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The Thy Kingdom Come initiative is only a few years old but already it has gone global. It started as a intercessor prayer project from the Archbishops, inviting us to pray for a few close friends to encounter Jesus for themselves.

From that small beginning it has been taken up by many denominations across the world in a way that has captured people's imaginations. Archbishop Justin described it as 'one of the clearest demonstrations of the work of the Holy Spirit in his entire ministry.'

In this magazine you'll read of plenty of opportunities to get involved. There are resources for your own prayers in the main period between Ascension day and Pentecost. In addition, I would love to see you at one of the stops on my prayer pilgrimage across the centre of the Diocese from May 14th – 18th. There is a full schedule of the itinerary on the website.

Our main Beacon event takes place at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday evening, May 20th at 7.00. This will be a very special multi-media musical and prayer event. Archdeacon Fiona will be preaching and we will be bringing the event to a close with our gathered prayer that God's kingdom would come in Sussex and many people would come to know Jesus. Do take part in what promises to be a significant time in the life of our Church.

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NEWS

ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

QUEEN'S MAUNDY MONEY

FOUR people from the Diocese of Chichester were honoured to receive the Queen's Maundy money this Easter.

Every year the Queen distributes silver coins at a special service on Maundy Thursday. It is part of a tradition dating back to the 13th century when the Royal Family took part in ceremonies washing the feet of poor people and giving money and gifts.

The four, who received their Maundy Money in a ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor, were:

Roger Brown, Eastbourne

Roger is the church warden at St Richard's Langney. He covered a long vacancy as solo churchwarden in what is a tough part of Eastbourne.

Ian Tompkin, Shoreham

Ian has been church warden of St Mary de Haura for 35 years. Like the others nominated he is faithful and hardworking. What is particularly helpful about Ian is his refreshing approach to suggestions that involve change. He is always open to considering them.

Frances Catt, Guldeford, Rye

Frances has given long service to the church and community at East Guldeford and Camber.

Arlene Collins, Brighton

Arlene has run the St Richard's Community Centre for more than 15 years. St Richard's has been a home for all sorts of groups and activities, from the uniformed organisations to Zumba classes, Weight Watchers, Evergreens senior citizens, art classes and parties. She has taken bookings, cleaned the place, looked after the money and ensured its ongoing presence at the heart of the community.



HELP WITH COMPLIANCE

PARISHES will have already heard about a plan to provide resources to help with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) compliance. There will be three key elements available:

- GDPR toolkit which provides most of the information parishes will need to work towards compliance. This can be downloaded from the diocesan website
- GDPR e-learning certificated courses which will be low cost and can be completed by PCC members. Information to register will be posted on the diocesan website
- Two free GDPR training workshops took place on 1 May

Anna Quick is data protection officer at Church House, Hove, and is on 01273 421021.

LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

A NEW lay ministry training course will be launched in October, providing flexible skills-based training for lay people. Training in pastoral care, children's work and youth ministry will be offered with a plan to extend the range next year.

Training will be offered at avenues across the diocese to make it as accessible as possible. Further details and information on how to apply can be found on the diocesan website or from Jayne Prestwood on 01273 421021

WALKING THE ST CUTHBERT'S WAY

FATHER Andrew Birks, from the parish of Portslade and Mile Oak, will be walking the St Cuthbert's Way to raise funds for Family Support Work (FSW). He will trek 100km from Melrose, Scotland, to Holy Island from September 10 to 14. He hopes people will sponsor him by using the Just Giving page or text donation - see below.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-birks1

SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE

SETTING God's People Free (SGPF) is part of the Church of England's Renewal and Reform programme and Chichester Diocese has been nominated to be a pilot scheme.

SGPF is aimed at helping dioceses to become a growing Church for all people in all places and is being led by Archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor with the support of a core group.

She said: "A presentation setting out the vision for SGPF in the diocese will be made at May's Diocesan Synod and parishes will be receiving resources thereafter. We will be continuing to work together, with others, to find ways to implement the findings of Setting God's People Free in Chichester Diocese."

You can contact Fiona on 01273 421021.

NEW CANONS INSTALLED

THREE new canons were installed at Chichester Cathedral in March.

Professor Annemarie Mayer was installed as canon of honour of Chichester Cathedral alongside honorary canons Rev Martin Lane, vicar of Bosham, who will take the Stall of the Prebendary of Gates, and Rev Lisa Barnett, vicar of Scaynes Hill, who will take the stall of the Prebendary of Woodhorn.



NEWS CONTINUED

HERE I AM LORD

CLERGY CONFERENCE 2018
DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE CLERGY CONFERENCE?

THE Clergy Conference 2018 takes place at Kent University from September 2 to 5 with the theme Here I Am Lord. An exciting programme is being finalised. You can contact Archdeacon Edward on 01273 421021 for further details. Book via the diocesan website.

FAREWELL TO ARCHDEACON DOUGLAS

THE Archdeacon of Chichester, The Venerable Douglas McKittrick, has announced his retirement having served more than 20 years in the diocese and some 40 years since he his ordination as deacon. He retires with effect from July 1.

A Eucharist will be held at Chichester Cathedral at 3pm on St Richard's Day, June 16, to give thanks for Douglas's years of priestly life and to say farewell.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, MAY 13 TO 19

FOR more than 70 years Christian Aid has been helping change the lives of people of all faiths and none who are living in poverty around the world. Last year many parishes hosted "Big Breakfasts" to raise funds. There was also a Diamond Award Ceremony to thank regular supporters who time and again go out to collect donations. Visit the website to see how your church can get involved: www.christianaid.org.uk



STAFF APPOINTMENTS

SUE Mulvoy has been appointed to the clergy and families' pastoral care and counselling team and joins as assistant to Rebekah Golds-Jones.

Sue is an experienced systemic and family psychotherapist and was previously a learning disability nurse. She has worked in the NHS, private and social care. Sue has experience of working with individuals, couples and families affected by multiple issues. She will be working two days a week to further the diocesan commitment to improving clergy welfare.

John Kemp is now working full time as parish adviser (finance, governance and stewardship). Over the past few years, John has provided guidance to parishes on book-keeping and preparing accounts. In his new role, he will also help parishes with stewardship, including promoting the parish giving scheme and legacies and getting good value for expenditure. It is hoped parishes will benefit from this one-stop shop approach for all parish finance and stewardship matters.

Parish trusts will now be looked after by other members of the accounts department. Any questions should be directed to accounts@chichester.anglican.org.uk in the first instance.

CURSILLO CLERGY

CURSILLO is holding a clergy taster morning at St Richard's Church, Heathfield, on June 21 to give clergy the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what Cursillo has to offer.

The May 2018 Cursillo weekend is full but bookings are now open for next year, February 21 to 24. To book contact Stephen Lucas 01403 820605, Stephen.at.chicursillo@gmail.com. For more information go to website <http://chichestercursillo.co.uk/>

NEW STEP ACKNOWLEDGES 30 YEARS' SERVICE

FATHER Nick Flint, rector of Rusper, has been involved in ministry in Chichester Diocese for 40 years and is excited to be marking his 30 years as a priest by taking a new step. This month he will be the first priest from the diocese to be admitted to

the Sodality of Mary Mother of Priests (SMMS), an initiative started in 2016.

Firmly in the Catholic tradition of Anglicanism, SMMS is a dynamic forward looking body of priests and lay associates, bringing together the rich experience of the longest serving with the visionary energy and enthusiasm of the newly ordained.

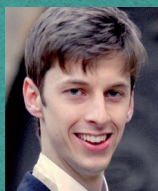
It is a support network of prayer and spirituality combining familiar traditions with new insight and learning and has members across several dioceses in Canterbury and York Provinces, as well as Wales and Australia.

Most importantly it is outward looking with so much to offer the wider Church in terms of Our Lady and the wealth of spirituality that is drawn from devotion to her. Sodalists include Fr Matthew Cashmore, who appeared in BBC TV's A Vicar's Life.



MEET THE ORDINANDS

THE 12 men and women on these pages will be ordained deacon on Saturday, June 30, at Chichester Cathedral and will begin their public ministry in churches across the diocese. The service, conducted by the Bishop of Chichester, will place a seal on the calling they have received from God to serve the Church. We asked them to share a little of themselves so we might call them, their families and parishes to mind in prayer ahead of their ordination service.



TIM HIORNS

To serve in the parish of All Saints, Crowborough

"I'm a born and bred Hampshire boy who has found himself living in the bright lights of London for the last 12 years. East Sussex feels like a great next step for my wife Lucy, daughter Avani, and myself, not least for the chance to get out and explore the beautiful countryside. I'm also hoping to find a local football team who need a no-nonsense centre back.

"With a background in international relations, I felt a growing conviction that it is only as people are reconciled to their Creator through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus that they stand any chance of being truly reconciled to one another. As a showcase of this reconciliation, the Church is truly remarkable and I am excited to play a part in the life of the Church in Sussex. I have a great desire, under God, to help equip Christians to minister to one another in the Church and to be ambassadors for Christ outside it."



JON HAINES

To serve in the parish of All Saints, Eastbourne

"I grew up in Hove and after 14 years in London am very excited to be moving closer to the Amex, with my wife, Gabrielle, and our three young children. I first heard the great news about Jesus from my parents. It was so freeing to know that he accepts me, not because of what I do, or do not do, but only because of Jesus. While at university I started exploring how I could best serve the Church. I gained some important life experience working in finance in the City before I began the ordination discernment process. After three years back at university in formation for ministry, the gospel has become more precious to me and I can't wait to serve at All Saints, Eastbourne



JEZ LOWRIES

To serve in the parish of St Leonards, Denton

"I was born and brought up in Mid Sussex and have lived in the county most of my life. I have been a Christian for as long as I can remember and I am so grateful to God for my parents who brought me up in a loving home and taught me about the faith. I studied engineering at Southampton University but quickly began to sense God calling me in a different direction. I applied to All Saints, Lindfield, to be a ministry trainee and a few years later I became the youth pastor there. It was wonderful to spend time sharing the good news with young people and see them transformed and grow in love for him. During that time, Katy and I were married and we now have two children. After three years training at Oak Hill I pray that I will continue to be equipped to serve in the ministry to which I have been called.



ANGUS REID

To serve in the parish of All Saints, Hove

"After almost four years at Westcott House in Cambridge, I am excited to return to Sussex. Theological college has been rewarding. I've valued living and praying in college and the opportunity to undertake doctoral research into the unique value Jesus sees in childhood. Most importantly, I met my wife Jess there. She is currently serving her curacy at St Nicholas, Brighton.

