which includes a walking pilgrimage within the

city to the Cathedral with audio tracks by Professor Ben Quash (King's College London) reflecting on the history of the city, and meeting other speakers along the way, which includes a reflection by Bishop Martin Warner on the sculpture of St Richard (2000) by Philip Jackson.

Once inside, twelve audio reflections explore works of art throughout the Cathedral, including a reading of Philip Larkin's poem 'An Arundel Tomb', which is inspired by one of the monuments in the Cathedral.

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The reflections are written and presented by theologians, art historians and members of the Cathedral community, who share their own spiritual responses of the works.

It will appeal both to members of the Christian communities of Chichester, the Diocese and beyond, and more broadly to those seeking contemplative engagement with the art and history of Chichester and its Cathedral.

The trail was jointly funded by the Jerusalem Trust (via King's College London) and the Diocese of Chichester.

You can download the trail by going to the diocesan website where you will also find further information about the other works of art included in the Trail.

Download the trail

iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/alight-art-and-the-sacred/id1078336858?mt=8>

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.calvium.kcl.alight&hl=en_GB



**BISHOP MARTIN
WITH THE SCULPTURE "ST RICHARD"
BY PHILIP JACKSON**

Photo courtesy of Mark Dimmock



BEREAVEMENT, redundancy, mental health problems... all over Sussex families are battling to cope with issues like these.

But they are not alone. Fighting equally hard to help them is the Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work, or FSW, a charity with holistic, long-term care at its core.

FSW is carrying out vital work for families “of all shapes and sizes” and its aim this year is to help many more.

While independent, the charity is closely linked with the church – the Bishop of Chichester is its president – and it is now looking to the diocese and all those within it to help ensure it can continue to improve the lives of those in need.

Director Martin Auton-Lloyd has clear hopes for 2018 – he wants to more than double the number of support workers to 15 or 16, to see “solid signs” of sustainable income and develop a vastly improved friends’ network with committed donors and fundraisers.

Family support charity appeals for wider backing

He said: “Considering we have been around for so long we have very few individuals who give cash directly so we are looking to push our friends’ scheme.”



The charity, which is based in Brighton, has no central Government support and there have been times when the enormity of its task has seemed overwhelming.

But Martin said: “When you talk to the families and hear their testimony about how we have helped them, all that goes. What remains is frustration that we haven’t enough money to do more.

“With financial support, the FSW could be the most fantastic resource for churches. Every single parish could do with the help of our workers – the problems are not confined to those in poverty. Bereavement, illness, redundancy, mental health problems – these things can happen to any of us at any time.”

It would be his dream to have a worker in every parish but for now there are six covering the county. Key areas in need include Hastings, Bognor and Eastbourne.

FSW prides itself on long-term help for the whole family – its work does not end when the immediate problem is apparently resolved.

Martin said: “Our approach sets us apart slightly from other organisations. For instance, we might see a family whose child is not attending school. We ask why – and may find out Dad has lost his job or Mum has depression and there is no support in the mornings to get little Johnny off to school.

“We keep asking why until we get to the root cause and we will stay involved.”



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Hopes are high this could be the year FSW’s profile soars. In 2016 – before Martin was made director – it was decided to sell the Knowles Tooth children’s holiday centre at Hurstpierpoint and the deal netted FSW some £1.3 million.

The sale was controversial but Martin is determined to make it a positive move by using the cash to strengthen FSW’s work.

Some has already been used to improve the charity’s HQ in Brighton. Four flats have been created which will provide a rental income of some £50,000 a year.

Cash has also been earmarked to beef up the fundraising team. Martin said: “We can’t just spend our reserves. We have got to use some of them to look at ways of getting more income on a permanent basis.”

They will also spend on identifying and researching areas they need to be working in and use that information to appeal to other potential sources of funding.

It might be helping the mother with post-natal depression and a drug addict ex-partner who is struggling to cope with the challenges of her autistic daughter.

It might be helping parents of a child with special needs to fill in forms to ensure they receive the right support.

It might be helping a well-off family cope when their breadwinner suddenly loses their job and they are plunged into financial crisis.

Martin said: “The realisation is coming that we are needed right across Sussex. We are perceived as a wealthy county but there are pockets of deprivation, though of course these problems do not affect only the poor. We want to have 25 support workers in five years’ time.”

FSW says its approach is best summed up by an African saying – it takes a whole village to bring up a child.

Martin said: “In a society where we see families becoming fragmented because of the pressures placed on them, the need for a whole community to support a child as they grow up has never been truer.

“We provide a strong, long-term service for families who need us. Our goal is for that service to be available in every part of the Diocese of Chichester.”

EYE-OPENING & HEARTWARMING

Our mission to africa

REV Kate Bailey, assistant curate at St John's, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, was among a group of clergy, readers and youth workers from Chichester Diocese who made a mission visit to Kenya in October. Here she tells us about the trip, which included Nakuru and Nairobi.

OUR mission during the first week was to visit our link diocese of Nakuru to see diocesan projects, go to the theological training college in Berea to talk about mission in the UK from our own experiences and hear about the problems trainee ministers in Kenya face.

