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## TAKING PART

This edition of Faith in Sussex reports on the many ways in which schools and congregations across the diocese have been using the Year of Prayer, and it reflects the wide range of strong traditions in our household of faith.

What begins to emerge from the experience of this Year is the extent to which people widely understand that praying is one of the things that Christians most obviously do.

More importantly, we have perhaps been reminded that in times of heightened emotion, in sorrow and joy, many who are not yet committed Christians also want to pray, because their lingering awareness of the reality of God has not been finally extinguished.

In one year we can just about begin to get the feel of how we might grow in prayer. But it looks like a really good start, with the will and imagination to sustain long and deep growth.

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# NEWS

## ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

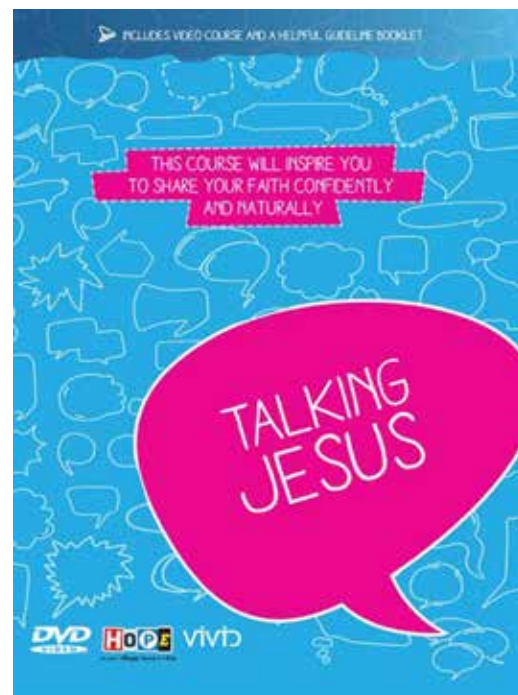
### TALKING JESUS

Bishop Richard commends a free course which has been offered to all parishes. He said: "Talking Jesus is a simple way of equipping us to have conversations about Jesus with friends and family. I think any Christian could benefit from its encouragement."

The free course, produced by HOPE, combines video input, teaching and discussion. It is easy to do as a small group. All the resources are available in the pack which was sent out to every benefice.

Rev Rob Dillingham, deputy director of apostolic life in the diocese, said "It will empower people to be able to talk naturally about their faith and this is why I sent every parish a copy."

If you did not receive a copy, contact him on 01273 421021.



### MAIDEN SPEECH



THE Bishop of Chichester highlighted the importance of arts and education in his first speech to the Lords on July 19. You can read the full speech on the diocesan website news pages.

### RAF 100

A special service took place at Lancing College Chapel in July to mark the 100th anniversary of the RAF. The local RAF Air Cadet Squadrons of Brighton, Hove, Shoreham and Lancing came together for the service of commemoration and thanksgiving at which the Bishop of Chichester presided.

### SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE 2019

Bishop Richard will be leading a small group along the Santiago Way in April 2019. If you would like to find out more about the pilgrimage call Fr Andy Birks on 01273 905159/07795 117270.

### BISHOPS BACK SAFE CAR WASH SCHEME

At the July Synod in York, Anglican bishops, including Bishop Martin, (pictured second from left) stood with a banner promoting a new safe car wash scheme app.

Anti-slavery campaigners and other key agencies, including the police and councils, are backing the Safe Car Wash App, launched by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery.

Clergy will be asked to raise awareness of the campaign in sermons and Sunday school lessons and hold events to publicise the app. It can be downloaded free onto Apple and android devices. Users can open the app when they are at the car wash and pinpoint their exact location using GPS. For further information about the initiative go to <https://www.theclewerinitiative.org/>



### WEST SUSSEX ORGANISTS' NEW SCHEME

A new scheme has recently been set up to offer introductory organ lessons for anyone who has reached about Grade 5 level on the piano. West Sussex Organists Association is sponsoring the scheme at Chichester Cathedral for young people as well as adults.

These lessons are free if the learner is prepared to work towards contributing to the music of their own church by playing the organ. If you are interested but not attached to any particular church, the WSOA can probably find you a church who would like to use your growing skill. They can also help you find somewhere to practise.

Find out more by emailing Sarah Plumley at [art@plumleyheritage.co.uk](mailto:art@plumleyheritage.co.uk).



# NEWS CONTINUED

## POLICE CHIEF'S RECOGNITION FOR SAFEGUARDING

Colin Perkins, diocesan safeguarding adviser, was presented with a recognition award by Chief Constable Giles York at a ceremony at the Sussex County Cricket Ground in Hove.



COLIN PERKINS  
PICTURED FIRST LEFT

## NEW PROPERTY BOOKLET

A new revised edition of the Clergy Property Handbook can now be downloaded from our website [www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/guidance/property-handbook-2018/](http://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/guidance/property-handbook-2018/)

## DOUGLAS RETIRES

The new date for Fr Douglas's thanksgiving Eucharist will now take place at the cathedral on Saturday, October 13, at 11am.

## NEW APPOINTMENT AT CHURCH HOUSE HOVE

Chris Wallace-Tarry has been appointed to the new role of database and statistics administrator. Chris will be responsible for maintaining and developing the CMS database as well as mission statistics.

## HIGH MASS ON THE i360

A group of Brighton churches will be taking to the skies for a very high Mass indeed at the top of the i360 viewing tower on Brighton seafront in September.

The event has been arranged with permission of the i360 group, which supports the work of many community charities.

The event, for members of the Brighton Wagner churches group, will be offering prayers for all the people of Brighton and Hove, and raising funds for community projects. You can read more about this event on the diocesan website later.



MASS ON THE i360



ANNA, PICTURED AT HER  
LICENSING IN 2017 WITH  
BISHOP RICHARD

## NEW PRISON CHAPLAIN APPOINTED

Anna Glenton, a licensed reader at St Mary Glynde, has been appointed to the role of Anglican chaplain at HMP Lewes.

Anna, who was licensed as a reader in 2017, said: "I am really delighted to have been appointed to this role, and particularly so early on in my career as a reader. I was given the opportunity during the reader training to do a pastoral placement at the prison and as soon as I started the placement I realised that this was something I really wanted to carry on with."

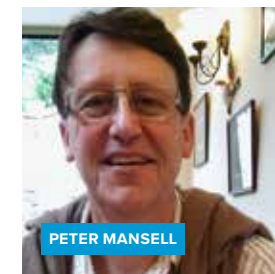
## NEW DUKE AND DUCHESS OF SUSSEX

The Bishop of Chichester Dr Martin Warner welcomed the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex, saying: "The diocese of Chichester is delighted that Her Majesty the Queen has given the title of Duke and Duchess of Sussex to Prince Harry and Meghan, his new wife. Their unself-conscious and caring attention for those who are so often overlooked, veterans, young people from every walk of life, and those who live with mental illness, will be a great example and encouragement to us.

"We assure them of our very best wishes for the future and that they will have a special place in our hearts, here in Sussex."

## NEW DIOCESAN WARDEN OF LAY MINISTRY

Bishop Richard announced the appointment of Peter Mansell as new warden of lay ministry. He said: "Peter, who worships at St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill, will bring considerable theological resources and workplace experience to the exciting new role within the apostolic life team.