"Before training, I lived in Bognor and worked for a charity called L'Arche. Founded by Jean Vanier, L'Arche is an international federation of communities made of people with and without learning disabilities living and working together. My time in Bognor had a profound impact on my sense of calling to serve God's people as a deacon and priest. It opened my heart and mind to how trust in God's grace works to foster a common life that fearlessly celebrates the joy and dignity of each person through relationships of mutual trust and transformation.

"Though not from Sussex, the county has deeply shaped my faith, not least through the beauty of the South Downs and coastline, its ancient churches, monasteries, and the solace of the Lady Chapel at Chichester Cathedral. It will be a privilege to serve my curacy here."



SIMON SHOREY

To serve in the parish of The Point Church

"I am married to Lou who is a running coach. We have four children – Jacob, 12, Abe, ten, Solomon, eight, and Ella, six. Lou and I have been involved in various church leadership roles over the years. My recent focus has been on men's discipleship and launching a sports ministry to enhance the engagement between church and community.

"We will miss Winchester Diocese and our family home in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, but we all felt the call to Sussex when we visited The Point Church in Burgess Hill. For our children it may have had something to do with the church bouncy castle. We almost moved to Hurstpierpoint shortly after getting married, with the view to joining The Point Church, but God led us elsewhere. It turns out the location was right, but the timing was wrong. Prior to training, I worked in IT management for 16 years, where I held technical roles before moving into project management and then account management. I enjoyed every moment of my time in secular business, but God had other plans. The jump back to being a student with grants and essays was a big one, but one that I came to enjoy far more than I expected."



DANNY PEGG

To serve at St Luke's, Stone Cross with North Langney

"After asking to go to Sunday School as a child, studying religion through school and university, volunteering at Canterbury Cathedral and deciding to lecture in theology as a non-believer, I finally took the hint from God in 2012. My conversion came after seeing Jesus on the cross in my sending parish of St Nicholas, Brighton, and realising that He had always been calling me. After living the life of faith and serving my church increasingly I realised, with the help of my parish priest, that I was being called to give my whole life to God. I was spiritually nurtured and formed in that community and I will always be grateful that I found my faith there at St Nicholas.

"Before beginning training, I had run my own theatre company, valued rare books and worked for our bishop. This role was a blessing that allowed me to learn so much more about the Church God was calling me to. Since October 2015 I have been training for ministry at Westcott House in Cambridge. The combination of living in community, worshipping together and further study has been wonderful and life changing. I am very much looking forward to returning to the diocese and beginning ministry at St Luke's."



IAN EDGAR

To serve in the parish of West Tarring or Worthing

“Born and raised in Canada to British parents, my wife Jocelyn and I have been living for 18 years on a small farm in south western Ontario. We are blessed to be the parents of two boys. I worked for a number of years supporting people with intellectual disabilities, partly at L’Arche in London, Ontario, and at provincially run agencies. I had a wonderful and challenging time and learned a great deal from the people I was supporting. It was in that situation I began hearing God calling me to ordained ministry.

“I began my training in Canada as an ordinand in the Anglican Church of Canada, but after reading about the exciting things happening in the Church of England and with some encouragement from friends, began exploring what ministry in the Church of England might be like. After much discernment, my family and I decided that God was calling us to move to the Church of England. To my amazement, it turns out that my great-grandfather, the Rev Sydney LeMesurier, was a Church of England priest and ended his ministry in Worthing where I will be beginning mine. Perhaps I am picking up where he left off.”



MARTIN WALKER

To serve in the parish of St John’s Crawley

Martin is married to Nicky, a psychotherapist, and they have two teenage daughters, Megan and Grace. He was brought up in Sussex, living in Barcombe and Burgess Hill before moving to London at 18 to join the Metropolitan Police. Martin returned to join Sussex Police, serving in Steyning, Shoreham and Crawley, and ended his career as the chief superintendent responsible for West Sussex. In this role he worked in partnership with Christian charities for social action and West Sussex County Council assisting families in most need.

Martin became a Christian during an Alpha Course and is passionate about introducing people to Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. He felt called to ordination upon receiving a repeated scripture from Zechariah and obeyed a calling to explore ordination from the Archbishop of Canterbury at New Wine. Martin is currently training at St Mellitus College, London, and St John’s, Crawley, where he will remain as curate. He has a lifelong love of mountaineering, is a Scout leader and relaxes by running and keeping fit. Martin said: “I am humbled to be given the opportunity to love and serve God’s church in Crawley.”



MIKE WRIGHT

To serve in the parish of St John’s, Crowborough

Mike is married to Nicky and they have four young boys, Oliver, Billy, Indy and Morgan. Mike grew up in Crowborough before moving to Chelsea for a year when he was 18. On his return to Crowborough, he spent a year doing voluntary work with the church and local primary school and it was at this time he first felt a call to ordained ministry.

Having trained at St Augustine’s College, he will be ordained to a non-stipendiary title post and will continue in his career as head of programme management for Network Rail, which owns and operates the rail network. With responsibility for a professional community of 1,300 people, Mike is particularly called to explore the interplay between work in the secular environment and what that means in the context of being ordained.

He came to know Christ as Saviour through All Saints Church, Crowborough, a conservative evangelical church with a long tradition of exemplary Bible teaching, and this has given him a strong grounding in the place of scripture in the life of the church and of all Christians. Ordained to a title post in an Anglo Catholic parish, Mike is looking forward to better discerning the shared story between his evangelical upbringing and the sacramental of the catholic faith.



REBECCA TUCK

To serve in the parish of St Mary's, Horsham

"I'm married to Simon and we are parents to Abigail and Noah. I came to faith after Abigail spotted a church building one day and asked me if it was a castle. I decided that the only way to explain to her what a church was would be to join. It was when I was asked to share my testimony at a deanery synod meeting that I first felt God calling me to ordained ministry. It was very much of a surprise, but it was a feeling that didn't go away. It only grew.

"This led to me giving up my job as a primary school teacher and Simon his as a bus controller in central London. We moved from Chigwell, Essex, to Cambridge so I could train at Ridley Hall. Our first year there saw Abigail and Noah baptised and Simon confirmed. It will be five years from coming to faith to being ordained, the thought of which amazes me every day. We are all looking forward to entering this next stage of our journey and to being a part of all the other amazing things that God is doing in Horsham."



LUCY SULLIVAN

To serve in the parish of St Margaret of Antioch, Rottingdean

"I have been an adopted 'Chichesterite' for more than ten years, having moved from Southwark Diocese to study sport sciences at the University of Chichester. During my studies and in the years that followed, I nervously started responding to the call to ordained ministry that has been present from an early age and was gently nurtured by my sending parish, St George's, Whyke.

"En route to training I spent a wonderful year on the Church of England ministerial experience scheme in the Diocese of Sodor and Man. The time on the Isle of Man surrounded by the beauty of God's creation gave me the space to listen to God's call to the priesthood and the language to be able to articulate this. The last three years have been spent in industrial West Yorkshire, being formed and prepared for ministry through the rhythm of prayer, study and common life at The College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. I am excited for the next phase of the journey with the people of Rottingdean and Sussex by the Sea."



BEN SLEEP

To serve in the parish of St John's Meads, Eastbourne

"We're so looking forward to moving to Eastbourne in the summer and working at St John's Meads. Lucy's family hail from the South Coast and our children – Evie, Herbie, Monty and Diggory – are excited at the prospect of making new friends while having more time to hang out with their cousins.

"I previously worked as an actor and writer for many years, but following an increasing sense of God's call on my life, I made the decision to undertake the discernment process in 2015. God has been incredibly faithful, guiding us through the challenges of theological college at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, on the path to curacy. We didn't expect to come to the South Coast, but God stepped in and made it abundantly clear that he was calling us to Eastbourne – and we're so glad that He has. We can't wait to start the next stage of our journey at St John's and witness all the excitement that God has in store over the next few years."

PRIESTINGS 2018

Parishes will turn out in great numbers to join family and friends supporting the twelve women and men to be ordained priest in the Diocese of Chichester on Saturday 19 May at 2.30pm

All of the candidates at the three services have already been ordained a 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.

Please pray for the candidates and the parish communities in which they serve.

Venue: St Saviour's Eastbourne to be led by Bishop Martin

Nick Archer:
Eastbourne St Mary

Richard Tuset:
Sidley All Saints

Venue: St Mary's Storrington to be led by Bishop Mark

Colin Cox:
Findon, Clapham and Patching;

Stephen Mills: Steyning and Ashurst

Harriet Neales-Stevens:
Henfield St Peters

Martha Weatherill:
Chichester St Pauls

Venue: All Saints Eastbourne to be led by Bishop Richard

Jane Bartlett:
Shoreham St Mary De Haura

Tim Bell: Hastings Holy Trinity

Sam Carter: Eastbourne All Saints

Isaac Pain: Burgess Hill St Andrews

Jess Reid: Brighton St Nicholas

Jeff Tutten: Ore Christ Church

THY KINGDOM COME 2018 ALL WELCOME



THE Archbishops of Canterbury and York's third annual global ecumenical prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come is considered one of the most dynamic prayer initiatives to emerge from the Church of England in recent years. As churches prepare to celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the Archbishop's call to prayer for Thy Kingdom Come, we report on some of the activities taking place across the diocese this month.

A PRAYER pilgrimage by Harley-Davidson motorbike, exhibitions and the main beacon event at Chichester Cathedral are among the activities coming up this month – and everyone is invited.

Parishes are also being urged to pray over the week leading up to Pentecost 2018.

Rob Dillingham, diocesan parish development officer, said: "In 2016 we asked each parish to think of one thing to move their parish forward in line with the diocesan strategy. We saw so many churches engaging with this, resulting in many exciting and innovative projects springing up across the diocese.

"To build on this success and participate in the national initiative, we would like every parish to identify one thing they are going to do to engage with Thy Kingdom Come 2018.

"We would like you to tell us what you are planning to do for your 'One Pentecost Thing' and also encourage people to sign up on the pledge to prayer web page www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter. Let's all join together with the Archbishops to pray for thy kingdom to come in our diocese."

The church of St Michael and All Angels in Lancing is getting ready to host an exhibition of painting and sculpture by Paul Hobbs as part of the global Thy Kingdom Come event.

The exhibition will be open for four days from May 10 to 13 with Paul in attendance, offering an opportunity for visitors to talk about his work. There will be opportunities for tours with him, discussing the ideas in his work in an open and engaging way.

The artwork is varied and themes cover all kinds of social and religious issues. They have proved thought-provoking and challenging with every kind of audience, young or old, religious or atheist, artistic or not. Exhibits include work on famine, old age, fatherhood, sexuality, our capacity for violence, suffering, the Beatitudes and the Trinity, as well as a collection of shoes and stories from believers all around the world.