This was a real eye opener for both sides and we had some really good questions asked about our own contexts. This was theological reflection at its deepest and most relevant.

The day after we arrived was Kenyan re-election day and we were confined to the Imani guesthouse compound, with armed guards, as we watched the news unfolding on the TV and saw violence in other parts of the country.

Fortunately we didn't hear about any incidents in Nakuru and on the whole those we met were very appreciative we had come to visit under what they felt were difficult and testing conditions for foreigners.

There were two particular highlights for me in our first week. First was visiting the Baringo region, which had received aid from Chichester Diocese following a failed harvest.

This involved a long drive on mainly unmade roads in our very uncomfortable boneshaker of a matatu (minibus) on the hottest day of our visit.

We crossed the Equator and saw donkeys lined up for the slaughterhouse (destined for export to China), the occasional ostrich and termite hill beside the road.

The warmth and gratitude from those we visited at a number of churches was truly wonderful. Those who have nothing were delighted to greet us, sing to us and offer us gifts, often waiting for hours for our arrival. It was a humbling experience for all of us.

The second highlight was visiting St Nicholas children's home and meeting the children and those who care for them. Seeing all the improvements Chichester Diocese has enabled was amazing – for instance the tin fence fixing a gaping hole in the perimeter wall to keep the children safe from marauding lions from the nearby game reserve, and the wonderful cow named Chichester.

We then came up with ideas for how we can help them with future projects such as returning to rebuild their chicken coop and provide a chicken run.

Our second week was spent in Nairobi at the ACK Guesthouse. Our agenda was planned by the Church Army and involved hearing from its students as well as sharing our own experience of mission.

We discovered both here in Nairobi and in Nakuru that context is everything. Some challenges they face in Kenya have a direct correlation to us in UK. For example the fact many people are born and raised as Anglicans, but with the growth of other churches as well as other faiths comes the challenge of keeping the Anglican church relevant. As a consequence the church is now

focusing on young people and training them to reach out to their peers.

Being in Kenya meant I was able to meet Boniface, the young man I have sponsored for the last 12 years, along with my daughter Sarah, through Compassion International.

Sarah was able to join us via Skype and so she too could chat with Boniface. We had a memorable afternoon learning more about each other before he left for the six and a half hour drive back to his home village.



This was a truly amazing fortnight and our group gelled really well. We are already talking about finding ways of informing others at Deanery meetings or other occasions how churches and individuals can get more involved in the work we do with our link dioceses across the world.



REV KATE BAILEY
WITH BONIFACE

The Anglican Communion News reported on a story that clergy in the Anglican Church of Kenya are being trained to use social media ahead of the launch of a new online church.

Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit has said. The move is a bid to reach out to young people who are not attending church services, but who are "permanently on social media."

"As a church we cannot afford to be left behind and we need to embrace technology. It's a high time we start our online church to tap on the larger community in the social media."

"Most of our young congregation have the latest gadgets and are not attending church services and the best way to loop them back is to introduce online church services as they are permanently on social media."

"As the world is becoming a global village by the day, it's about time we in the leadership of the church embrace technology and start online services. We need to enter into this technological space and take our evangelism message there where majority of the young members are found."

YOUNG VOCATION GROUPS

ARE you wondering what to do with your life and how to use your gifts for God? Are you aged 18 to 30?

This year Chichester Diocese will be pioneering young vocation groups where, in a relaxed, open environment, you can explore how to respond to God's call in your life.

There are three groups – in Brighton, Eastbourne and Horsham – and everyone is welcome to join what is hoped will be a helpful resource for people trying to discern God's purpose for them.

The aim is to give people a chance to think what "life in its fullness" (John 10.10) might mean for them and an opportunity to find out more about ordained and lay ministries in the Church of England.

The groups will meet every other month. You can just turn up on the day or get in touch with the organisers, who are curates in the diocese, if you would like to join.



EASTBOURNE

February 22 at 7.30pm, The Dolphin Pub, 14 South Street, BN21 4XF. Contact Rev Jules Middleton (jules@trinitylewes.org) or Rev Adam Ransom (adamjransom@outlook.com)

HORSHAM

February 22 at 7.30pm, Sussex Barn, North Heath Lane, Horsham, RH12 5PJ. Contact Rev Brendan Martin (revbjmartin@gmail.com) or Rev Mike Nelson (mike.n82@gmail.com)

BRIGHTON AND HOVE

March 19 at 7pm, Bishop Hannington Church, Nevill Avenue, Hove BN3 7NH. Contact Rev Tim Gage (revgage@outlook.com) or Rev Rob Coupland (frobertcoupland@gmail.com).



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NEW CEO FOR RURAL RESOURCE CENTRE



REV CLAIRE MAXIM

GERMINATE, the churches' rural resource centre, is to have a new boss.

Rev Claire Maxim, rector of the villages of Ludgershall and Faberstown in the Diocese of Salisbury, will be chief executive officer after the retirement of Jerry Marshall this year.