PETER MANSELL

"His appointment comes at a crucial time as we develop more authorised lay ministries within the framework of the vocation of the whole people of God."

## GRANTS SCHEME

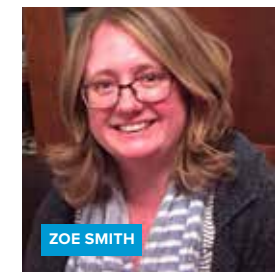
Foresters Financial has a Community Involvement Grant scheme. Foresters members can apply for financial support of good causes in the community.

Zoe Smith from St Peter's Church West Blatchington has been a member for more than two years. She applied to the scheme for grants for the Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank, of which she is a trustee and former co-ordinator.

She said: "Foresters have been incredibly generous and we've had grants totalling £15,000 and most recently £2,000 for care packages for Family Support Work."

Zoe was one of three volunteer leaders from the UK to be selected for a Foresters leadership and development scholarship and attended a conference in June held in Houston, Texas.

To find out more call her on 01273 421021 or go to [www.foresters.com](http://www.foresters.com).



ZOE SMITH



# PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

## New Priests ordained across Sussex

Parishes turned out in great numbers to support the twelve women and men who were ordained priest in the Diocese of Chichester at the weekend (Saturday 19 May). As priests, the newly ordained will now be able to celebrate the Eucharist and offer God's blessing.

Please pray for their continued ministry.



Richard Tuset: Sidley All Saints and Nick Archer: Eastbourne St Mary were ordained by the Bishop of Chichester, Martin Warner at St Saviour's, Eastbourne.

Stephen Mills: Steyning and Ashurst; Martha Weatherill: Chichester St Paul; Harriet Neal-Stevens: Henfield St Peter and Colin Cox: Findon, Clapham and Patching were all ordained by the Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby, at St Mary's Storrington.



Jess Reid: Brighton St Nicholas; Jane Bartlett: Shoreham St Mary De Haura; Tim Bell: Hastings Holy Trinity; Isaac Pain: Burgess Hill St Andrew; Jeff Tutton: Ore Christ Church and Sam Carter: Eastbourne All Souls were all ordained by The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson at All Saint's Eastbourne.

## — WELCOMING OUR NEW DEACONS —

Eleven new deacons were ordained by the Bishop of Chichester in his Cathedral Church on Saturday (30 June, 3:00 pm). (pictured)

Family, friends and parish supporters came in great numbers to support the new deacons who will now go on to serve in parishes across East and West Sussex.

In his sermon, Bishop Martin preached of how it is the life and work of the deacon to "declare God's love, reveals God's glory and prepare the human race for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, a kingdom of justice, peace and abundance for all God's people," urging the new deacons to "nurture the evidence of this kingdom, the reality of which is seen in the utterly inclusive society of the Church, its sign and forerunner...a Church of intense compassion and sensitivity, that weeps for the hurts and griefs of others with the wounded heart of Christ himself".



### Deacons:

Ian Edgar (West Tarring and Worthing); Jon Haines (All Saints', Eastbourne); Tim Hiorns (All Saints', Crowborough); Jez Lowries (St Leonard's, Denton, with South Heighton and Tarring Neville); Danny Pegg (Stone Cross with North Langney); Angus Reid (All Saints', Hove); Simon Shorey (The Point Church, Burgess Hill); Ben Sleep (St John's Meads, Eastbourne); Lucy Sullivan (Rottingdean); Rebecca Tuck (St Mary the Virgin, in the Horsham Team Ministry); Martin Walker (St John the Baptist, Crawley).





# LIVING FAITH IN THE CHICHESTER DIOCESE

## *One year on*

By Rev Jayne Prestwood

Officer for Lay Vocation and Ministry in the Diocese of Chichester

**In May of this year 62 lay people from our diocese completed the new Living Faith Course. Living Faith is designed to help participants find and grow in the ministry and discipleship to which God is calling them. It is open to any lay person who wants to serve God in the church and in the world, deepen their faith and grow in their discipleship.**

The Living Faith course consists of 18 evening sessions, and two Saturday study days. Each evening session consists of worship led by participants, then around 45 minutes of input from a course presenter and this is followed by group work in mentor groups. Participants stay in the same group throughout and are guided by a group mentor – either a Reader or an experienced lay person.

Mentor groups are mixed in terms of church tradition so there is diversity and challenge. Although there are no essays or assessed work, participants do about an hour of 'linkwork' between sessions, which feeds into the group discussion. From 2019, 'Living Faith' in the Chichester diocese will form the first part of a one-year training course for those wishing to become Authorized Lay Ministers but it will also continue to be open to anyone who just wants to take the course.

We hope that Living Faith will always lead to something for its participants but that something will vary – for some it will lead to a recognized form of ministry, to others it will lead to more active discipleship or a renewed sense that they are called to serve God in their work, leisure or community pursuits.

The Living Faith course is playing a significant part in helping the diocese respond to the findings of the national 'Setting God's People Free' report. It is instrumental in helping people grow in confidence both in their faith and their capacity to speak about it. The research undertaken by the authors of 'Setting God's People Free' highlighted that 47% of the people surveyed for the report felt that they did not have a story to tell about how God has worked in their lives. That's an alarming statistic. Living Faith helps people make connections between faith and life and in doing so discover their story and grow in confidence in telling it. It helps equip individuals to bridge the void between Sunday faith and Monday to Saturday living.

Living Faith is instrumental in helping people grow in confidence both in their faith and their capacity to speak about it.

The course also helps people discover what their own unique mix of skills, passions, abilities and gifting's is and can give clues and discernment about the way this mix can be used by God both in the church but also out in the community. This self-knowledge is empowering and almost always leads to action. Once people have begun to discern what they have to offer and how God might be calling them they can't wait to get out and get stuck in to living out their faith. And their renewed energy and enthusiasm is contagious. It has the knock

on effect of making others want to know more themselves and be similarly inspired and equipped.

The Living Faith course also celebrates and promotes diversity. It puts people from different backgrounds, abilities and with radically different faith perspectives into the same safe space and get them talking together. And by learning from the different perspectives of others, folk discover that there are different ways of being Christian and different ways of being Church.

As St Catherine of Sienna reminds us 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire'. Courses like Living Faith can help people to prepare for what we here in Chichester call 'apostolic living', going out into our communities, workplaces, homes, and all the places we are called to be, and facing the challenges of change,

hostility and renewal. We are looking forward to the course starting again in January 2019. Find out more or download an application form at <http://www.chichester.anglican.org/LivingFaith-discipleship/>

One of those who has done the course said: "Living Faith has been a wonderful opportunity to meet with fellow Christians, share thoughts and make friends. I have felt humbled by the life stories of members of my group and thank them for the chance to learn more about myself and what God has in mind for me."

Another said: "This course has really got me to think about vocation. It's so good to share and learn with others examining their calling too. I really appreciate how we are allowed to develop our own perceptions and directions."





# Bringing our boys home

A poignant memorial to First World War heroes

**A UNIQUE project to commemorate the fallen in the First World War has captured the imagination of church communities. There But Not There is an art installation of silhouette soldiers, Tommies.**

It started in 2016 when the charity Remembered set up 51 of the 6ft tall aluminium figures in the pews of a church in Penshurst, Kent.