Bishop Richard Jackson will be leading a prayer pilgrimage across the diocese in the week before Pentecost – with a difference. It will start at Playden, near Rye, and finish in Chichester. He said: "I'll be stopping to pray in every parish along the transect. Days one to three will be by Harley-Davidson with other biking clergy outriders. I'll be stopping at welcome events along the way each evening from Monday to Thursday. The last two days I will be walking."

Months of preparation have gone into the main event showpiece – the Big Beacon at Chichester Cathedral on Sunday, May 20. Bishop Richard has invited people to an evening of prayer, music and worship with Stuart Barbour and the Point Worship band. Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Fiona will be leading the event.

All are urged to take part in what promises to be a significant time in the life of the Church. If every parish supported this event and sent a group it would make this one of the biggest indoor worship gatherings in Sussex.

People are asked to register their intention to join in to give an idea of numbers. Register your activity at TKC Pledge2Pray. There are many excellent resources to download from the TKC website including videos to watch in your church communities.

CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF PRAYER

By Rob Dillingham

WE ARE now nearly half way through the year and can report that many parishes and schools have adopted the Year of Prayer theme, working towards deepening a life of prayer across the diocese.

As well as diocesan-led initiatives, including the Lent course, we have seen schools and parishes integrating initiatives of their own.

INSPIRING VISION LENT COURSE

There was a significant interest in the Inspiring Vision Lent course. This year's very different offering has been well received both in the diocese and further afield. A committee is already planning the Year of Vocations Lent course for use by parishes next year.

ARCHDEACONRY PILGRIMAGES TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

There has been encouraging take-up so far. Please check the website for further information and to register your interest.

June 9: Archdeaconry of Chichester led by Bishop Mark and Archdeacon Douglas.

July 14: Archdeaconry of Horsham led by Bishop Mark and Archdeacon Fiona.

July 21: Archdeaconry of Brighton and Lewes led by Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Martin.

September 15: Archdeaconry of Hastings led by Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Edward.

Chichester Cathedral invites parishes in the diocese to undertake a special pilgrimage to St Richard's Shrine. This is particularly helpful if you are unable to take part in the archdeaconry pilgrimages. More information can be found on the diocesan website in the events section.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

If you are looking for a deeper personal relationship with God and would like to know more about different ways of praying, go along to All Saints Church, Wick in Littlehampton, which is hosting a Week of Prayer from Sunday, June 17, to Saturday, June 23.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a retreat in the middle of everyday life. Contact the church on 01903 368538 for further information and booking.

CHURCH PRAISES DEEPER ENGAGEMENT WITH PRAYER

You can read on page 40 about how the Year of Prayer has inspired the church community at Holy Trinity in Hurstpierpoint. It has had deeper engagement in prayer this year and also created a mini prayer space for children.

PRAYER THROUGH WORD, SPACE AND IMAGE

Church schools in the diocese have been invited to celebrate the Year of Prayer with prayer-themed activities and a competition based on word, space and image.

Prayer through word: Pupils of all ages are invited to create their own prayers, written and illustrated, with the winning selection compiled into a published book. **Prayer through space:** Schools will be encouraged to create spiritual quiet spaces so anyone in the school community can find time to pray peacefully, reflect and feel close to God. The winning spaces will receive awards.

Prayer through image: Pupils can explore the creative world of illustrated traditional prayers. They will learn calligraphy with illuminated letters and icons. The winning selection will be mounted and framed. We will be reporting on the activities and outcomes through the rest of the year.

THY KINGDOM COME 24/7 PRAYER AND PLEDGE2PRAY

A prayer space is being created at Chichester Cathedral for use in the days leading up to Pentecost. Information about Thy Kingdom Come events can be found on the opposite page.

There are plenty of prayer resources and ways to get involved on the diocesan website Year of Prayer page.

HOLY TRINITY
HIGH HURSTWOOD



OFF TO A FLYING START

THE first church partnerships funded by the Church Commissioners' Strategic Develop Fund (SDF) have started – and there are already encouraging signs in attendance and discipleship.

The three churches involved are St John's, Crawley, St Matthias Brighton and Holy Trinity in High Hurstwood, near Uckfield.

Each is launching new outreach initiatives, local relationships are being strengthened and average weekly attendance has increased.

They are all led by newly licensed priests who are helping their churches to become an integral part of their community.

The Holy Trinity initiative is led by Rev Mark Ashworth and aims to create a successful missional partnership between a suburban church (All Saints, Crowborough) and the rural church of Holy Trinity.

Mark will share his time between the two churches and could provide the diocese with a sustainable way of supporting and developing rural churches, an

important outcome as the diocese has a significant number of them.

With just three keen Christian families from the partnering church they have started a Sunday school and services that appeal to all ages every Sunday. Building on the monthly messy church, the regular attendance has jumped with other families joining weekly.

Local relationships are being strengthened and average weekly attendance has increased.



The St Matthias initiative is led by Rev Tom Holbird and is a working partnership with St Peter's, Brighton.

The church partnership project aims to build up the church's community presence in the Fiveways neighbourhood of Brighton, creating an engaging range of worship and outreach for all traditions and to actively work with the community to support its needs.

Fiveways is an area of Brighton that is popular with families but within a short distance has areas that are run down and socially deprived.



Tom has already helped to establish strong links. He said: "We've started to engage many people by creating a new mid-week toddler group, which is already starting to struggle for space and also by setting up and running a night shelter. We are so encouraged that a number of new families have joined from the community who weren't previously coming to church."

The St John's initiative is led by Rev Steve Burston and aims to develop a vibrant town centre church community in Crawley. St John's has been working in partnership with St Peter's, Brighton.

Crawley is a growing town and one of the most multi-cultural places in England with a diverse range of traditions and faiths.

Steve has made a big impact at John's, both helping the church develop and supporting it to play its part in the community.

As well helping provide support for outreach in Crawley, the church is working to develop social projects to meet the local needs.

Services at St John's can reach capacity and the new Alpha course drew more than 100 people.



WHAT IS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING?

STRATEGIC Development Funding supports major change projects which lead to a significant difference in dioceses' mission.

The aim of the funding is to sit alongside existing funding, distributed to the diocese each year so it can benefit from a one-off injection of money to make a significant difference to long-term mission and financial strength by supporting major projects.

The funding for the Diocese of Chichester was awarded after a competitive process, in which dioceses were invited to put

forward initial applications. Those which met the criteria most strongly were then invited to submit detailed project plans.

Further SDF-funded projects are being explored to help churches realise their ambitions of reimagining ministry and helping the poor and vulnerable. Contact nick.adlam@chichester.anglican.org to find out more.

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY

Equipping you to serve

In the autumn of 2018 the diocese will launch a new Authorised Lay Ministry training programme providing flexible skills-based training for lay people.

Jayne Prestwood, the Officer for Lay Vocation and Ministry – explains.

‘The Authorised Lay Ministry programme is being developed in response to the diocesan strategy which commits us to ‘Developing a fuller complement of lay ministries focused on equipping people to serve in both the wider community and the church.’

‘Authorised Lay Ministry is one of the fastest growing ministries across the Church of England and I am delighted that we will soon be able to offer this ministry option to the lay people of this diocese.

‘Authorised Lay Ministry – or ALM as it is known – is proving a popular option for many lay Christians in other dioceses because the training is short, flexible and practical – something which is appealing to those who

want to get more involved in the ministry of their local church but who don’t feel able to commit to a long programme of theological training.’

Authorised Lay Ministers share in the public ministry of the local church, as they serve their local parishes. ALM ministry takes many different forms depending upon the parish base, but in general ALMs lead or establish a team of people working in an area of ministry and they also work to encourage and develop the gifts of others.

From 2019 in this diocese the ALM training programme will be a one-year programme running from January to December. It will begin with the diocesan discipleship course Living Faith and this is followed by a ministry elective of between 12 – 16 further sessions of training, depending on the chosen elective.

In 2018 those candidates who have not attended Living Faith but who can give evidence of having participated in another discipleship development course of similar quality (e.g. Bishop’s

certificate, Pilgrim, Emmaus, course offered by the SGP) will be able to join the ALM training. The course involves a limited amount of written work/practical assignments to aid and deepen learning – but this is not ‘graded’ as such.

The training is short, flexible and practical

The course is open to people of all educational backgrounds and assignments on the course are designed to reflect this. In 2018 we are offering training in Children’s ministry, Pastoral care, and Youth ministry. We expect to offer more ministry electives in 2019.

Full details of the ALM programme, together with application paperwork can be found at <http://www.chichester.anglican.org/Authorised-Lay-Ministry>

Thank you Church...

LOVE GOD BY SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

BY REV GODFREY KASARI, VICAR AT HOLY INNOCENTS, SOUTHWATER

WHEN I returned to my church after a sabbatical leave, what I found both delighted and encouraged me.

I always knew the church could not survive without the dedicated support of the people. It appears that during interregnums, people's involvement within the church comes to the fore.

On my return from sabbatical, I was encouraged to learn the people of the church had joyfully and faithfully supported the ministry of it. What struck me was they worked together with enthusiasm not because they had to but because they wanted to love God by supporting the church.

I want to reaffirm that we need the support of the congregation for the church's existence. Everyone knows priests who serve in churches commit themselves for life and ministry within the parish. However, the dedication of the non-clergy can sometimes be overlooked.

The Old Testament has numerous passages which invite people for collaborative ministry. Numbers 16:3 says the whole community is holy every one of them, Deuteronomy 23:3 talks of the assembly of the Lord, and Nehemiah 13:1 of the assembly of God. The possessive pronouns my people, thy people and his people occur frequently to denote Israel as people of God.

The primary purpose of God's call to Israel is for Israel to be His people. (Jeremiah 13:1, Hosea 2:23). The term for Church (Qahal) in the Old Testament is the "Com-munity of the Lord" or "Assembly of God". The implication is that everyone is invited to work together. Even when an individual in Israel is called, s/he must be aware that s/he is not to be alone, but is part of the called community and s/he must work within the "covenant group".

In the New Testament St Paul speaks of the grace given to every Christian. He writes: "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ." (Eph. 4:12).

It is worth noting these gifts and ministries within the church in the New Testament are different but equal functions. St Paul wrote that the various gifts of Christ are "to equip the saints" for the work of the ministry. For Paul, the church is one body with many members, each having its distinctive functions in the totality, such as apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracle, healers, helpers, administrators and speakers in various tongues.

These are the gifts of the spirit of God. All are Christ's body and each one is a part of it. Thus, for Paul, everyone has a call to some form of ministry.