The Rev Dr Mark Betson, diocesan rural and environment officer, said: "I warmly welcome Claire being appointed to this important role with Germinate. I have worked with Claire as part of the Rural Theology Association

and with her experience in multi-parish rural ministry she will be a real asset to the team at the Arthur Rank Centre.

"Germinate is one of the best resources out there for rural ministry including worship, mission and community, plus developing lay and ordained leaders in the Church."

The organisation helps rural communities flourish by encouraging and equipping churches for mission and ministry, providing a wide variety of resources including leadership training, rural learning communities, conferences and the magazine Country Way.

Claire was originally an engineer, has an MBA from Henley Business School, a

diploma in applied theology from The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education in Birmingham, and is studying for a professional doctorate at the Centre for Rural Ministry Studies at the University of Warwick.

She said: "I am excited by the direction Germinate has taken over recent years and look forward to continuing and extending that trajectory.

"There is a wide diversity of rural contexts so, in terms of communicating the Gospel, one size does not fit all. Germinate is ideally placed to encourage the sharing of ideas and to enable the peer support necessary to allow risk and failure as well as success."



“DEAR CHURCH!”

(CAN YOU HEAR ME?)

WHAT would you make of an event where the two main speakers opened it without speaking a word -- but were shouting?

Deaf Baptist minister Rev Susan Myatt and Rev Gill Behenna, the Church of England's national adviser on deaf ministry, did just that at Victoria Baptist Church in Eastbourne.

They were using sign language and the aim was to encourage greater awareness of the needs of the deaf. Most of the 30 people at the event were deaf BSL (British Sign Language) users, lip readers and had hearing impairment and interpreters were used throughout. There was general agreement that churches and other organisations are not very good at catering for their needs.

Workshops generated strong messages, for instance the need for Christians to learn basic BSL. Rev Simon James-Morse, from Goldstone Church in Hove, told how its deaf BSL service helps the attitudes of hearing congregation members and he urged deaf awareness training for all in churches.

One person's experience of being hearing impaired in a hearing church was described in a letter which started: "Dear Church, can you hear me?"

Their feelings were echoed by others who told of their own isolation, frustration and difficulties in churches. They said negative attitudes caused them to withdraw from church activities and fellowship, a terrible indictment which they wanted churches to hear.

Daphne Brett, one of the organisers of the event which was part sponsored by Chichester Diocese, said: "We learned there is much to be done to enable deaf BSL users and Christians who have hearing impairments to play a full part in the life of their local Christian community."

The day ended positively with plans to educate and ensure better provision for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Among the ideas suggested were setting up a deaf café in Eastbourne, establishing practical training for church leaders and finding "champions for the deaf and hearing impaired" in churches to encourage a network of best practice.

A website, hellochurch.co.uk, has been set up to encourage greater involvement.



REV SUSAN MYATT AND
REV GILL BEHENNA

A PRIVILEGE & A RESPONSIBILITY

By Rose Wisdom –

Governor Development Officer for the diocese

THE role of governor in a church school is immensely rewarding.

Being so closely involved in the education and development of children and young people is a privilege and joy, as well as a responsibility.

The Diocesan Board of Education is grateful to all those who give their time, talents and experience in the invaluable role of supporting its church schools.

Being a school governor takes time and commitment, however the education team at the diocese is there to help, support and advise.

Church schools have foundation governors as well as some other categories. In a voluntary aided school, the majority of the governing body will be foundation governors. In a voluntary controlled school, at least two and up to four members of the governing body will be foundation governors.

The role of the foundation governor is to be fully involved as part of the leadership and governance of the school, with a particular responsibility to preserve, uphold and develop the Christian distinctiveness of the school.

The local minister is normally appointed as "ex-officio" foundation governor. When the parish is in inter-regnum, a temporary "archdeacon's appointment" can be made to the ex officio seat.

It has been great to see that following recent articles in Faith In Sussex, people have come forward to be involved. One church member in Hartfield read the story in the November issue in which three governors

talked about their role and was so encouraged he got in touch with the diocese education governors support team.

Church schools need more foundation governors and your parish could help. Is there someone in your church you think would be ideal? Do you know of someone with skills, experience, energy, interest and commitment? Someone you identify as looking for a role to serve? If so, please encourage them to get in touch with the education team.

Support and advice is available for current governors and for those considering this important and valued role. Training is provided for new governors as well as further training on specific aspects of church school governance.

Rose Wisdom is the diocesan governor development officer with special responsibility for recruiting. If you would like more information, email her at Rose.wisdom@chichester.anglican.org or call her on 01273 425687. The foundation governors' application form to be used for new appointments and renewal applications can be found at <https://schools.chichester.anglican.org/governance/>





MAY CAMP IN PURSUIT OF LEARNING AND FUN

THIS year's May Camp will focus on learning more about how our God is constantly in pursuit of relationship with us.

We are going to use the weekend to work our way through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, looking at how God has always been in pursuit of us and talking about the response this requires from us. We have workshops and seminars lined up, as well as big sports and big inflatables.

If you are a youth leader or church leader, May Camp is the ideal place to be intentional about discipleship with the young people you work with. Many tell us it is the best weekend of their whole year.