The charity aims to place a silhouette for as many as possible of the names on war memorials around the country into their place of worship, their school, their workplace or wherever their absence was keenly felt.

The figures will be back within their communities for Remembrance 2018, the centenary commemoration of the end of the First World War. The project's three aims are to commemorate, educate and heal.

It will commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a roll of honour.

It will educate all generations, particularly the young, born nearly 100 years after the

outbreak of the Great War, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.

It will heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds through sales of the silhouette Tommies.

The project has been commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury and churches were encouraged to get involved. Ninety three silhouettes have gone on display in Arundel's parish church, St Nicholas, to commemorate those soldiers from the area who fell in the First World War.

It's a poignant scene that brings home the great loss endured by the people of Arundel. So many young lives were taken and the moving and symbolic memorial means the boys have in some sense been brought home.

Included in the 93 are 12 members of the St Nicholas choir, returned to the choir pews they occupied a little over a hundred years ago.

They were men such as Alfred Carver who joined the Royal Marine Band. On November

1, 1914, his ship, HMS Monmouth, was involved in the Battle of Coronel off the coast of Chile. During the night the ship took a direct hit and burst into flames. Just before 10pm she capsized and sank taking all 735 crew with her, including Alfred, who was just 18 years old.

Conceptual photographer and installation artist Martin Barraud is the man behind the installation.

In 2016 he created the first installation of perspex men representing the Fallen and called it There But Not There. He also designed the logo showing the soldier with the lowered head, itself inspired by a contemporary photograph from the First World War.

Donations and funds raised through the sales of the Tommy figures will contribute to the work of the following charities: The Royal Foundation, Walking With The Wounded, Combat Stress, Help For Heroes, Project Equinox: Housing Veterans and Medical Students and the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation.

St Nicholas is open to visitors every day from 9am to 5pm.



## A village unites to remember

**THE war memorial in Scaynes Hill, a Calvary made from Sussex Oak, was unveiled in June 1920 to remember the 16 young men from the village who never returned from the Great War.**

It has undergone significant restoration over the last year, for which the church received a generous grant from the War Memorials Trust.

Rev Lisa Barnett, vicar at St Augustine's, said: "Though it is sited in the grounds of the church, it is a village memorial and so we were keen to invite the wider village to share in the rededication. The event became 'Scaynes Hill: then and now' and we invited lots of different village organisations to tell us some of the stories of their groups, from 100 years ago and today.

"More than 100 villagers gathered to hear stories from 12 village organisations, such as the village club, the WI, the sustainability group, the Scouts, the cricket club and the primary school,

interspersed by the community choir leading us in the singing of Sussex By The Sea.

"Perhaps the most poignant story was of how the village pub had hosted a special meal for the men of the village, the night before they left to 'join the colours'. The following morning, the Mid Sussex Times reported 'the children of the school assembled at the top of the village and sang Rule Britannia and God Save the King as with cheers, the party drove off to Haywards Heath to entrain to Colchester'.

"A representative from the Royal British Legion led the villagers to the war memorial for the rededication where we heard again the words spoken at the original dedication: 'Brethren, we are gathered in God's name to dedicate this Calvary, in memory of the men of this place who fell in battle, to render thanks to Almighty God for the services which they rendered and for their willingness to offer their lives for their country and King'.



"Crosses were laid in memory of the 16 from the village who lost their lives in WW1, as well as further crosses for other lives that have been lost in conflicts past and present. It was a special time of thanksgiving, for the life of our village over 100 years, and for those who gave their lives 100 years ago, for the peace that we enjoy today."



# Deepening the life of PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

SOME of you may know the hymn by Isaac Watts that begins “Give me the wings of faith to rise, Within the veil, and see, The saints above, how great their joys, How bright their glories be”.

The idea that faith can somehow raise us from and, even, beyond a view of life that is earthbound is often stated in the Old Testament. And watching the gull in my garden, struggling with wings as an unfamiliar element in its life so far, it seemed to me that the wings of faith can feel the same for us as Christians.

In this year of prayer, for every Christian, I think, the experience of learning how to use our wings with grace and joy, learning the skills and the practice of prayer, remains a bit of a challenge. We flap around, but often remain decidedly earthbound and are tempted to put the wings away again.

But just as the fledgling gull in my garden will eventually take off, a bit uncertainly to start with, so persistence with the exploration of prayer will also begin to lift us into a new awareness of the proximity of God.

Ultimately, we are carried to Heaven, “within the veil”, on the wings of the Holy Spirit. God brings us to Godself in love, and we espy the great joys and glories of the saints which will, one day, be ours.

+Martin



**YEAR OF PRAYER 2018**  
DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

On these pages we take a look at some of the Year of Prayer activity that our schools and parishes have been engaged with this year. They have welcomed in hundreds of people through their doors, some perhaps for the first time. They have demonstrated prayer in creative ways, taken part in thoughtful study, pilgrimages, guided prayer, prayer gardens and art competitions.

## SCHOOLS COMPETITION

More than 50 of our Church of England schools took part in the schools' art competition, part of the diocesan Year of Prayer 2018, with some schools creating their own prayer space and prayer garden.

The Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby, was delighted to present the prizes and certificates at St Mary de Haura in Shoreham.

He said: “The art competition has produced an extraordinarily rich collection of material which encompasses new compositions as well as familiar material and ancient prayers of the Church.”



A book containing a selection of material will be published soon. It is hoped the book will be enjoyed not only for the record it creates of the Year of Prayer, but also as an insight into the

prayer and spirituality which has inspired each picture and each artist or composer.

As part of the competition, schools were invited to create an outdoor spiritual garden or an indoor reflective space to be enjoyed by any member of the school community.

One of the winners, Newick CE Primary School, involved the children working collaboratively to produce a hand-woven fence that they could then use in their spiritual garden.

Davison School for Girls in Worthing introduced hand-decorated textiles and hand-made prayer tiles into their outdoor space.

The winning schools were provided with garden centre vouchers to ensure they can maintain their spaces into the future.

## SOCIAL MEDIA PUTS PRAYER FESTIVAL ON THE MAP

Hundreds of children and adults visited a prayer festival at St Leonard's Church, Crawley, after one of the visitors added the visit to their social media.

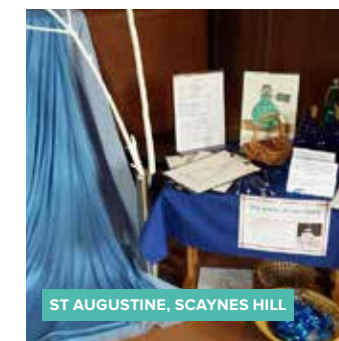
Rev Canon David Tickner said the festival, in partnership with Turners Hill School, saw more friends arriving within minutes of the social media posting.

He said: “Over the three days we had 147 children and 107 adults visiting. The festival was intended to appeal to everyone and we had lots of different activities including a parachute prayer tent which the children loved.

“Children created a Prayer Chain which eventually stretched the length of the Church, and we had candles and many other creative ways that we used to allow people to express prayer in their own way. At one time we had 20-plus children holding hands and saying the Lord's Prayer together.”