I am delighted to say the body of Christ at Holy Innocents, Southwater, took this message seriously and worked as a whole during my sabbatical. And I would like to thank them for that. I learned in a deeper way that without their support the church will not flourish. Don't tell them but I am going to persuade them even more because together we can achieve more for Christ.

What inspired me to write this? The people of the church do this neither because they have to nor because they don't have anything else to do. Many support the church in diverse ways on a long-term voluntary basis because they find it joyful, exciting, fulfilling and eternally significant. They want to love God by supporting the church.

I do believe that there is joy in supporting the body of Christ which takes your mind away from the materialistic, self-centered and competitive world and helps you focus on the eternal. What could be more insightful than the joy of faith and the hope of transformed life which the light of Jesus brings to us in our fragile world?

Definitely one of the best ways to show God your love for Him is by supporting His church.

MISSION FUND NEWS

HELP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A NEW part-time chaplain has been appointed to help support vulnerable young people.

Sue Anson will be working for the YMCA Downlink Group across north Sussex, thanks to a Diocese of Chichester mission fund grant.

The charity was supported by the Diocesan Lent Appeal last year – the year the bishop joined those sleeping out for the annual YMCA Sleepeasy to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless.

Sue will have two bases – at YMCA housing projects in Crawley and Horsham – and her role will include recruiting more volunteer chaplains to support the marginalised young people who live in these and other YMCA housing projects.

Sue said: “I love walking alongside people and talking about Jesus whenever I can. I try my very best to show His love in action. I can’t begin to tell you how honoured and privileged I feel to have recently been appointed as chaplain and am so looking forward to beginning this new adventure.

“I firmly believe that God directed me towards volunteering for the YMCA about two years ago. Having met with the lead chaplain Lucy McGrath, I began to volunteer as a chaplain at a YMCA DLG house in Brighton,

later becoming a volunteer mentor as well.

“My work in both of these positions has been inspirational and life affirming. Since starting these roles I have done nothing but sing the organisation’s praises to anyone that will listen. I have been overwhelmed by all that the YMCA does for the young people and the way in which the organisation meets everyone, exactly where they are, with no judgement, aiming to never let them go until they are ready.”

Sue is a licensed Reader based at St Andrew’s in Burgess Hill where she preaches, leads services and is safeguarding officer among other roles.

Sue, who is married with two teenage sons, is a maths teacher and head of a geography department. She said: “At school I promote God to the young people as the organiser of the Christian union group, chapels, prayer space events, school family worship events and services. I am training as a counsellor to support all that I do.

“I have a heart for all people but especially vulnerable young people and I really hope that I can show, with the blessing of the YMCA housing projects that I will be working in, including Horsham Y Centre and Crawley Foyer, the difference that love in action can



SUE ANSON

make. I aim to work to bring the centres’ communities together, to add as much warmth and feeling of family as we can and to bring the wider community with all of its experiences and skills into the centres wherever possible.”

She hopes to build partnerships and urged everyone who is part of a church, faith group, community group or organisation in Horsham or Crawley, to email her at sue.anson@ymcadlg.org.

For more information about YMCA DLG, including information on how to volunteer as a chaplain or mentor, visit www.ymcadlg.org or contact lead chaplain Lucy McGrath on lucy.mcgrath@ymcadlg.org or 0127322563.

Archdeacon Fiona Windsor, who chairs the mission fund committee, said: “I am thrilled to support the work of the YMCA and their work is transformative in peoples lives who are often marginalised and ignored. The fact that the YMCA offer so much care, compassion and gives hope is part of our foundational Christian belief.”

MORE ROOM FOR MESS!

MARCH CE Primary School at Westhampnett introduced Messy Worship as one of its extra-curricular after-school clubs a year ago.

The aim was to share and celebrate the school's Christian ethos through arts, crafts and fun activities.

The club is an extension of the children's services at St Peter's church in Westhampnett and is an opportunity for the 204 children at the school and their families to explore Bible stories, learn and develop their spirituality together in a relaxed environment.

The club is run by volunteers who follow a similar format each week of worshipping and

celebrating God's work through reading, praise and song, followed by hands-on activities where the children can demonstrate what they have learned through arts, crafts and messy play.

The popularity of Messy Worship has continued to grow with attendance numbers doubling over a term, which meant the club needed more room.

A mission fund grant has allowed the Messy Worship team to source the necessary IT equipment to host Messy Worship in the school library, which provides plenty of space for all the activities and a quiet area for reflection, learning and prayer.





INSPIRED BY THEATRE

THEATRE group Rust And Stardust has collaborated with Rev Peter Blee, vicar at St Michael and All Angels in Berwick, on a term-long arts and education project with Alfriston Primary School.

St Michael's is best known for its beautiful biblical murals painted by the Bloomsbury Set and features paintings by Vanessa Bell, Quentin Bell and Duncan Grant.

Eleanor Conlon and Katie Sommers of Rust And Stardust worked with Year 5 and 6 children to make and perform their own puppet theatre in the church, keeping the themes and colours of the Bloomsbury murals in mind.

They created a short performance based on a Biblical theme, using the Parable of the Bridesmaids and the Lamps as a starting point – the subject of a dramatic painting on the back of the rood screen at St Michael's. It included storytelling, simple props, puppetry and live music and song.

After the performance, the women led two classroom sessions with Emerald Class, answering questions, introducing them to some of their puppets and discussing how they begin new projects, from character design to adapting stories and leading into some basics of puppet building.

An after-school club continued weekly for the ten children involved in the project.

Eleanor said: "After exploring story possibilities and considering those shown in the murals, the group decided to use the Parable of the Lost Sheep as a starting point for their own short play. Rev Blee helped explain the message of the story and the children decided to add a character – a wicked wolf who is eventually redeemed. The adaptation also drew resonances from the Prodigal Son story.

"The children worked in three small groups to make the puppet characters of the little black sheep, the kindly shepherd and the wolf. They were very

enthusiastic about using recycled materials to create the puppets and brought in all sorts of things to re-use – from toilet rolls and cat food boxes to a furry wolf onesie. With our support, they constructed the puppets' bodies and mechanism, then decorated and filled them out with paint and paper mache.

"In the middle of term, we led a whole school creative day to make set and props for the show. Every pupil in the school contributed, working on a carousel to paint a beautiful backdrop, make a colourful forest and town, and construct the 99 sheep which stayed safely at home.

"When the large puppets were built, we worked with the children to adapt a script from the parable, which they learnt and rehearsed, using their new puppetry skills.

"The project culminated in a performance of The Lost Sheep at Berwick Church, decorated with the set and props the school made. The children told the story, sang all the music live and

performed and puppeteered the characters. The puppets, sets and props were exhibited afterwards in the church. We thank Rev Blee and Alfriston Primary School for facilitating this fantastic project and allowing us to work with the puppeteers of the future.”

Rev Blee said: “The children were inspired by the whole process of making, creating and performing. Katie and Eleanor passed on their own passion and enthusiasm to the children and taught them a great deal about the creative process.

“The children were engaged and their enjoyment and enthusiasm at the performance was inspiring. It was a super project which told the story of God’s redemptive love through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and the children will certainly never forget the experience. Katie and Eleanor were generous with their time and adapted well to unexpected changes.

“All the children contributed through the whole school creative day and felt involved in the project.”

CALLING ALL STORYTELLERS

COULD you help bring the Bible to life for schoolchildren?

Open The Book is a project which offers primary school youngsters an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible. The stories are presented during assemblies or acts of collective worship.

Brighton and Hove City Mission have been offering training from ‘Open the Book’, part of the Bible Society and have now trained 150 volunteers in the last twelve months.

Julie Jeffries, Bible Society Development Manager says “It’s just so wonderful to share Bible stories in school. So much of our

heritage and culture comes from the Bible. The kids love joining in, dressing up and being part of it.

“Open the Book has a vast number of requests from schools looking for storyteller teams and we rely on volunteer trainers. Brighton and Hove City Mission are working very successfully with us and the Diocese of Chichester to promote Open the Book. Kerry and her team have been very busy over the last year training and setting up new teams in the diocese. They are particularly interested in developing a presence in Brighton and Hove where there are currently no projects.”

If you would like to find out more about Open the Book the website is www.openthebook.net or contact schools@bhcm.org.uk

BREAKING NEW GROUND

THE Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, led the official blessing and breaking the ground ceremony at a site in Hangleton, Hove, which will soon house a new building for Kings School.

The school, currently in Portslade, has joined forces with Hangleton Primary. The new site will have two new school buildings, giving more pupils access to an enhanced environment with leading edge technology and facilities.

Bishop Richard led the blessing in the company of representatives from the main building contractors, Keir, who hosted the event. Also there were school heads from both schools, council members and the diocesan director of education Dr Canon Ann Holt.

They gathered for a short service at the blessing ahead of the breaking of the ground where young people from Kings School gave gospel readings.

Kings School, an ecumenical Christian school and a partner of the new affiliation programme of the Diocese of Chichester, is preparing to open the new building 2019.



DAC NEWS

TELECOMS & TOWERS

Advice on housing telecoms equipment in your church building

THE Church of England has signed an agreement with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, setting out how churches and other church properties could host new digital infrastructure.

Secretary of State Matt Hancock said churches were central features and valued assets for communities across the country and added: "This agreement with the Church of England will mean that even a 15th century building can help make Britain fit for the future, improving people's lives by boosting connectivity in some of our hardest-to-reach areas."

The installation of telecommunications equipment in church towers could be mutually beneficial for communities and parishes. Rural communities in particular could benefit from improved digital connectivity, while the income generated would make a useful, regular contribution to parish funds.

Although the Government and Church have reached an agreement which says this is a good idea in principle, parishes will still need to apply for a faculty to authorise the installation of any telecoms equipment.

As part of this, parishes will need to consult the Diocesan Advisory Committee as well as others such as Historic England, if the building is listed. Importantly, the fact a church building is highly listed does not mean it cannot be used to house telecom equipment.

It is essential church buildings remain useful and fit for mission and ministry in the 21st century and installing this equipment could play an important part in that. However, special care would need to be taken to ensure the proposals would have as little impact as possible on the building and its heritage significance.

If the proposals involve any changes to the exterior of the building, planning consent may also be required. Parishes should also be aware a licence agreement between the PCC and telecoms operator will be needed.

Parishes interested in exploring potential for installing telecom equipment in their church's tower should read the detailed guidance note on telecommunications on the ChurchCare website (www.churchcare.co.uk).

Parishes should take advice from their inspecting architect, who will be able to say whether the tower is suitable and whether there are particular issues to consider. The DAC can also offer informal advice on any proposals at an early stage.