With 500 young people from churches across the diocese it is a great place to meet new friends and see that they are a part of something bigger.

If you would like more information about taking a group to May Camp or would like to get involved in the team, contact youth@chichester.anglican.org and check out the May Camp website www.maycamp.org



Dani Taylor, youth leadership development officer, said: "We are busy putting together a year of training and experience across the diocese. We believe that everyone should be confident in who they are and what their purpose is in life.

This year we are developing a new placement year also called Pursuit and there will be more information on this over the coming weeks.

"This placement year will give you the opportunity to explore and grow in God as you experience the inside workings of life in ministry as well as pursuing your passions. Watch this space."

You can contact Dani by email danielle.taylor@chichester.anglican.org



THY KINGDOM COME 2018 READY, SET, GO!

From Kangaroo Flat in South Australia, to the River Cam in Cambridge, things are gearing for the launch of this year's Thy Kingdom Come movement!

As Faith in Sussex went to print plans were being made to film Archbishop Justin's personal story of coming to Christ during his time at University. The film is to feature Archbishop Justin and his long-time friend, Nick Hills, who he credits as being a key figure in his early faith journey, coxing on the River Cam.

A number of high profile ecumenical leaders will feature in a series of short films which will be made available in the lead up to this year's TKC 2018 period. Names include Cardinal Vincent Nichols (Catholics), Gareth Powell (Methodists), Paul Harcourt (New Wine) and Bishop Angaelos (Coptic Church UK) to name a few.

Last year Christians in more than 85 countries took part in Thy Kingdom Come and with renewed vigour, we are hoping to

build on this momentum. Some powerful stories and testimonies are emerging which we will share over the coming months. Similarly, there has also been many new enquiries about TKC from locations far and wide, including an Anglican Vicar from Kangaroo Flat, South Australia who recently got in contact to say this was one of the most exciting initiatives she had seen in a long time!

Take a look at the website for resources for parishes and updates and to find out how you can get involved with the Global Wave of Prayer 10 – 20 May 2018. www.thykingdomcome.global/

As part of the Archbishop's Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) initiative, Bishop Richard is undertaking a prayer pilgrimage across the Diocese from Iden in East Sussex to The Cathedral in Chichester West Sussex the week before Pentecost.

He said: "I hope to drop in to pray at various churches along the route. The first three days of the

pilgrimage will be motorised, but the last two I shall walk." Bishop Richard hopes that churches will be open and encourage its parishioners to come and pray.

"We will pray for any local concerns and for the wider theme of evangelisation which is the heart of the TKC initiative." You can contact Bishop Richards PA Sophie.Perring@chichester.anglican.org for more information.

Further details, venues and timings will be posted on the diocesan website events page.



BISHOP RICHARD

ABUNDANT LIFE

— PASSIONATE STORYTELLER DELIVERS THE NEWS —

“ABUNDANT life – life in all its fullness” is the theme of this year’s day devoted to the ministry of healing.

Chichester Diocese is excited to announce the keynote speaker will be Rev Canon J John, evangelist, minister, international speaker, social activist and writer.

Each year since 2000 the diocese has resourced this high-profile event and every one has attracted some 200 people.

A pattern has evolved with a main speaker giving a keynote address, followed by teaching seminars in the morning and afternoon. The day concludes with a time of worship and reflection with an opportunity for anointing with oil, confession and extended prayer ministry.

Past speakers have included Bishop Richard Jackson; Rev Russ Parker, author and director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation; Dr Alison Morgan, author of the Wild Gospel; and dynamic evangelist Rev Eric Delves.

Last year Rev Paul Harcourt, newly appointed national leader for the New Wine Trust, gave two inspirational addresses on the theme of “healing – experiencing God’s love for our bodies”.

Rev Chris Lawrence, chairman and vicar at St Thomas a Becket in Framfield, said: “J John is known for his ability to communicate the truth in an engaging, stimulating and practical way. His passion for storytelling enables him to bring the Gospel to life in a fresh and contemporary manner.

“Now in his third decade of ministry he shows no sign of slowing down and his desire to see lives saved by the good news only continues to increase, fuelling his passion for his energetic flavour of evangelism. If ever a speaker encapsulated the theme of abundant life then J John must be the perfect choice.”

This year’s conference will be on **Saturday, February 17** at Victoria Baptist Church in Eldon Road, Eastbourne, which remains the regular venue as it offers a warm welcome with good access,

facilities and parking. A charge of £10 for the day includes tea and coffee but not lunch.

Details of the seminars and speakers can be found in the 2018 brochure at www.chichester.anglican.org/events. There is also a link to Eventbrite for online bookings but postal booking is also an option.

Rev Lawrence said: “If you have never attended this event then please be encouraged to do so. Whether you wish to expand your own personal knowledge of the ministry of healing or you are in need of healing yourself, God is there in His power to bless and restore. We are expecting a higher than average attendance so please book early.”



REV CANON J JOHN

STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

BY REV NEVILLE MANNING

When I survey THE WONDROUS CROSS

BY ISAAC WATTS

BY ONE of those strange coincidences, I find myself beginning this article on the day the Church of England has a commemoration of Isaac Watts, our hymn writer (1674-1748).