You can read more about this event on the diocesan website news page.

## EXPLORING MODELS OF PRAYER



ST AUGUSTINE, SCAYNES HILL

For the Year of Prayer, St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill, held a week of prayer within the Thy Kingdom Come initiative. The Rev Lisa Barnett, vicar at the church, said: “We used the theme of ‘streams of living water’. The church was open all week and we had lots of visitors, including all the classes from the village school coming in and enjoying the prayer spaces.

“At the beginning of the year, we had a sermon series on prayers from the Bible, which allowed us to explore different Biblical models of prayer.”

## WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

All Saints Wick, Littlehampton, held a week of guided prayer to help people develop their prayer life. The vicar, Rev Tom Robson, said: “We wanted to focus on prayer in a number of different ways throughout the year. Our week of guided prayer gave people an opportunity to make extra time to pray every day and to deepen their prayer life. There have been wonderful stories of people discovering a closer walk with the Lord through everyday life.”

## TIME OUT TO SEEK GOD

Last month as part of Thy Kingdom Come and the Diocesan Year of Prayer, Trinity Lewes hosted a time of continuous prayer. They were praying in their new prayer room at the Trinity Centre, 24 hours a day for four days.

Curate Rev Jules Middleton said: “As a community we followed Jesus's example of spending significant time in prayer. Jesus never did anything that was not totally in the will of His Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

“It was wonderful to take the time out to seek God for those we love, for the town we love, and the world we love.”







BEACON PRAYER EVENT

## BISHOP RICHARD'S PRAYER PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Richard's prayer pilgrimage took place from May 14 to 18 when he made his way across the diocese from Iden in the east of the county to Chichester Cathedral, visiting 49 parishes along the way.

Every parish he visited made great efforts to welcome him.

Bishop Richard said "The prayer pilgrimage was an amazing experience. I visited 49 churches from Iden to St Pancras, Chichester, lighting a candle

in each and praying for their mission and ministry.

"All these candles were re-lit in the cathedral celebration in a final gesture of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost."

## BEACON PRAYER EVENT

Hundreds of people from churches across the diocese packed Chichester Cathedral on Sunday, May 20, for the Pentecost Thy Kingdom Come Beacon event festival to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Worship was led by the Bishop of Lewes Richard Jackson and the Archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor. Readings were spoken in different languages and music was provided by Stuart Barbour and the team at the Point church in Burgess Hill.

Rev Martin Poole, from St Luke's Brighton created a Holy Spirit display which set the scene for the procession of the 50 candles gathered from Bishop Richard's prayer pilgrimage across the diocese.

Rachel Morris from Chichester designed a vivid prayer space, depicting the journey from Creation to Pentecost, which welcomed hundreds of cathedral visitors in the days leading up to the event.

and encourage each other as Christians.

Pilgrim Jenny Dennett, from St Mary Magdalene and St Denys, Midhurst, took part in the Horsham Archdeaconry pilgrimage on July 14.

## PILGRIMAGE – AN ANCIENT TRADITION

A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place which allows us to make time for God and step away from our busy everyday lives.

As part of the Year of Prayer, parishes in the diocese were invited to undertake a special pilgrimage to Chichester Cathedral. These archdeaconry pilgrimages have been sociable occasions as pilgrims come together in fellowship, to support

She said: "The suggestions for conversation on the walk were so helpful and made it easy to engage with people I had never met before. The way in which the worship in the cathedral was structured added real depth as we moved with purpose from place to place."

Churchwarden Mark Jones from St Augustine's Scaynes Hill joined up with pilgrims after cycling some 50 miles to Hunston via Brighton, Shoreham Harbour and Littlehampton. He said: "It was a fantastic ride, a spiritual time in

the cathedral and a lovely picnic with friends from our church."

The next pilgrimage will be in September 15 in the archdeaconry of Hastings led by Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Edward. All are welcome.

## YEAR OF PRAYER SEMINARS

Christ Church, St Leonard, has been hosting a series of seminars throughout 2018 with interesting speakers leading the session. There are three more dates left in this programme and all are welcome:

Saturday, September 15, Building a prayerful community, Fr Paul Thomas, St James, Paddington

Saturday, October 20, Praying the Scriptures, Fr Peter Anthony, Kentish Town

Saturday, November 17, Prayer and social action, Fr James Lawson, St Stephen's House.

Each day will begin with Mass at 10.30am in Christ Church, St Leonards, followed by coffee and part 1 (lecture); 12.30pm lunch; 1.15pm/1.30pm part 2 (facilitated discussion/reflection/feedback); 3pm evening prayer; tea/home.



PILGRIMAGE, HORSHAM

BISHOP RICHARDS PILGRIMAGE  
ST MARY'S, ALDINGBOURNE

PILGRIMAGE, BRIGHTON &amp; LEWES



# RECENT INCREASE IN CRIME

Over the past three months, there has been a sharp increase in crime affecting churches across Sussex. Over twenty incidents involving churches being broken into have been reported. In most cases, the burglars have not been successful in stealing much of value but have caused significant damage to the building by breaking windows and damaging doors and safes. This is distressing for the congregations concerned, is costly and time-consuming to put right, and may result in rising insurance costs for all parishes.

There seem to be two main clusters of churches that have suffered break-ins; the first is located in the east of the diocese in the Rotherfield and Dallington deaneries while the second cluster is centred on the Arundel and Bognor deanery.

Sussex Police have advised that several sheds in church grounds have been broken into recently and grass cutting equipment has been stolen.

## WHAT CAN PARISHES DO?

Congregations are encouraged to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and to enlist the help of local communities in keeping a watchful eye on the church building. In order to report any suspicious activity or concerns, please call Sussex Police as soon as possible on either 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency). It may also be helpful to discuss any concerns with your local

Community Police Officer (contact details for Sussex Police: <https://sussex.police.uk/contact-us/>)

As always, please make sure that valuable items such as silver plate are locked away as appropriate, in order to minimise the chances of an opportunistic theft during open hours and to reduce the likelihood of valuables being stolen if there was a break-in when the church is closed.

Parishes that already keep their church building open during the day are encouraged to keep doing so; the recent break-ins have involved windows being broken by thieves seeking to gain access so churches that are open during the day (and have already carried out a risk-assessment and ensured that valuables are appropriately stored) are less likely to be affected.

## Improving the security of your church building

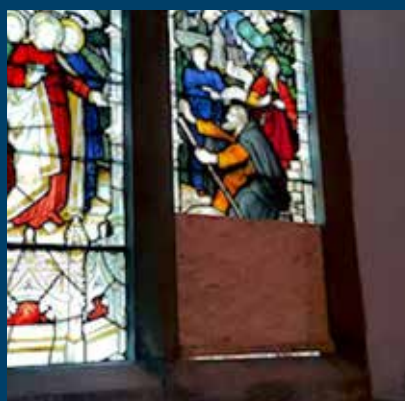
Parishes are also encouraged to think about whether there are any security improvements that could be made to their church building, such as additional locks, security bars across vestry windows, or CCTV. If you feel there is a need for increased security, please get in touch with the DAC team or your Archdeacon, who will be able to advise on the level of permission needed and how quickly it could be obtained and the improvements implemented.