Parishes should beware of signing any agreements without proper legal advice. Generally, an ecclesiastical solicitor will be needed to draft or check a licence agreement and a specialist surveyor should be instructed to negotiate the financial terms. For help, call the DAC office on 01273 421021 or the diocesan registry on 020 7593 5015 or ChichesterRegistry@wslaw.co.uk.

CHURCH BUILDINGS DATES FOR THE DIARY

CARING FOR YOUR CHURCH BUILDING AND MAKING FACULTY AND LIST B APPLICATIONS

Tuesday, May 22, 10am to 12.30pm,
Church House, Hove

This training session is aimed at new incumbents and churchwardens and those who would like a refresher. To book places, contact Alex Senior at alex.senior@chichester.anglican.org or on 01273 425690. Please also let Alex know if you would be interest in attending or hosting a session in your area – if there is sufficient demand, further sessions will be organised around the diocese over the summer.

ARCHDEACONS' DAC ROADSHOWS

Tuesday, September 11, 7pm to 9pm,
Archdeaconry of Hastings
Venue: St Saviours, Eastbourne

Thursday, September 20, 7pm to 9pm,
Archdeaconry of Brighton and Lewes
Venue: Bishop Hannington, Hove

Tuesday, October 9, 7pm to 9pm,
Archdeaconry of Chichester
Venue: St Nicholas, Arundel

Tuesday, October 16, 7pm to 9pm,
Archdeaconry of Horsham
Venue: St Mark's, Holbrook

The annual roadshows are aimed primarily at churchwardens but are open to anyone involved in caring for a church building. Further details and information about booking places will be circulated to parishes by email over the summer.

DAC MEETING AND SITE VISITS

The dates for Diocesan Advisory Committee meetings and site visits are available on the diocese website. The DAC welcomes requests from parishes for site visits and advises that parishes planning major projects request a DAC site visit at an early stage. The DAC is working its way through a large number of requests at the moment and parishes should expect a three-month wait for site visits.



NEWS FROM FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

TAKE YOUR TEDDY TO CHURCH

SOME of you will have come across Colonel Bear, the chief bear and mascot for FSW.

Every year he asks that all the bears across Sussex go to church and remember the work of FSW, pray for the families it helps and have a picnic after the service along with some fun.

For many a teddy is a part of the memories of a happy childhood. By taking your own teddy to church, FSW hopes it will help you as an individual and as a congregation to focus on the needs of families and the challenges they face living in Sussex in 2018 as well as giving thanks for your family.

This year the Teddy Bears to Church Sunday is July 8, part of a weekend of events in schools and throughout Sussex that will highlight the work of FSW and raise much-needed funds to this further.

COULD YOU BE A BISHOP'S CHAMPION?

BISHOP Richard and FSW are looking for four people who can show their support by becoming a bishop's champion for FSW. The need for the association to tell its story and engage not only the churches but also people across the diocese is essential to its growth. It needs people who could give a few hours a month to speak to organisations and help raise awareness of FSW's work and the issues faced by many families in Sussex. Could you act as an ambassador and highlight the great work of the family support practitioners? Call Martin Auton-Lloyd on 01273 832963 or email martin@familysupportwork.org.uk for more details.

A STRONG FAMILY

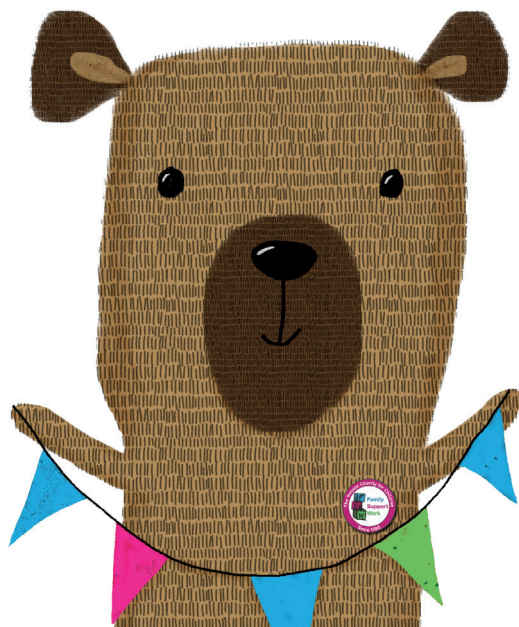
FSW has recently completed a strategic refresh of its five-year vision. Over the next five years it has set itself a challenge to increase the number of workers so every deanery in the diocese will have access to a family support practitioner.

The need for FSW's work is increasing – every practitioner currently has a waiting list of families needing support.

The vision, to be launched shortly, will set out how FSW plans to make maximum impact with its work, a crucial part of the wider strategy to serve the common good.



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1870



STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

BY REV NEVILLE MANNING

Lord, teach us HOW TO PRAY ARIGHT

BY JAMES MONTGOMERY

HYMNS that are about prayer are probably not abundant, but to focus on one of these in this Diocesan Year of Prayer can only be fruitful.

Usually sung to the tune St Hugh, Lord, teach us how to pray aright is one of the hymns of James Montgomery (1771-1856), although another by him is also worth thinking about, Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, which unfortunately is only in a few hymn books.

James Montgomery was born in Scotland to parents who went to the West Indies as missionaries from the Moravian Church. He felt called by God, not to the ordained ministry, but to the writing of poetry.

For years he worked as a journalist, editing a Sheffield newspaper for some 30 years. Over the years he wrote about 400 hymns.

Among his better-known hymns still sung today are Hail, to the Lord's anointed and Angels from the realms of glory.

His work as a hymn writer was boosted by the arrival of the Rev

GOD OF ALL GRACE, WE BRING TO THEE A BROKEN, CONTRITE HEART

James Cotterill at St Paul's Chapel-of-Ease in Sheffield, who elicited Montgomery's help in improving a selection of hymns and psalms which Cotterill himself had published not very successfully.

Montgomery's life was not always plain sailing. He even spent two spells in prison, at one time for a poem he had written celebrating the fall of the Bastille in France in 1795 and another for daring to criticise a Sheffield magistrate.

Lord, teach us how to pray aright is worthy of verse-by-verse reflection on what it has to say about our life of prayer:

1. The frame of mind in which we approach prayer: "Lord, teach us how to pray aright, With reverence and with fear" (here fear clearly is our awesomeness in the presence of the living God)

2. The necessity of prayer: "We perish if we cease from prayer" (yet alongside our preparations the Lord is there to meet us by the way)

3. The nature of the God to whom we pray: "God of all grace, we bring to thee a broken, contrite heart" (grace is God's outgoing forgiving undeserved love)

4. The assurance of the Cross: "Faith in the only sacrifice that can for sin atone" (enabling us to be at one with our Father God)

5. The persistence with which we pray: "Patience to watch and wait and weep" (in modern parlance we need to "hang in there")

6. The Holy Spirit as the enabler of our prayers: "We, through thy Spirit and thy Son, Shall pray, and pray aright" (prayer is not just our effort but God's work in and through us).

Montgomery was honoured by a public funeral in Sheffield and was buried in a cemetery there. The late Frank Colquhoun ranked Montgomery next to Isaac Watts and the Wesleys among English hymn-writers.

Life AFTER PRISON

BY REV TONY OEHRING
MANAGING CHAPLAIN AT HMP FORD

CHAPLAINCY might be described as ministry at times of transition in people's lives. These may be brief encounters or over longer periods of care through the challenges and joys of life.

Chaplains usually work in secular organisations, in an ecumenical and multi-faith context, and senior chaplains often play a role in senior management teams.

In the prison service, providing basic decency and humanity to those in custody is the first priority.

However all men and women leaving prison have resettlement challenges: accommodation, financial, finding employment, renewing relationships.

They may be dealing with mental and physical health issues, addictions and behaviours they may have thought were under control but which may resurface away from the support structures of the prison.

Men released from Ford may resettle in London and the South East, Hampshire and Dorset as

well as locally. For many men and women the transformation faith in Christ has begun will be challenged as they transfer into the community.

HMP Ford chaplaincy department saw a need to create a "community chaplaincy" known as Ford Forward, which specifically helps men leaving Ford to connect with faith communities and other support in their resettlement area, and also men and women returning to West Sussex.

We work in partnership with other prisons, probation services and voluntary organizations. We plan to broaden this to embrace the multi-faith context.

There is also a national initiative called The Welcome Directory, which offers support for that desire to be a welcoming community. You can find full details at www.welcomedirectory.org.uk but, briefly, this initiative is building a directory of churches, faith groups and organisations prepared to welcome people leaving prison.

I strongly encourage others to follow this up and join in offering the ministry of welcome, love and support to people at a vulnerable time in their lives. All this is at the frontline of the mission of Christ and the fulfilling of his manifesto in Luke 4: 18-19.

Ford Forward
moving on to a new future

You can contact Ford Forward either via the website or by calling 07508 317028 where you can learn how you can help. At www.fordforward.org.uk there are details on how you can volunteer and give financially to support this work -- and stories to inspire.

We are linked with the Community Chaplaincy Association, whose member groups all provide support "through the gate". Find out more at www.communitychaplaincy.org.uk.

GET AWAY FROM IT ALL...

WITH MOTHERS UNION

BY BRENDA SNASHALL OF CHICHESTER MOTHERS' UNION

WHEN I told a friend I had to go to a meeting called "Mothers' Union" he looked puzzled – he thought it was a group for mothers to rebel.

How wrong could he be? Mary Sumner started it as a union between women to share problems and projects in marriage and family life. She was so shy her husband spoke for her at the first meeting.

She realised people needed help and wanted to keep families together – and that is how our projects started.

We have a contact centre where families can see their children if they don't live with them and we work in prisons to help inmates reunite with their families.

Our project Afia, Away from it all, came about as a result of families facing hardship and conflict in their lives. This was popular just after the Second World War when people needed to spend time together, enjoy each other's company without worries, rest and recharge their batteries. Today's problems are stress, money and illness.

We offer a free week's holiday in one of our caravans. We have one at Winchelsea Beach, near Rye and one at Selsey near Chichester.

The Winchelsea caravan is on a family run site, with entertainment at weekends in a small clubhouse. Most of the other caravans are privately owned and ours is away from them, nearly on the beach, and has a play area within sight. It is fully equipped, centrally heated and has eight berths with linen provided.

A bus stops outside the site every half an hour, running to Hastings one way and Rye the other and there is a Co-op in the village of Winchelsea.

The Selsey caravan is on a Bunn Leisure site with more than 5,000 others. There are three swimming pools, a lively clubhouse open every night, bars and restaurants. It even has a soft drinks bar for teenagers to spend time on video games.