Watts was the son of a leading nonconformist Christian from Southampton. Unable as a dissenter to obtain a place at Oxford or Cambridge Universities in those days, he trained elsewhere as a Christian minister and was appointed to Mark Lane Chapel, Leeds, where he ministered for ten years before health problems led him to resign.

Out of this sad situation came something positive, as the rest of his life was devoted to writing hymns. The inspiration came from Watts’s father. On one occasion Isaac complained to him about the monotony of the way psalms were used in worship, with hymns as such being virtually non-existent. His father challenged him to go and produce something better.

He certainly took the advice, writing some 600 hymns which took the free churches way beyond the limits of metrical psalms to which they had been accustomed.

Among those still used are “Come let us join our cheerful songs” and “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun”. In time Watts became known as the Father of English hymnody.

LOVE SO
AMAZING,
SO DIVINE,
DEMANDS
MY SOUL,
MY LIFE,
MY ALL

“When I survey the wondrous cross”, usually sung to the tune Rockingham (though there are other tunes), reflects the words of St Paul in his Letter to the Galatians (6 v14): “God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Although written as a Communion hymn and very appropriate as we come to receive sacramentally the body and blood of Christ, it is also a very personal hymn, with the words “I” and “my” being used several times.

The hymn gives voice to God’s total self-giving to us in Christ: “Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?” It also calls us to a total response: “Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.” The theology the hymn embodies is one which unites Christians across the denominational divides, yet it is belief expressed in terms of personal experience.

Archbishop William Temple many years ago conducted a mission week for students in the University of Oxford. After his final address he invited them to sing “When I survey the wondrous cross”. Before the final verse he asked them to think about the words and only sing them if they were really meant. The actual thoughtful singing of that final verse became a moving and memorable moment.

Charles Wesley, himself the writer of many hymns we still sing, once said he would willingly give up all his own hymns if only he could have written When I survey the wondrous cross.

MEET THE NEW DAC TEAM MEMBERS

THE Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and Mission and Pastoral team have welcomed two new members of staff.

Gregory Moore is assistant DAC and Mission and Pastoral secretary and Alex Senior is the administrator.

Greg takes the lead in dealing with List B applications, requests for site visits and suspensions of presentation, while Alex's responsibilities include dealing with general enquiries, event management and generally organising everyone.

The DAC team now shares one external phone number (01273 625 490) so anyone may pick the phone and will be able to help with most enquiries.

Faculty Jurisdiction Rules

As two years have now passed since the introduction of the new Faculty Jurisdiction Rules it seems a good time to remind all those responsible for caring for church buildings how the system works. There are now three categories of works to churches and churchyards:

- List A (works not requiring any consultation or permission)
- List B (works that can be authorised by the archdeacon)
- Faculty (works that are not covered by List A or List B and therefore need a faculty)

Lists A and B are contained in both the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015 and the Chancellor's General Directions 2016, which can be downloaded from the church buildings section of the diocesan website.

Site visits and informal advice

If your proposals are for a large or complex project, such as an extension or reordering, it is often helpful for the DAC to make a site visit to discuss the proposals with the architect and representatives from the parish. It is also helpful for the DAC to be consulted informally at regular intervals from when the proposals are first developed to the point of making a formal DAC application. For example, a project to build an extension to a listed church building may take the parish five years from first discussing it to starting the work.

Ideally, the DAC would have made a site visit at an early stage and then been consulted informally three or four times as the proposals were developed. To book a site visit or add an item to a DAC agenda for informal advice, please get in touch the DAC team.



DR EMMA ARBUTHNOT, SECRETARY TO THE DAC AND MISSION AND PASTORAL COMMITTEE (IN RED) PLUS GREG AND ALEX

LIST A WORKS

These are minor works that can be undertaken without any consultation. Items on List A include routine inspection of heating systems and electrical installations; replacement of a flagpole; the introduction of anti-roosting spikes and bat boxes; the introduction or disposal of hymn boards, freestanding bookcases and movable display stands; and the like-for-like repair of churchyard paths.

LIST B WORKS

These can be authorised by the archdeacon. Categories on List B include routine repairs arising from a quinquennial inspection; replacement of a boiler (in the same location using the existing pipework and flue); like-for-like replacement of roofing material; installation of a new sound system; various works to trees.

As the DAC team has now taken on the administration for List B applications, these should be sent directly to the DAC office. The form for applying for List B applications and guidance on the supporting information required can be downloaded from the church buildings section of the website. The team prefers to receive applications by email (to dac@chichester.anglican.org) but is also happy to receive postal applications. There is no charge for List B applications and they are generally turned around in two or three weeks once all information is received.

FACULTY

If the work you want to carry out does not seem to be covered by any of the categories on List A or List B, it is likely they will require a faculty. However, if you are unsure, ring the team for advice. The first stage of seeking a faculty is to apply to the DAC for formal advice. Application pack, dates of DAC meetings and deadlines for paperwork can be downloaded from the church buildings section of the website.