## DAC Roadshows

This year's DAC Roadshows will focus on the benefits of keeping

church buildings open, assessing and mitigating associated risks, and reducing the chances of your church being affected by crime. Churchwardens, clergy and all involved in looking after church buildings are warmly encouraged to attend. Please email [dac@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:dac@chichester.anglican.org) or call 01273 425 690 to book places. There is one event per archdeaconry but please book for whichever evening is most convenient for you. On each evening, there will be refreshments from 7pm and the programme will begin at 7.30pm.

- Tuesday 11 September Eastbourne, St Saviour
- Thursday 20 September Hove, Bishop Hannington
- Tuesday 9 October Arundel, St Nicholas
- Tuesday 16 October Holbrook, St Mark (near Horsham)



In 2016 historic St Mary's Church, Rye, had one of its most valuable stained glass windows smashed and removed. The 12th Century parish church is in the centre of Rye and the church's oldest window was the work of C.E Kempe.

# LASTING LINKS

**A Mission Fund award to St Andrew's, Burgess Hill, has enabled the church to build lasting links with schools in the area. The vicar, Rev Andy Angel, explains how, with the help of the diocesan grant, youth worker Jonny Lewis was able to develop his role into that of a schools missionary.**

JONNY Lewis heads a network of church based youth leaders in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath called the Hub. About two years ago the Hub team was invited into Burgess Hill Academy where it set up a weekly lunchtime club for Year 7s. Over the first three weeks the club went from 30 members to 60, then 90 and it now regularly has more than 120 children.

A further club for Years 8 and 9 was also started and regularly attracts more than 100 students weekly. The Hub has set up various other programmes such as a discipleship club in St Paul's Catholic College where it holds Alpha courses and a Mission Academy.

Across both schools the team members have taken assemblies, developed a peer mentoring scheme and, following two student deaths, have created prayer spaces and just "been there" for the youngsters to help them deal with grief.

The Hub meets regularly for training to pray and think through the work in the schools and churches, together with input from experienced practitioners. Listening to God in Bible study, prophecy and prayer are central

to these training events.

After just one year, we have much to be grateful for and pray God will continue to bless this work and use it to bring life to young people and bring many of them to himself.

Dan Jenkins, diocesan youth officer, is excited to see what can happen when churches focus on the Jesus that unites rather than the things that divide us. He said: "The Hub is a fantastic initiative and is a great example of ecumenical partnership with multiple churches working together for the good of the young people in their communities. The Hub meets regularly for training, equipping their team knowledge and skills which are allowing them to have a fantastic impact on the local schools."

## MISSION FUND



A message from Archdeacon Fiona, chairwoman of the Mission Fund Committee. We are sorry to announce the Mission Fund will not be meeting this October due to changes in the way we are funded.

Historically the money given by the Mission Fund has come partly from the Church Commissioners

and partly from the All Churches Trust Limited for us to distribute for local mission. In the last year the Church Commissioners have changed the way they give money to diocese for mission. The focus has shifted to "strategic development funding" that is generally given to much larger projects and comes with many more stipulations about the way the money is spent.

Sadly this has meant the diocesan Mission Fund has lost a large portion of funding which in the past has been given as grants to parishes for youth and children's work projects, parish nursing, mentoring programmes, schools

pastors, prison chaplains and much more.

The Diocesan Board of Finance has made money available for 2018 from the pastoral fund to supplement the grant from the All Churches Trust and has committed to do the same for 2019 while a longer term solution is sought. This allowed us to meet in March, when the full sum available was committed. The Mission Fund will continue to function and we are still welcoming applications. The next meeting will be in March 2019. The deadline for the next round of applications for grants will be January.



# HELP US HELP FAMILIES IN NEED

**A STRONG family for every child in Sussex. This bold sentence opens our five-year vision document Building Stronger Families and sums up just what FSW, your family support charity is about.**

Our aim is to have at least one support practitioner in each deanery by 2022 and in several deaneries it may be more than one, backed by playworkers and volunteers.

Why does FSW need to do this? Demand for the support of our current group of practitioners from families is growing. Every one of them has both a full caseload and a full waiting list. We have schools calling from across Sussex asking for our help in supporting families that are struggling and other family support agencies ask when we will be in the area they are working in.

Our families are finding the pressure of life ever harder. Sussex is an area that has such a mix of affluence and poverty it can be hard to recognise such deep need but it is all around us and not just in the urban areas. Challenges such as mental health, unemployment, relationship breakdown and bereavement can hit anyone and often when they are least prepared. For many of

the families, low income and poverty are contributing factors too.

A FSW support practitioner will spend time with a family getting to know them and helping them to recognise the needs they have. Once the trust is established, a plan is drawn up between family and practitioner so solutions begin to form. All this is done in partnership so the family feel they have ownership of the solution. The work with a family may be over in months or it can take years but the final result is always a family that can cope and is stronger.

We give practical support too. FSW runs its own food bank, filled by churches and schools collecting for us. Supplementing the families' food cupboards is important and especially during the holidays when there are no school lunches. We run a fuel support scheme and will help with electric and gas bills by topping up keys for key meters. Toy services at Christmas give us a supply of presents for Christmas, birthdays and other times too to prevent the social pressure encouraging parents into debt.

The trustees are committed to this vision. The fundraising team is working hard to find the

money to support the vision. In the meantime, our support practitioners are getting on with the task of supporting, nurturing and listening to the families in their own homes, encouraging them to make changes to give their children the best start they can.

Do you want to be a part of this vision? We always need help, volunteers for play days and support work, food for the food bank, toys and goodies for Christmas, money to help us keep going and of course your prayers to sustain us.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation please contact Family Support Work:

Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue Brighton, BN1 6AA

Call us on 01273 832963 Or Email us at [admin@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:admin@familysupportwork.org.uk)

Please follow FSW on Facebook and Twitter @FSWSussex



## A VERY BRITISH CUSTOM



By Kathryn Anderson, President of Chichester Mothers' Union.

### Sweet news as Mothers' Union lays on the tea and cakes

PEOPLE who have successfully applied for British citizenship can mark the occasion with a ceremony. And in Sussex, the celebrations are all the sweeter thanks to the Mothers' Union, which provides tea and cakes at the end.

It came about after the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex Peter Field approached the MU and said could it help as cash cuts meant citizenship ceremonies no longer had refreshments.

The MU was glad to step in and since 2016 has provided tea, coffee and cakes for new citizens and their supporters once a month in rotation at Hastings, Lewes, Eastbourne and Crowborough.

Last year we were asked to do the same at Brighton Town Hall -- these ceremonies have many more citizens and supporters, once it was 77, and it is a big commitment.

Trustee Maria Greco, who lives in Denton and is in Lewes district, organises the Brighton ceremonies every month with help from members in Brighton district.

For all ceremonies across our area, the team of MU members arrives an hour before to set up, put on the urn and lay out the cakes, then clear up afterwards.

It is a chance to talk to the citizens who represent so many different countries. Mr Field has asked how we could share more about MU with the new citizens and their families rather than just being seen as tea ladies and we now distribute leaflets about our work.

Debra Reynolds, registration manager at Brighton Town Hall, said: "Please extend my gratitude and appreciation to all who are involved in providing refreshments to our new British citizens -- you are all fabulous bakers and have really enhanced the citizen ceremony experience."