It is also near the beach and has supermarkets close by. There is a bus to Chichester for the railway station but transport is normally provided by the person who refers the holidaymaker to us.

Referrals come from doctors, ministers, family support workers and our own members. We acquired the Selsey caravan when Family Support Work lost the use of Knowles Tooth holiday facility at Hurstpierpoint and we work closely with FSW.

Families with school-age children fill all the school holidays and clergy use the caravan when they need a break. We let from March to October and in that time 24 weeks are taken by families with school-age children.

We have had a family where the mother was dying from cancer and wanted to spend quality time with her sons before she died, which happened in term time, and we will be offering holidays to all those involved in the Grenfell Tower fire in London, including the emergency workers.

To find out more, call me on 07578272732 or email Brenda.snashall@hotmail.co.uk.



HUMBLING AND INSPIRING

THE AFRICAN CHALLENGE

CHRISTINE Keyte is vicar at Crawley Down. She joined a diocesan group travelling to Kenya to visit our projects and schools. Here she describes the people's daily struggles but also tells of her hope and awe.

‘THEREFORE, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...’ Matthew 28:19

I remember hearing those words read in church as I was growing up and wondering what did it really mean to make disciples of all nations? It was probably because that passage from Matthew's gospel often seemed to lead to sermons suggesting every problem in the Church could be solved if we all preached and worked hard enough.

The idea seemed to be that if we were out there making disciples, seen as filling our pews on a Sunday morning, everything would be OK. As I took up my

theological studies years later, I began to wonder further about mission and motivation.

What motivates us in mission? What is it that makes us long to share the Gospel? What is it that motivated countless missionaries and evangelists throughout the ages to risk everything including their lives in the name of the Gospel?

In some ways I took all my experiences of the past, hopes and struggles with me as I stepped on to the plane to Nairobi. From experience of training and working in Africa, I knew the visit would challenge me deeply. I was not disappointed on that score and yet I also found myself observing projects with a sense of hope, wonder and awe at the remarkable courage, grace and motivation evident in the lives of Christians struggling with the most incredible hardship yet successfully and sacrificially living out the Great Commission.

It also wasn't just about filling pews, it was about real social transformation. Then in a conversation with a member of the clergy in one of the dioceses we visited, he asked me if we had visited the first mission church in that part of Kenya.

‘You know for us that is a very special place,’ he said. ‘Those first missionaries suffered much and some even gave their lives to bring the Gospel to us and we look to remember that always.’

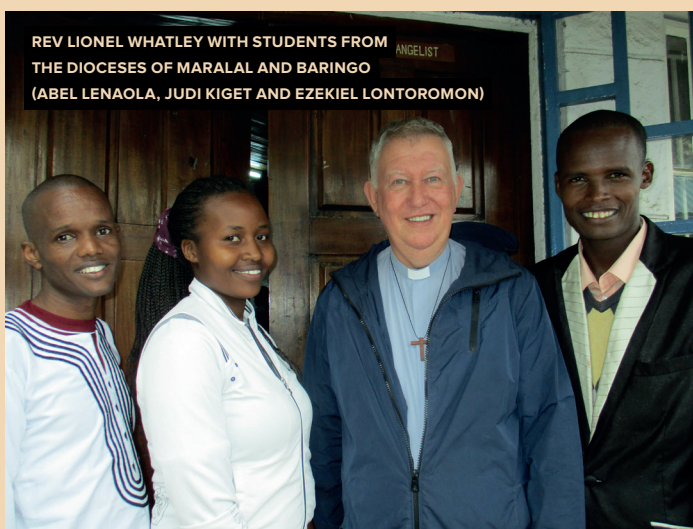
Growing up in Africa, I knew some early missionaries made mistakes in terms of mission and cultural integration but to hear that from a local member of the clergy spoke powerfully to me of motivation. I wondered how it would be if those first missionaries to Kenya could hear those words, some 100 years at least since they started their work.

Jesus refers to that very thing when he speaks of reaping and sowing in the Gospel. Sometimes we will never know the reward or the result of our work for the Kingdom in this life.

This was further impressed on me as we visited Baringo Missionary Area, soon to be diocese. We drove miles to see the work of parishes deep in rural communities on the frontline of the work of the church there.

Challenges such as lack of infrastructure, malaria and famine are very real. Encountering Bishop Musa and people of the diocese and their passion for mission was inspiring. Visiting Berea College and Carlile College in Nairobi and meeting students from Baringo Diocese and dioceses in Uganda and beyond was even more so. It was moving to hear that without funding from Chichester Diocese, the students' training for ordination would have been impossible. It is humbling to think money placed into the collection plate for the Harvest Appeal in parish churches in Chichester Diocese is funding the sending of outstanding young priests into the frontline places of transitional mission.

It is the same with the many projects supported by the diocese in East and West Africa. Our funding is making a real difference in the lives of people across both regions.



REV LIONEL WHATLEY WITH STUDENTS FROM
THE DIOCESES OF MARALAL AND BARINGO
(ABEL LENAOLA, JUDI KIGET AND EZEKIEL LONTOROMON)

A REPORT FROM FREETOWN PROJECT

The Anglican Diocese of Freetown in Sierra Leone received £5,000 funding from the Chichester Diocesan Overseas Council to help set up a vocational training, adult literacy and children's day care centre.

Various items were bought to help equip the centre, which started in November 2017 with nine trainees, three tutors and one helper. There are now 22 trainees and more requests are received daily.

Training is focused on less fortunate girls and women aged 15 to 35 and classes are held every weekday. The free project aims to empower them. The diocese is currently undertaking its corporate social responsibility on the overheads and despite its many challenges, the aim is to

make this project sustainable in year two.

The day care centre and nursery started in September 2017 with 26

children in the nursery and five in the day care. Now there are 32 children in the nursery and five in day care. There are two teachers and one helper. The growing demand for space in both the day care and the nursery speaks volumes.

The project includes an in-house first aider with access to a medical centre for use by the children.

The fees for both the day care and nursery are on a recovery basis, which at the moment do not meet overheads. To help keep costs down, the children take their own food. It is hoped a food programme will be introduced as well as more focused support for children with additional learning needs.

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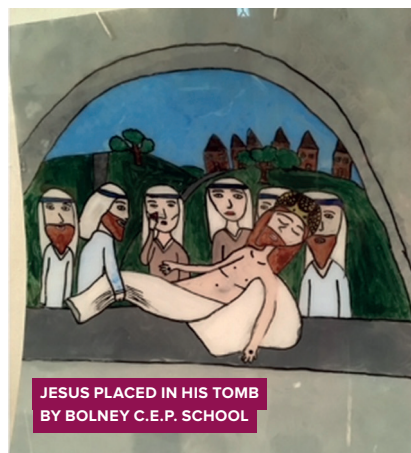
**WESTBOURNE CHURCH'S WALK
OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY**

IT HAS been really encouraging to see so many great photos from your Easter activities across the diocese.

These were shared on Twitter (@chichesterDio) and Facebook (@DioceseofChichester) throughout Holy Week and Easter Weekend. Christians are still celebrating the Easter season, or Eastertide as it is sometimes called. It lasts for 50 days from Easter Day until Pentecost (Whit Sunday). Faith In Sussex loves to hear about church activities. On these pages you will read some stories that capture a little of the daily life of our church communities.

CHILDREN DEPICT PASSION OF THE CHRIST

DURING Holy Week, on Maundy Thursday, the children of Bolney CE Primary School offered a Stations of the Cross for their end of term devotion. The Stations, in the form of images, depict the Passion of the Christ and His crucifixion and were all researched and painted by the children, under the supervision of their teacher Sarah Harvey. Fr Keith Littlejohn said the service, which was attended by parents and people from the parish, was "intensely moving".



**JESUS PLACED IN HIS TOMB
BY BOLNEY C.E.P. SCHOOL**

PASCHAL CANDLES TRIBUTE

A SET of paschal candles is now in a permanent home in a hand-crafted display cabinet in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton.

The candles, which represent Christ, were beautifully illustrated by Gloria Cruttenden, who died in 2015. Her husband Martin, Bishop's Council member and member of synod, was pleased they can now be enjoyed by many.

It has taken two years to design and install a cabinet suitable to display the candles at their best.

Martin said: "They are now in their permanent position having moved them once for protection due to early morning sun being stronger than we anticipated. The candles and the cabinet and its dedication panel have gone down extremely well with everyone here, and have brought much welcome and unexpected colour to our church.

"We're expecting Jonathan Greener, the dean of Exeter Cathedral, to come and bless the candles later in the year. It's a fitting tribute to my late wife, a worshipper in the church who is much loved and greatly missed."



PASCHAL CANDLES AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN BRIGHTON.

NEW ROOF SECURES CHURCH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

THE new chancel roof at St Peter's Church in Upper Beeding has been blessed by the Bishop of Horsham.

The service by Right Rev Mark Sowerby marked the completion of many months of work.

Rev Emma Graeme said: "Five years ago, we started a programme of repairs to make this beautiful 13th century building watertight, which is currently listed as 'at risk' by English Heritage. We raised more than £150,000, all of which was needed to restore the tower. The next phase was to repair the roof above the altar.

"We obtained generous grants from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Fund and the Sussex Historic Churches Trust Fund, for which we are very grateful, and this enabled us to start work.

"Once the Horsham stone roof was lifted, the full story was revealed – crumbling wood, defective supports and structurally unsound stone work. Sadly, the funds raised and the grants received were not sufficient to cover all the conservation work, which amounted £185,000

"We therefore invited the community to help close the funding gap and we are very grateful for all the help we have received. This building is of

significant historical importance and has, over the centuries, been at the centre of village life. It provides a sanctuary for people seeking quiet and wanting to pray.

"It is a haven for wildlife and its setting above the river helps attract hundreds of visitors every year. We also have other urgent works required to preserve this building for future generations and so will be continuing our fundraising."



ST PETERS UPPER BEEDING

PACKED CHURCH WELCOMES NEW RECTOR

ONE of West Sussex's most beautiful ancient Norman churches, St Mary's West Chiltington, was packed as the village community and guests witnessed the collation and induction of Rev David Coleman by Rt Rev Dr Martin Warner, the Bishop of Chichester, and the Ven Fiona Windsor, the Archdeacon of Horsham.

Also at the service on March 20 were Susan Pyper, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, and many visiting clergy, family and friends. Guests who had come from far and wide were fascinated by the ancient wall paintings and hagioscope in this Domesday book community nestling at the foot of the South Downs.

Following 18 months without a rector, the congregation was delighted to welcome David and his wife Rosemary. Their move into the rectory has been delayed due to flooding but David has based himself on occasion in The Queen's Head, a few yards down the street from St Mary's.