Jesus said...

*Come with me
by yourselves
to a quiet
place and get
some rest*

Mark 6:31

What a lovely invitation. Right in the middle of a chapter full of action, of movement, Jesus invites his disciples to rest with Him in a quiet place.

COME INTO THE GARDEN FOR QUIET REFLECTION

By Jane Bingeman

The opportunity of resting and reflecting in the midst of our busy lives is the invitation extended by the Quiet Garden Movement to everyone, people of faith or no faith. I am the host of the Quiet Garden at Fishbourne where we enable people to respond to this hospitality once a month from March to November.

Our Lord said “come... to a quiet place” and I invite you to come with me to Fishbourne, to park your car and walk into St Peter’s Place, the new hall near the church of St Peter and St Mary. Come through the short hallway and into the welcoming main room with its floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the water meadows fringed by tiers of trees. A prepared circle awaits, sometimes with a central focus. The chairs fill with people giving and accepting the gift of silence for the morning. Quiet music will be playing and tea, coffee with biscuits are available throughout.

The leader is different each month, some old friends who have led us before and some new. Most are spiritual directors/accompaniers, lay and ordained. Each has a title within an overall theme. 2016 was The Journey, 2017 was The Light and 2018 will be Wholeness. Our usual pattern is to start at 10am and receive input for about 30 minutes, then be free until 11.45am when we come together again until about 12.15pm. The last session usually includes feedback in the form of individual offerings.

The beginning and end are times of being still and being together. During the time in between, we are free to move or indeed remain still if we wish. We can remain still in the room or there are chairs on the patio/lawn, benches and chairs in the churchyard or pews in the ancient church.

Movement can be through the churchyard or along the Walk of Memories where the Quiet Garden at Fishbourne has a brick among the many bringing together the joys and sorrows of the wider community. There are walks across the water meadows with wild orchids in season and where many wild flowers and accompanying insects can be observed.

Further afield is the bourne, the intermittent chalk stream so special to the South of England, which flows into Fishbourne village and its mill pond. Bridges lead you on a walk to Fishbourne Creek and there is a return journey along a straight path through cultivated fields.

Now come to (another) quiet place I have known and loved for many years – the Wild Fortune Quiet Garden, near Storrington, where the Reverend Tessa Holland is host. Her beautiful home and garden, separate but integrated with the woodland, is open to others one morning every month apart from August. It is her home so booking is essential and, to gain maximum benefit within the space, we are restricted to eight people.

The walk from the driveway is uphill, past the planted woodland flowers and bulbs, to steps where Tessa waits to welcome us. As we enter the house the warmth from the wood-burning stove, soft lighting and music envelop us. We are invited to sit within the semi-circle of sofas with a central focus.

Her ministry of hospitality starts with an explanation of where everything is – the kitchen with its perpetual tea, coffee and biscuits; the sunroom full of books and art materials overlooking the grass spiral outlined by floral borders; the prayer loft with its comfort and corners of contemplative possibilities.

Outside there is a pond, a Japanese garden and hidden places, with a shed converted into a “hermit” cell and beautiful walks accessible through the gate to Sandgate Park, a special place of woodland, heathland, ponds and a stream.

These are two Quiet Gardens, the same in some ways but very different in others. They are two of 12 in the Diocese of Chichester, among more than 300 worldwide affiliated to the movement started 25 years ago by the Reverend Philip Roderick. They are all different and they grow where people feel called to offer their homes and gardens.

So finally I invite you to come to these and other quiet places, which can all be found on the Quiet Garden website, www.quietgarden.org

Cursillo

How a little piece of home can help



JAN JEFFRIES left the Chichester Diocese 18 months ago to be nearer her daughter in Oxfordshire. But, as she tells us here, she has maintained a link with Chichester thanks to its Cursillo “Pilgrims’ Progress” weekend.

Cursillo is “a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God’s love with everyone”.

Jan Jeffries made her Cursillo in 2002 and has been actively involved ever since. But when she and husband Peter moved to Oxfordshire, things were not so easy.

She said: “We love living here and have been made very welcome but I have found it difficult to make contact with a Cursillo group I can share group reunion with here.”

Group reunion is a small gathering of Cursillistas (people who have already experienced a Cursillo weekend) who meet to share their everyday experiences,

books they have read, television or films they have seen and reflect on how those things have drawn them closer to Christ.

Then Jan found a retired priest who was a Cursillista living nearby, made a friend who was interested in it — and discovered a Cursillo weekend was planned as part of Chichester Cursillo’s Pilgrims’ Progress weekends.

The weekends are held at Wychcroft Retreat House, Bletchingley, in Surrey. Jan said: “It was wonderful to be back at that lovely old house and so good to be enfolded in all the love and friendship to be found in all our times there.

“The weekend followed the usual pattern of teaching, worship, prayer and meditation mixed with music, craft work and some free time. We watched a series of short talks on DVD called The Bible Course which was a sort of whistlestop tour of parts of the old Testament and the Acts of the Apostles. There were differing opinions on the content of the earlier sessions on Genesis, but I think everyone enjoyed the session on the Acts of the Apostles. In any case some lively discussions took place at mealtimes and I think we all learnt something new.”