One of our members said: "I have attended four citizenship ceremonies and still find them very moving, the participants take it very seriously and are very proud of becoming a British citizen. They have worked hard to get to this point. We enjoy talking to them and finding out where they have come from and the cup of tea and cake is always very welcome, and as some of them say, this is a very British custom."

Another said: "Brighton Town Hall is an impressive building with lovely function rooms and a huge council chamber where the citizenship ceremonies take place. These ceremonies are solemn but fun, touching, multicultural and family orientated, so Mothers' Union fits right in."



An MU member who attends Lewes ceremonies said: "They take place in Southover Grange, which is a suitably atmospheric place. We are allowed to sit at the back and find the ceremonies very moving as do a number of the incoming citizens who are moved to tears when reading their oath. Many of them are already holding prestigious jobs in the local area and say how lucky we are to live in England -- not just for the lovely countryside but the friendliness and helpfulness of the people."



## A Christian voice in education

**ANN Holt, director of education for the Diocese of Chichester since 2014, retires this month. In her final article for Faith In Sussex, she talks about the place for a Christian voice in education.**

RECENTLY I was asked to give a seminar answering the question “is there still a place for a Christian voice in education?”. To some extent the answer is patently “yes” because it exists.

We have Christians in education and we have places where they work and learn. Perhaps more pertinent questions might be:

- Is the voice used well?
- Is it heard?
- Does it have a rightful place in today's plural and so-called secular society?

Because of the foresight and investment by those who have gone before us we are able to educate children and young people in 4,700 schools nationally and 157 schools in our own diocese today.

When decline in church attendance is widespread, the missing demographic from many churches is present in our Church schools and shows no sign of diminishing.

The truth is Church schools remain popular with parents and communities as can be seen when you try to close one.

No wonder General Synod affirmed in 2001 that “schools are at the heart of our mission to the nation”.

What is also exciting is there is room to expand the voice and the places where it can be exercised if the present Church catches enough of the newly articulated Christian Vision for Education put together in 2016.

This provides the words and the tune for the voice. It is rooted in John's Gospel chapter 10 where Jesus talks about why He came to “bring life in all its fullness”.

In these days of an intensely functional and mechanistic approach to education with an emphasis on targets, outcomes and data (I heard one adviser refer to children as data units), a fresh articulation of teaching and learning that

- brings hope as well as aspiration
- values wisdom as well as skills and knowledge
- encourages relationships and community and
- respects the dignity of all people made in the image of God has been warmly welcomed across community schools as well as Church schools as being “deeply Christian and serving the common good”.

There is indeed a place for such a voice it would seem. A voice that tells a very different story of the way the world is. It is about learning with meaning and purpose; learning that seeks to know God and shape the world, not merely consume it.

In our Church schools we want everyone to have the opportunity “for a life-enhancing encounter with the One who embodies such a full life, Jesus Christ” (Going for Growth 2010).

*General Synod affirmed in 2001 that “schools are at the heart of our mission to the nation”.*

That means we need people to find their Christian vocation to model such a life and to find their voice.

As we anticipate the Year of Vocation and as I leave behind my current occupation of this particular place, my prayer is that there will be more teachers, leaders, support staff, governors, clergy, parents and children finding their vocation and vocal chords to make our place in education well deserved.

**BATTLE'S  
OVER**

A NATION'S TRIBUTE  
11TH NOVEMBER 2018  
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

## CHURCH BELLS TO RING OUT FOR PEACE

On page 36 in the last issue of Faith in Sussex we published an article, *Battle's Over*, a nations tribute, about Ringing the Bells for peace to remember 100 years of remembrance.

The article explained how Bell ringers were needed to help commemorate the centenary of the end of the first world war.

Organisers of Battle's Over, an international event marking the Armistice, hope to see thousands of churches and cathedrals taking part.

Here in Sussex, churches are recruiting and teaching new ringers so they can join in with bell ringing on 11 November 2018.

Recently two churches in the diocese recently held bell ringing sessions this summer. St Mary de Haura, Shoreham and St Leonard's Church in Aldrington, Hove both opened their doors to new potential bell ringers.

The international event is being organised with the help of Central Council of Church Ringers.

In Sussex we spoke to Alison Everett from Sussex County Association of Change Ringers (SCACR). Today it has around 1300 members from more than 130 church towers right across Sussex.

She said: “Our aims are to promote and support change ringing on bells in Sussex so we are delighted to hear about church open days to learn the art bell ringing.

“We were recently invited to attend the South of England Show in June to demonstrate bell ringing on a set of Dewby Bells. We were there for three days and hundreds of people, young and old took part.

“It was a successful few days for us promoting bell ringing in the Sanctuary area and building friendships with clergy visitors and volunteers. We hope it will help us increase awareness of this unique heritage art and attract new learners to the Ringing Remembers campaign.

“As well as featuring on the local BBC radio Sussex, we were also very excited to have ITV News Meridian featuring St George's Brede. They were covering the campaign to support the “Ringing Remembers” initiative to commemorate the 1400 bell ringers who bravely lost their lives in WW1.”

If you want to find out more about SCACR go to their website: [www.scacr.org](http://www.scacr.org)

To find out more about Battle's Over: [www.brunopeek.co.uk/](http://www.brunopeek.co.uk/)



# EDUCATION NEWS

## NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**TREVOR Cristin, headteacher of St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Hove, has been appointed as the new director of education for the Diocese of Chichester.**

Mr Cristin, who has been a head for 16 years and a teacher all his working life, will now oversee the work of the diocese with its 157 Church schools and academies.

He will head a team of experts in particular fields and is keen to stress the importance of partnership across a range of disciplines in providing the best possible education for children.

He said: "Moving on from my role as a headteacher and my school community at St Andrew's will bring some sadness at leaving so many valued friends. However, as Christians, we will only find true fulfilment when we go where God calls us.

"Coming to serve as the new director of education will be an exciting challenge and I feel it is where I have been called to be

The Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby, who chairs the Diocesan Board of Education, said: "I am delighted that Trevor Cristin is

to be Chichester's new diocesan director of education. He comes to this role with many years of experience as a headteacher and we are fortunate that he is ready to bring all of that to inform his work with the family of schools and academies associated with the diocese.

"Mr Cristin follows Canon Dr Ann Holt, who is retiring from the post this autumn, and who has led our education team with characteristic energy and confidence and, like her, understands the role as a working out of his Christian vocation in the service of our communities."

Mr Cristin will begin his duties in September.



## GOVERNANCE TRAINING

All events take place at Church House, Hove unless specified.

**Tuesday, October 30**  
6.30pm - 8.30pm

SIAMS for Church school governors

**Thursday, November 11**  
4.30pm-6.30pm

Governor workshop on the Church of England vision for education

**Tuesday, November 6**  
10am-noon

New to clerking a Church school

**Tuesday, November 13**  
6pm-8pm

New to Church school governance

**Monday November 26**  
4.30pm - 6.30pm

New to Church school governance

**Chichester**

**Tuesday, November 27**  
4.30pm-6.30pm

Safeguarding for Church school governors

**Tuesday, December 4**  
4.30pm-6.30pm

Being an effective Church school governor



**BISHOP MARK WITH SOME OF THE PRIZE-WINNERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS FROM BIRDHAM SCHOOL. YOU CAN VIEW MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**

## YEAR OF PRAYER ART COMPETITION WINNERS

**THE Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby, was delighted to present the prizes and certificates at the schools' art competition, part of the diocesan Year of Prayer 2018, which was held at St Mary de Haura in Shoreham in July.**

He said: "The Diocese of Chichester's family of schools and academies was invited to participate in an art competition that has produced an extraordinarily rich collection of material which encompasses new compositions as well as familiar material and ancient prayers of the Church.