He said: "Despite the disappointment of not yet being based in the rectory, I'm enjoying the company of the staff and patrons of the local pub. As a regular user of twitter and Facebook, it's ideal to be somewhere I can access wi-fi and get chatting to folks in the community. I've been made to feel very welcome. I believe in a God who believes in us and wants us to live life to the full and puts hospitality at the centre of our faith."



Reverend David Coleman's service of collation and induction. From left, Pam Wells (church warden), Rev David Coleman, Dr Martin Warner, the Ven Fiona Windsor, Diane Bennett (church warden) and Susan Pyper

David served previously as a hospital chaplain at East Surrey and Sussex Hospital and in ministerial posts in South Nutfield and Horley. He is originally from Sheffield and worked previously in charity communications and government relations. David tweets as @rectorwestchilts and @stmwestchilts



THE WOODEN SHEEP
BY DAVID LUCAS

SPIRITUAL TRAIL

In this diocesan Year of Prayer we highlight a spiritual trail project launched at Matthew's, Worthing, at Easter with a focus on the "I am" sayings of Jesus.

The project started in 2014 under the previous vicar Rev John Chitham, when a committee set out to explore changing the use of a patch of ground at the side of the church into a space for reflection and prayer.

John suggested art and plants as the basis of the project – and was keen to involve local artists. The idea was for all the works to focus on the "I am" sayings.

There was a year of discussion before wood carver David Lucas and sculptor Lesley Stepney arrived with the first installation, three wooden sheep of varying size and a figure, entitled Elation, which now represents "I am the Resurrection".

David more recently produced a large-scale shepherd carrying a lamb to reflect "I am the Good Shepherd".

All work preparing the site, and providing garden benches, has been undertaken and funded by the St Matthew's congregation. The project will continue to grow as further pieces are added to the trail.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS

Tea, toasted marshmallows and a warm welcome awaits you at the South of England Show Ardingly

The South of England Show celebrates and supports farming, agriculture and the countryside every year at the showground in Ardingly, Sussex, during June – this year on the 7th, 8th and 9th.

The Church has been at the heart of the countryside since parish churches started to appear and has been an integral part of the lives of the families who work on the land. The Diocese of Chichester has coordinated The Sanctuary, an ecumenical presence at the show, for many years, looking after lost people and offering hospitality and a quiet space for visitors and the showground's exhibitors.

This year the Rev Sue Wilkinson has been planning the show's programme. She said: "Church leaders will be present each day to offer you a warm welcome and

to meet exhibitors and officials from the show. A big highlight of the show this year will be the Sussex Bell Ringers. Alan and Mary Collings will be bringing their own set of Dewbys Bells and they will be on site throughout the three days to demonstrate change ringing. This will be a popular with individuals and children from visiting schools.

"Another popular attraction for schools is the Forest School open fire pits where schoolchildren get to sit around the open fire and toast marshmallows (all marshmallows provided) These activities are very popular and are overseen by trained fire wardens. There will be several hundred school children who will come to the Sanctuary area over the three days, usually in groups to eat their lunch, along with a steady flow of show-goers.

"Visitors can also get refreshments from the mobile tea room set up by our onsite



partners, Salvation Army, (donations welcomed) and there is always plenty of good seating to be had in sun or shade when needed! We look forward to seeing you."

To make everything run smoothly we always welcome volunteers, especially on the lost people rota. Please get in touch if you can offer a few hours on any of the days. A free day pass is available for volunteers. Contact Lisa Williamson on 07775022461 or email lisa.williamson@chichester.anglican.org

COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION

By Rev Mark Betson

As Rural Officer for the Diocese I have had the pleasure of working with the South of England Agricultural Society for the last seven years, and in the last two taking on the challenging role of Chairing their education committee. The society's education activities go on throughout the year: supporting teaching about food, farming and the countryside with schools,

supporting careers advice for those looking at a future in the land-based sector – covering a whole range of careers from being a farmer, to a vet, to an agricultural engineer or a crop scientist and supporting those who go on to one of the land-based colleges across the South East.

At the South of England Show every year we engage schools in three competitions and this year we have had record numbers of schools and entries on a theme of the Enjoying the Countryside. We

have had 114 entries of a painting of the Great British Countryside, 35 entries of seeds grown in the most novel recycled container and 28 mobiles created from things you find out walking in the countryside coming from 36 schools. We also will be welcoming about 2,000 school children to the show over the 3 days. If you would like to come and see some of the fantastic work done by the children pop into the Countryside Hub in the Discover the Countryside area.



BATTLE'S O V E R



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

RING THE BELLS FOR PEACE

BELL ringers are needed to help commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I.

Organisers of Battle's Over, an international event marking the Armistice, hope to see more than 1,000 churches and cathedrals take part by ringing their bells simultaneously at 7.05pm on the night of November 11.

Pageant master Bruno Peek is urging people to join in. He said: "We want this to be the most widespread ringing of church bells since the First World War. It would be a fitting and moving tribute to the 1,400 or so bell ringers that we understand lost their lives during the conflict.

"I have no doubt that dedicated campanologists in Britain and around the world will want to join in this once-in-a-lifetime tribute to everyone who served on the battlefields, the high seas and the home front."

Ringling Out For Peace is part of Battle's Over, a unique day-long commemoration taking place throughout the UK, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of places overseas,

including Australia, Canada, Denmark, Somaliland, the United States and Germany.

It will begin at 6am on November 11 with lone pipers playing Battle's O'er, a traditional tune played after a battle, outside every cathedral in the country. At the same time, pipers everywhere will be playing the same tune in communities around the world.

The tribute is being organised with the assistance of the Glasgow-based College of Piping, the Air Training Corps and the Army Cadet Force.

At 6.55pm buglers will sound the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7pm beacons will be lit, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of war.

Then at 7.05pm church and cathedral bells will be Ringling Out For Peace. The event is being organised with the help of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which represents groups who ring bells in the English tradition with rope and wheel. It was founded in 1891 and represents 65 affiliated societies from all over the British Isles and

in Australia, Canada, the USA, South Africa and Italy.

Mr Peek said: "The stirring sound of church and cathedral bells will provide a fitting conclusion to a day of contemplation, commemoration and, ultimately, celebration as the United Kingdom and other nations reflect on events a century ago, on the battlefields of Europe and at home in our factories and farms.

"I hope as many people as possible will join us in the Battle's Over events to mark the conclusion of the First World War and pay tribute to the loved ones who played their part."

Churches can register their involvement by completing the entry form at www.brunopeek.co.uk where you will also find more information about Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute.

The event has four charities linked to it, The Royal Naval Association, Army Benevolent Fund – the Soldiers Charity, the RAF Benevolent Fund and the Merchant Navy Association.



COUNTING DOWN TO THE BIG EVENT

By Dan Jenkins, diocesan youth officer

May Camp 2018 is going to be our biggest and best yet.

This year we have a programme packed full of seminars, workshops, activities and venues that are going to be bigger and better than ever.

There will be special guests such as Harry and Chris performing musical comedy, archery, graffiti and seminars exploring how science and the Bible can live in harmony.

We are running our leadership development programme again with opportunities for young people to shadow key roles on site.

Fusion will be joining us to encourage anyone off to university on how to link in with a new church while they are away

and how they can best prepare themselves for leaving home for the first time.

As well as creating as many opportunities as we can to make May Camp the most exciting weekend of your year, we are carving out as much time as we can to create a space to worship, pray, learn and meet with God.

Also, as part of the diocesan Year of Prayer 2018, we have a 24/7 prayer space running all weekend.

This year the theme is Pursuit and we're looking at how God has pursued relationship with humanity from the beginning of time. We'll be working through the Bible looking at some key people and stories such as creation, Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Joseph, Jesus and Pentecost.

We want young people to know that God is desperate to be in relationship with us and the lengths he will go to meet us.

There is still time to book for May Camp 2018 – go to www.maycamp.org or contact youth@chichester.anglican.org.

If you're not ready to bring a group for the whole weekend you can visit for a day with a group of young people or, if you are a leader, get in touch and we will arrange for you to visit and see what goes on.

If you would like to get involved in another way, volunteering for one of many roles or donating financially, then please also do get in touch with Dan Jenkins at youth@chichester.anglican.org.

YOUNG PILGRIMS



A group of excited youngsters have just returned from our latest successful children's pilgrimage to Walsingham in Norfolk.

Star Trekkers was the theme this year and it took place in March. It was led by Mary Nagel and Fr Mark Gilbert. The children, aged between seven and eleven, joined other young people from all over Britain and enjoyed fun work-shops, drama, music, art & Craft and outdoor games as well as having a disco party and taking part in great worship.

Eleven children from Christ Church CE Primary Academy in St Leonards were among the pilgrims travelling with the Diocese of Chichester. Among the group were seven children for who it was their first visit. Here is what some of them said...

“On the way we stopped at a service station and met up with lots of other children from other churches who were taking part. Father Mark blessed some water and sprinkled it on us, and got some of us quite wet!”

Georgie

“The food was great and we all ate a bit too much! I liked waking up each day to new things.”

Maddie

“We can't wait to go again.”

Christ Church pilgrims

“The accommodation was very comfortable. I really liked having my own room.”

Reggie

“The disco on Saturday night was amazing and really good fun. I enjoyed being able to be silly.”

Vinny

“We made loads of new friends and we would like to see them again.”

Joel, Amy and Terri



60 SECONDS WITH ARCHIE CROFT (INTERN AT CHANCTONBURY CHURCHES)

First published in Church Life - Chanctonbury Church parish magazine

Archie, can you tell us a little about yourself?

Hello! I am 18 years old, and I've just finished my final year at Steyning Grammar 6th Form, having studied A Level Drama, Philosophy and Music Practitioner. I come from a God-loving family of four, with my sister Phoebe, who is 3 years younger than me. After growing up in a Christian home, I walked away from God when I was about 15, to then find myself broken and lost, searching for purpose and meaning, before being disarmed by God's love, forgiveness and grace, and asking him into my heart in full authenticity.

How did you get to be in Ashington?

I felt God telling me, 'Take a gap year', when originally I wanted to go straight to university. So then I deferred my place to the British Institute

of Modern Music (BIMM), trusting that God would provide an opportunity for me. I then got an email from a guy called Paddy Donovan(!) [Senior Youth Worker at Chanctonbury Churches] asking if I would be interested in joining the Church for a year long internship!

What are you passionate about seeing?

The Dream is to see our society shaken by God's love, radically changed to pursue Him and Him alone, and to see His Kingdom released and realised in all its fullness and glory!

What do you think that would look like?