One Eucharist was presided over by Rev Beth Woodgate, vicar of Ringmer and chaplain to the deaf in Sussex. Jan said: “She signed some of the Gospel for us and later taught us some basic signing to make deaf people feel welcome should they come to any of our churches. Another wonderful Eucharist was our final act of worship on Sunday afternoon when the joy just overflowed, we sang and danced and, in my case, wept.”

“It makes me more aware of how I choose to live my life, keeps me on my toes about what I read and watch and on the look out for those special moments. I suppose I would say it enriches my life.”

Pilgrims’ Progress is aimed at those who have already made their Cursillo. Jan said: “The official booklet says Cursillo is a method of following Christ approved by the council of churches, giving structure and discipline to one’s Christian life. Well it certainly does that, but I think that sounds a bit dry and unexciting.

“At the group reunion one is invited to say what one has read or seen or watched that has increased knowledge or understanding of our faith or describe a moment that has been so special that one felt particularly close to Christ.

“Then we say what we had done or planned to do in the name of Christ in the weeks before the next meeting. No one has to say anything if they choose not to, but I have found these times so helpful. It makes me more aware of how I choose to live my life, keeps me on my toes about what I read and watch and on the look out for those special moments. I suppose I would say it enriches my life.

“Even if when you join a group you know hardly anyone, that changes so quickly and one makes wonderful friends who, in my case supported me through a serious illness and subsequent crisis of faith that went on for a very long time.”

Jan said leaving her group was one of the hardest things about moving so far away but she keeps in touch by email and the Pilgrims’ Progress weekends, which she loves. She is still hoping to find a group among Oxford Cursillo.

She said: “We do realise this method is not for everyone but if it is, you will count it, as I and so many others do, as one of the great blessings in life. Be brave and give it a go. If you decide it’s not for you, you will still have had a lovely weekend, learnt a lot, laughed until you cried, been well fed and made some wonderful friends.”

Find out more about on the “about Cursillo” pages at <http://chichestercursillo.co.uk/>

Rev Beth Woodgate, vicar of Ringmer is also chaplain to the deaf in Sussex – you can read an article about Deaf Church on page 28.

POWERFUL & HUMBLING

All faiths gathered to focus on peace at Chichester Cathedral



PEOPLE of all faiths, cultures and ages were welcomed by Chichester Cathedral to mark International Day Of Peace.

They took part in thought-provoking events around the theme "Live Better Together" which took place in December. These included a talk by Dr Simon Keyes, Creating Sustainable Peace Within Our Communities, an interfaith panel discussion on "How can we live better together for the wellbeing of all?" and "Make Art Not War" workshops.

The interfaith discussion included leaders from Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist and Christian communities. Among the contributors were Abbot Ajahn Karuniko, of Chithurst Buddhist Monastery; Baljit Kang from Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara Sikh temple in Crawley; Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dattoo, imam of the Al Mahdi Centre in Fareham; Canon Dr Anthony Cane, chancellor of Chichester Cathedral; Canon Dr Julie Gittoes from Guildford Cathedral and the Rev Dr Andrew Wingate, honorary interfaith adviser to the Diocese of Chichester.

Sheikh Dattoo said: "To be part of the interfaith panel was a humbling experience. The event provided an opportunity to send a powerful message that

as people of different faiths we appreciate our gifts of diversity in faiths and that we can live side by side." Audience members were equally moved. One said: "I have been touched by the various discussions from the interfaith representatives and by their passion to establish a better society."

Dr Cane said: "In a divided world where misinformation and stereotypes are spread by social media, all the day's events were refreshing, challenging and inspiring, especially meeting face to face with representatives from different faith communities."

There was a peace trail, candle lighting and prayers in the cathedral and in the afternoon visitors were encouraged to contribute to a hand-printed community banner, which is now hanging in the cathedral as a symbol of hope and peace.

Live Better Together will take place at Chichester Cathedral again this year, on September 21. In the meantime, all are invited to the first talk in this year's Hot Topic series, which for 2018 will be four talks connected by the themes of peace and reconciliation.

The first will be "Forgiving your torturers: can it and should it be done?" on Wednesday, February 21, in the Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane, Chichester Cathedral, from 10am to noon. It will explore

the concept of forgiveness and the cathedral will welcome Kemal Pervanic, a survivor of the notorious Omarska concentration camp set up by Bosnian Serb forces during the Bosnian War. Kemal now lives in England and is the founder of the transformative Most Mira charity.

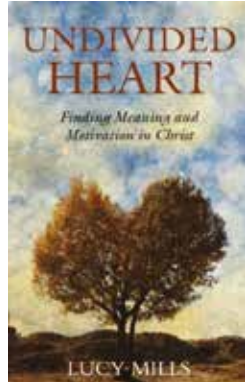
Find more about United Nations International Day of Peace at <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>.