"Prayers have been illustrated sometimes in simple ways and sometimes according to a particular artistic tradition. The competition judges saw, for example, some excellent artwork drawing upon the rich medieval tradition of illuminated manuscript."

"A book containing a selection of material, only a sample of the works received, will soon be

published. It is hoped the book will be enjoyed not only for the record it creates of the Year of Prayer, but also as an insight into the prayer and spirituality which has inspired each picture and each artist or composer."

More than 50 of our Church of England schools took part in the

competition, with some creating their own prayer space and prayer garden. Teachers, heads, pupils and their parents packed the church in Shoreham for the prize giving.

You can see more photos from the event on the diocesan Facebook Page.

## LEAVER SERVICES

**CHICHESTER Cathedral hosted the first of the 13 annual diocesan Year 6 Leavers celebrations held across the diocese.**

Lesley Hurst, assistant director of education, business development and management, said: "Our annual school leaver events across the diocese bring together our family of Church schools to celebrate all that is good in our primary schools and to celebrate the children's move to secondary education with confidence and joyful anticipation."

Vanessa Vollebregt, the lead on Christian distinctiveness for the education team, said: "Clergy from different parishes lead the worship at each venue and they always go the extra mile in making sure that the services they lead are engaging and interactive."

The generous retiring donations this year will be split between two charities - Family Support Work and Chestnut Tree House Hospice.



Prepare to...

# RIDE+STRIDE

*a fun day out for all the family*

**THE annual ride and stride will take place across Sussex on September 8 and hundreds of churches will be open to welcome those taking part.**

Some churches will simply display a sign-in sheet but many will open to provide free refreshments for the hundreds of riders and striders on their journey around as many churches as they wish.

Graham Pound, the county organiser, said: "It is a great fun day out for all the family. Half of the money raised will go to your church and the other half to the Sussex Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) which awards grants for the repair and maintenance of Sussex churches."

In March, an award ceremony was held at St Peter's, Upper Beeding, to congratulate and recognise the efforts of those who took part last year.

All under-16s were presented with a certificate by the Lord

Lieutenant of West Sussex Susan Pyper. She also presented certificates and trophies to winners of the individual, team and under-16s' challenges.

St Peter's received a grant from SHCT which enabled it to start work on its new chancel roof.

Rev Emma Graeme said: "Five years ago we started a programme of repairs to make this beautiful 13th century building watertight. It 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."

The new roof has since been blessed by the Bishop of Horsham.

If your church is open for Ride and Stride or you know a team taking part, please let others know and post on Facebook or Twitter and add @ChichesterDio.

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Find out more from Graham Pound on 01243 788265 or email [gpound@bigcrouchers.co.uk](mailto:gpound@bigcrouchers.co.uk). Find out how to register at <http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/sussex/>.

RIDE+STRIDE  
for Churches



## BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

By Dan Jenkins, diocesan youth officer

**THIS year was our biggest May Camp to date with young people attending from churches across the diocese for the best weekend of their year.**

If you haven't already heard about it, May Camp is our diocesan flagship youth event, structured to be intentional about discipleship for young people and centred around the local church. We draw on experience of youth workers and volunteers from across the diocese to make it bigger and better.

This year we had more than 50 volunteers helping to lead games and activities, workshops such as archery and graffiti, festival makeup and sports. We had volunteers delivering seminars, speaking on the main stage, leading worship and running our café.

One of our core values is about using local people while at the same time promoting excellence in everything we do. Every year

we bring young leaders on board to train them in all roles on site, everything from technology to leading games and running the café kitchen.

During the weekend 51 young people became Christians for the first time. It's such a privilege to be a part of this journey, but we always encourage young people to take this step with their youth leader because we know this is just the first step on a life-long journey with God. Without youth leaders who are committed to these young people throughout the rest of the year, any work done at May Camp would be wasted.

We see this event as being an investment not only in young people in our diocese but also in the Church for the future. You only need to look around the event to see countless clergy, youth leaders and team members who have grown up attending May Camp as young people and point to this event

as being instrumental in their journey of faith. This was the 35th year in a row May Camp has been run by this diocese and it is a huge privilege to be a part of something that has seen thousands of young people know Jesus better.





# BUILDING HOPE: FAITHFUL IN ACTION

## Luke 2: 36 “Be merciful as your Father is merciful”

OUR harvest appeal theme this year is “Building hope: faithful in action”, a positive affirmation that, as Christians, we are called and empowered to play a part in God’s transformative, healing and reconciliatory activity in the world.

God’s love is “particular” and yet “global”, it enfolds each one of us, cherishing and working with our unique personalities and story while sustaining and gently guiding Creation as a whole towards its destiny: redemptive re-creation.

As a diocesan family we are blessed in that our companion Links in East and West Africa invite us to “look up” to place our lives and calling within a greater framework.

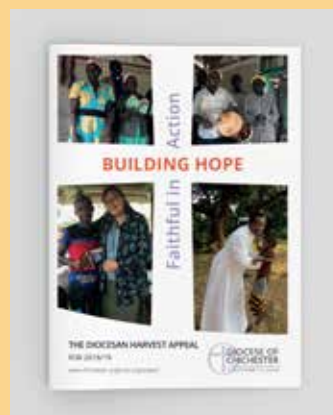
As we do so, we discover and claim for ourselves stories and real examples of brothers and sisters in Kenya, The Gambia, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia living out their faith, being Christ, through merciful service. In their example of faith in action we are blessed by the gift of hope as much as those they serve.

This autumn, as we prepare to celebrate God’s merciful provision at harvest time, let us remember Jesus’s words that “Human beings cannot live by bread alone”. Our spirits need the nourishment that hope brings, our souls are sustained by the concrete tangible examples of faithful deeds of mercy and love.

Our partners in East and West Africa offer us both stories to sustain and build up our hope but also the opportunity to participate in their faithful activity undertaken in Christ’s name. Your parishes and schools

will receive leaflets sharing stories from our partners in Africa. All these activities have been resourced in part by our harvest thanksgiving gifts in previous years.

Let God’s mercy in our lives flow through us to touch the lives of our sisters and brothers in Africa. May we, through God’s grace, “be merciful as our Father is merciful”. Please, pray and give generously.



I commend the Diocesan Harvest Appeal 2018. We greatly value our partnerships with friends in dioceses in West Africa and Kenya. This annual appeal provides us all with an opportunity to express that support and solidarity in tangible ways. On a visit to Cameroon in February I saw first-hand how valuable local churches are in changing their communities in very practical ways. In this appeal you can give across all of the projects or specify where you would like your gift to go. The full details of each are in the leaflet which you will have received by now. Our partner dioceses are making a significant difference in the communities they serve. I hope you will feel able to give generously.