One of the things I think Jesus's Kingdom looks like is seeing the young people in our schools realise their worth and the purpose for their life, as opposed to chasing fulfilment in the empty promises of the world, such as social media, sex and drugs. This is because they understand how much their Dad, God loves them! What's

exciting is that we have already begun to see God do this in the local schools around us, namely Steyning Grammar School and Sixth form.

My closest friends and I were privileged enough to be part of the new Christian Union called Church Without Walls, in which we saw God draw people into a small stuffy room on a Thursday Lunch time and enable them to find refuge and family within their hectic school week. Over the course of my two years in the 6th Form, we saw up to 45 young people coming weekly, in which we developed a family and vulnerability that impacted all of us. Furthermore, seeing young guys and girls worship at our new worship evenings called Set The Fire, which is the first Sunday of every month.

Have you considered an intern for your church? Contact our assistant youth officer Danni Taylor and find out how you can encourage young people to an encounter with God. youth@chichester.anglican.org

LORD

Teach us to pray

By Rev Jane Willis, Rector of Hurstpierpoint

THE two weeks of ordinary time between Epiphany and Lent have given us at Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint the opportunity to engage with our diocesan Year of Prayer more thoroughly on a Sunday.

As with the Year of the Bible, we have really wanted people to feel hungry rather than guilty – for us all to come to this as learners – as the disciples did to Jesus: “Lord, teach us to pray.”

We often miss the fact that as good Jewish men they had been praying all their lives – and yet when they encountered Jesus they felt they were only just beginning but were eager to grow in prayer.

We thought about how so often prayer is more caught than taught and I told of my daughter Naomi who, when she was five, was encouraged to learn the violin when she heard someone playing through the theme from Titanic.

So we bought a quarter size violin and lived through all the screechy practices until eventually she could play the Titanic theme. And then she said she wanted to stop. She’d achieved her aim.

I asked if sometimes as Christians we are satisfied by too little when in Jesus there is always more. As we did with

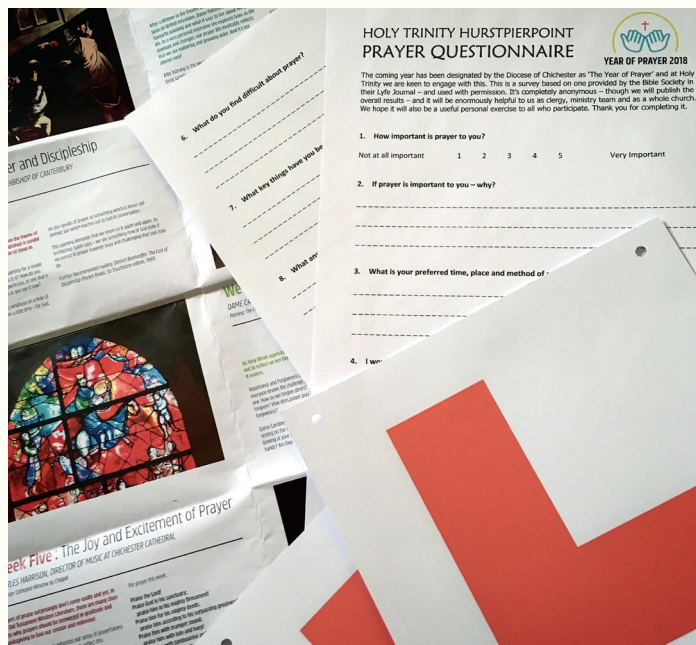
the year of the Bible, we have given our congregation a prayer questionnaire, which will be useful to our ministry team as we plan the rest of our activities, and we asked people to complete it prayerfully, making it for themselves kind of a prayer MOT.

Rather than reinventing the wheel we were as ever grateful to the Bible Society for their prayer questionnaire in their Lyfe Journal on which ours is based.

Meanwhile in our children’s groups they had a mini prayer space. Andrew Dare, who is in Year 6, said: ‘Today in kids’ group we did prayer spaces, which are

different circumstances to pray in and different things to pray for as well. They were really fun and some of them were fizzy forgiveness, an activity that involves watching tablet dissolving in a pot of water as if all your hurt is going away, prayer plates, which involves drawing on a plate all the things you are thankful for, and so on. I really enjoyed it and so did everyone else.”

We have a good number signed up for our diocesan Lent course and have put in a bulk order for the Live Lent: Let Your Light Shine daily prayer and Bible notes.



BOOKS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS BY CANON JOHN TWISLETON

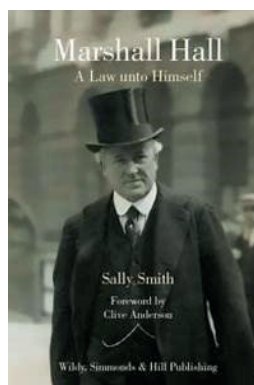


SEEKING WISDOM, A SPIRITUAL MANIFESTO

LARRY CULLIFORD

WHEN psychiatrists advise, many of us shrink back but Sussex-based Larry Culliford is no plain psychiatrist. He is a committed Christian who sees repentance as reducing the destructive power of the false “everyday ego”, while increasing the beneficial influence of the true “spiritual self”. Through openness to the Spirit we capture a universal sense allied to God’s compassion for all, which is achieved by letting go of worldly materialist values and engaging positively with suffering. Sections of his book are headed politics, leaders and followers, religion, education, health, capitalism and art and are prefaced by accessible psychology with an eye to spiritual deepening. This short book with its manifesto and big picture thinking will attract spiritual seekers in and outside religion and commend to them the addressing of self seeking as the enemy both of progress and sound spirituality. .

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MARSHALL HALL – A LAW UNTO HIMSELF

SALLY SMITH

SALLY Smith QC’s biography of legend Sir Edward Marshall Hall KC tells the tale of one who “saved more people from the hangman’s noose than any other known

barrister”. A century ago, legal process relatively lacked compassion and blatantly favoured the powerful. Marshall Hall rose in that establishment but the vagaries of his life lent him empathy and a passion for the underdog which his oratory served. This is a lucid and gripping book summarised on its last page: “Marshall was the ultimate exponent of total advocacy: he lived his entire life as though the world was one huge courtroom and its inhabitants a universal jury to beguile... he made speeches of such extraordinary power that they have lived on for more than a century and... saved many lives. No other lawyer could claim that.”

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A floral paradise

THE scent and colour of thousands of blooms will transform Chichester Cathedral at the end of May with the return of the eagerly awaited Festival of Flowers.

Some 250 arrangers will adorn the nave, chapels, aisle, tombs and transepts in an explosion of colour based on this year's theme, This Earthly Paradise.

Their interpretations of festival designer Jose Moum-Pound's vision are expected to attract thousands to the cathedral between May 31 and June 2.

The event will include plant hunting, botany, horticulture and conservation and will be a celebration of the plants that gave the continents their unique identity and fed the imagination which continues to inspire today's gardeners and explorers.

The patron this year is Emma Bridgewater, whose distinctive ceramics have a worldwide following.

She said: "I feel a keen sense of anticipation already for that moment when you step into Chichester Cathedral to find it mystically transformed with the scent, colour and beauty of 50,000 flowers."

To celebrate her support for the event, a limited edition Emma Bridgewater Chichester Cathedral mug has been commissioned and will be on sale at the festival.

Chichester's Festival of Flowers is renowned for innovation with new varieties of plants and flowers developed to celebrate each one. The 2018 festival flower is Nostalgia, a highly perfumed tea rose whose creamy blooms are edged with cherry red, supplied by local growers Jonathan and Elizabeth Sawday from Apuldram Roses.

Gardener's World viewers voted the rose as the plant which has made the biggest impact on gardens over the past 50 years.

The festival is a biennial event organised by Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust. It attracts 15,000 visitors and has raised about £1 million towards the cost of restoration work at Chichester Cathedral over the past 20 years.

This is the 12th festival and funds raised will support the recovering and restoration of the cathedral roof, a major project which has now started and is expected to take five years. Sponsorship will maximise the money raised and the headline sponsor this year is Rathbones Investment Management.

Visitors will also experience a programme of live music, a fair, a plant fair and the Café des Fleurs during the three-day event. There will be a champagne preview on May 30. Festival tickets are on sale now from www.chichestercathedral.org.uk.

CATHEDRAL EVENTS: PENTECOST 2018

CHANCELLOR'S LECTURES 2018:

**Thursdays 17th and 24th May,
7th and 14th June at 6.30pm.**

'Narratives of Transformation – learning from autobiographies about life, love and God'.

Join the Cathedral Chancellor, Canon Dr Anthony Cane, for his annual series of 4 lectures. In his lectures the Chancellor will focus on 'narratives of transformation' and how reading them can itself be transformative. In the Cathedral nave with free entry. All are welcome.

COME AND SEE THE FAMOUS CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL PEREGRINES

**Until Wednesday 4th July
(Tuesdays and Wednesdays only)**

The Peregrine Falcons new chicks in the Cathedral's south east turret. View them on the Cathedral website and in the RSPB marquee in the Cathedral grounds. Entry is free. (Provisional dates – please check website)

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS: 'THIS EARTHLY PARADISE'

**Thursday 31st May:
Saturday 2nd June 2018**

**Thursday: 9.30am – 7.00pm,
Friday 9.30am – 6.30pm,
Saturday: 9.30am – 6.00pm**

Come and see the Cathedral transformed by more than 50,000 flowers. Over 80 imaginative

and beautiful flower designs will interpret the theme of the Festival, 'This Earthly Paradise', to sensational effect. For ticket information visit: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

'THRESHOLDS' – AN EXHIBITION BY AWARD WINNING INTERNATIONAL SCULPTOR DIANE MACLEAN

**Friday 22nd June:
Sunday 30th September**

A stunning collection of large scale sculptures, positioned both inside and outside the Cathedral, will explore powerful themes of transformation and journey. Several of the sculptures have been created especially for this exhibition. Diane Maclean is a fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors; her work has been exhibited in the UK, China and Norway. Open daily with free entry.

SEE BEHIND THE SCENES AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

**Saturday 7th July:
1.00pm – 4.00pm**

As part of the Festival of Chichester, areas of the Cathedral normally closed to the public will be open to visitors. The Song School, the secret chamber and the Cathedral Library, where a fascinating collection of rare books is stored are some of the highlights. Free entry. All are welcome.



FAMILY ACTIVITY: 'MONSTER MANIA!'

**Friday 27th July
10.00am – 3.00pm
(Last entry 2.30pm)**

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

For further details call 01243 812497 or see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Services are held daily and all are welcome – see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk for details.

A photograph of the interior of Lancing College Chapel, showing the high vaulted ceiling, large piers, and the altar area with a large rose window.

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