For more about Live Better Together events at Chichester Cathedral, contact Cynara Davies in the learning and engagement department on 01243 812997 or booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk



BOOKS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS BY CANON JOHN TWISLETON



UNDIVIDED HEART

LUCY MILLS

GOD seeks our full humanity through growth into an undivided heart. This is a grace and a struggle, as Lucy Mills describes in her latest book.

“To gather up the pieces of our fragmented lives and focus them on one profound longing, one primary motivator, is no small feat – especially if we are in disrepair, if we feel fractured beyond our ability to mend, if we are pulled this way and that.”

In 20 short chapters, Lucy considers why we do what we do, what makes us who we are and how we can be made more fully what we are meant to be in Christ.

Each chapter has a graphic theme linked to discipleship, associated scripture, a poem by the author and points for reflection. The book is a primer for refining Christian motivation.

Longman and Todd 2017, £9.99 ISBN 978-0-232-53323-1 171pp.



LISTENING

ROBIN DANIELS

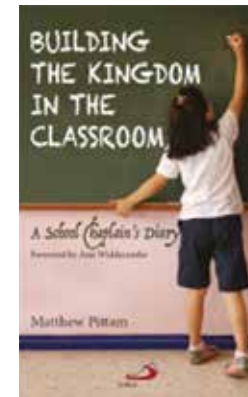
THIS powerful book on the transformative power of listening begins with a quotation from Anthony Bloom: “Every meeting is a judgement, is crisis, is a situation in which we are called either to receive Christ, or to be Christ’s messenger to the other person [or both]. If only we realised that the whole of life has this intensity of meaning.”

Such is the significance of listening to others. In the book, Christian psychotherapist Robin Daniels addresses fundamental aspects of “hearing the heart”.

Among the qualities of a skilled listener is “a lack of mental chatter and a temporary detachment from one’s own concerns” which can be seen as the self-emptying work of the Holy Spirit.

Being comfortable with silence is another gift this hope-filled and practical book has wisdom about receiving.

Instant Apostle 2017 £8.99 ISBN 9781909728745 218pp



BUILDING THE KINGDOM IN THE CLASSROOM, A SCHOOL CHAPLAIN'S DIARY

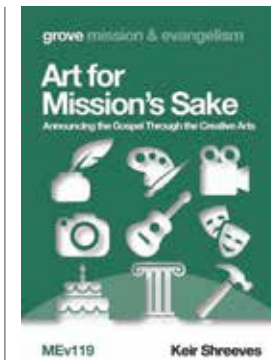
MATTHEW PITTAM

This readable book is published by former Anglican now Ordinariate priest, Father Matthew Pittam, who works as a school chaplain as well as in parish ministry within the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It's a priest's sort of book, going through the Church's year chronicling pastoral, liturgical and apologetical matters that arise in engaging young people with the Gospel. The writer is modest yet his accomplishments shine out even from dark depths he finds himself in at times.

He's a writer in his own right, dramatist, plays the guitar and has the bottle to participate in a staff-student swimming competition. The author's enthusiasm and sympathy win him requests for prayer, counsel and confession. Some of the issues discussed include self-harm and the sexualisation of youth and how the chaplain engages with pastoral issues in a context where good practice in safeguarding is pivotal.

This is a powerful read in its chronicling of the ups and downs, joys and frustrations of working with young people in schools. The last line of the book summarised the tonic and uplift I felt in reading it, given the challenge it deals with: “Faith-filled people can make a great difference and we need them more than ever.”

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ART FOR MISSION'S SAKE

KEIR SHREEVES

TRUTH, goodness and beauty are windows to God. This booklet looks profoundly and practically at another threesome within the last quality, “the Trinitarian structure to beauty presented as a combination of integrity, form and radiance... Christ, the incarnate one, provides the form... the Spirit irradiates and illuminates... allowing it to shine and communicate itself”. Brighton priest Keir Shreeves builds from this refreshing theological base to consider the missionary role of the Christian artist.

Sometimes we see art as an add-on to help get the Gospel across. Reading Art For Mission's Sake with such a constellation of thinking and practical evidence is a counter to this reductionism. Art in itself can be part of the Gospel as surely as Christ is the beautiful image of the invisible God. That the author who worships in an evangelical-charismatic church draws on Roman Catholic theologian of aesthetics Hans Urs von Balthasar evidences refreshing creativity. Keir Shreeves has some memorable paradoxes: “The arts are gloriously useless and terribly significant”, “The complexity of beauty is seen in the cross of Christ”.

His booklet centres on the biblical figure of Bezalel (Exodus 31.1-6) who made the tabernacle. His sense of call, readiness to listen and submit both to God and to Moses and capacity for hard work made Bezalel excel as an artist serving worship. Keir's church has a group of artists and musicians, Bright City, attempting the same, “intentionally seeking to communicate deep Christian truth”.

Grove Books 2017 £3.95 ISSN 2399-6536 28pp.

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of the interior of Lancing College Chapel. The image captures the soaring height of the Gothic Revival architecture, featuring massive stone columns, a complex ribbed vaulted ceiling, and a large, colorful rose window at the far end. Sunlight filters through the windows, creating a warm, golden glow. The perspective draws the viewer's eye towards the altar area.

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