With grateful thanks and every good wish

+Richard Lewes.

## FOOD SECURITY

Matthew 25: 35  
“For I was hungry and you gave me food...”

The issue of Food Security has been a growing concern in Kenya. Climate change has affected the familiar rhythms of the annual rains and subsistence farmers have seen their crops ravaged by drought or destroyed by unseasonal rains. The Diocese of Kericho, in an attempt to keep faith with Jesus’ Kingdom vision, has created a network of Farm Field Schools.

Using Church land, plots for the cultivation of variety of crops are established, and training in farming techniques offered to families resident in the area.



The impact on productivity, conservation of soils and income have been such that all those families participating in the Farm Field School survived the last drought with a healthy surplus in sharp contrast to their neighbours who did not join and

were forced to consume their seed stock in order to survive. A grant of GBP 5,000 from the Diocese of Chichester’s Harvest Appeal is helping establish a new Farm Field School in an area where there is none at present.

## SAVING WOMENS LIVES

Judi is a young woman from the Kalanjin people, a nation of semi-nomadic pastoralists closely related to the Maasai. Like the Maasai, the Kalanjin have for generations practiced female “circumcision” (now referred to as Female Genital Mutilation). Judi has worked for many years in her home region of Baringo with young women teaching them and encouraging them

not to undergo FGM as it is a significant cause of death among girls. She is passionate about her ministry and has reflected deeply on the biblical commandment, “You shall not commit murder” (Exodus 20:13) and uses this as the foundation for what is in essence the onerous task of changing an ancient cultural practice.

Judi has faced ostracization and rejection by some in her own community but, thankfully, has the full support of her bishop, Bishop Musa Kamuren, who has encouraged her to study at Carlile

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College, Nairobi for ordination. The Diocese of Chichester is funding Judi’s studies at Carlile by means of an annual grant of GBP 2,000.



# PARISH NEWS

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BROADBRIDGE HEATH MURAL  
BY NICOLA BRIDGMAN

## MURAL PUTS HALL ON THE MAP

**THE unveiling of a mural in a church hall could put Broadbridge Heath on the map.**

Although the hall was built and opened nearly ten years ago, there has been nothing to suggest it is part of St John's Church and vital to its outreach activity.

Hundreds of people pass through its doors each week to take part in a variety of activities, including village lunches, children's play groups, fitness and dog-training classes.

It was suggested an artwork would add vibrancy to the hall and at the same time show its Christian faith and the reason for there being a community hall in the first place.

The church commissioned Nicola Bridgman, an artist and book illustrator who lives in the village, to create it taking inspiration from Dutch artist Pieter Bruegel.

Bruegel's painting *The Blue Cloak* portrays more than 100 Dutch proverbs. Nicola was tasked with designing a mural depicting as many of Christ's parables in once scene as she was able.

Nicola, who gave her time freely, managed to incorporate about 30. It is possible this has not been attempted in an artwork before and it is hoped it will attract and arouse curiosity among both children and adults and put the hall on the map.

The 6m by 1.5m mural was unveiled on Sunday, June 3, by the vicar Rev Paddy Beresford, who retires in September, and was in honour of his service to the church and in appreciation of his ministry.

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## CELEBRATIONS FOR 70 YEARS' SERVICE

**A DEDICATED St John Ambulance volunteer who served at the Queen's Coronation and Winston Churchill's funeral has been honoured.**

John Wright, 88, has given 70 years' outstanding service to St John. His work was marked with a surprise celebration at St Mary's Barnham where family, friends and St John dignitaries, Cadets and Badgers swelled the congregation to say thanks and join in prayers and readings at Mass.

John joined St John Ambulance in Brentford in 1948 and during his distinguished career he served at the Coronation in 1953 and Churchill's funeral in 1965.

Today he is area president of St John Ambulance Sussex and is a highly respected youth leader of Bognor Regis Cadet Division with a passion for passing on lifesaving skills to the younger generation.

John is the oldest of the community first responders in his area and has performed lifesaving cardio-pulmonary resuscitation many times. Last year he was on call for South East Coast Ambulance service for 345 hours and has no intention of stepping down yet.

The celebrations continued at Barnham Community Hall where guests enjoyed lunch and heard speeches from family members and others who owe their careers in the medical profession to the firm foundation laid by John.

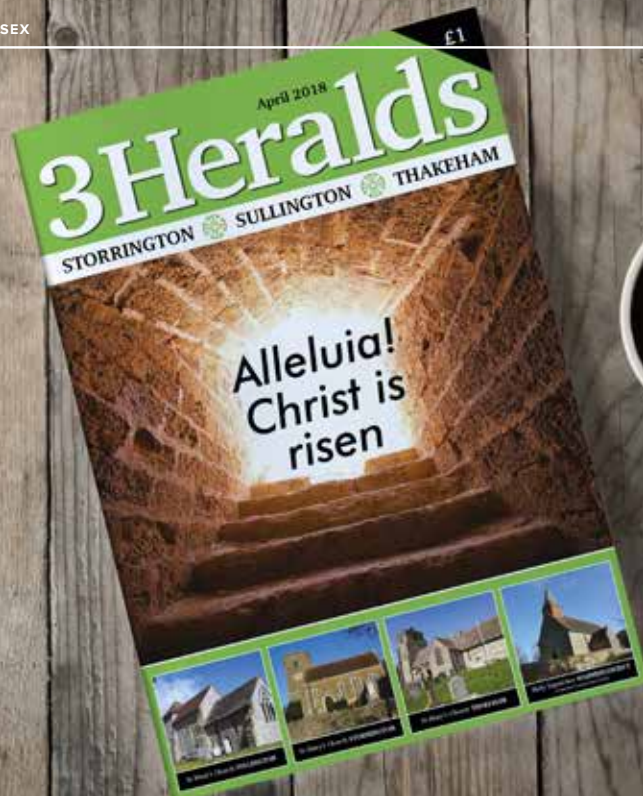
Churchwarden Bradley Smith said: "John has worshipped at St Mary's for many years and is a much-loved member of our community here. Almost every Sunday he can be found serving at the altar and only ever misses when he is on duty at a community event. His dedication to St John Ambulance is thoroughly vocational and a

practical expression of a deep Christian faith. It is impossible to count the number of lives that have been influenced by his example of dedicated service over 70 years."



JOHN WRIGHT





## IMPRESSIVE MAGAZINE IS A WINNER

**A PARISH magazine has scooped a national award.**

Three Heralds is produced monthly and covers Storrington, Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst.



AMANDA HISLOP &  
REV JOHN LEACH

Editor Amanda Hislop picked up a certificate of excellence for “appeal to the wider community” at the national awards ceremony of the Association of Church Editors (ACE) in Coventry.

The award was presented by Rev John Leach, developing discipleship adviser and trainer at the Diocese of Lincoln.

Amanda said: “It was a fantastic day with an opportunity to meet editors of church magazines from all over the country. There were many varied magazines to view and I was so pleased we won this particular category as it reflects the aim of the magazine in reporting church activities as well as an outreach for the community.”

John Farrow, chairman of ACE, said: “The judges were impressed with your magazine and even though competition for the top awards was very keen, they had no hesitation in picking you out as one of the winners.”

Amanda, who is celebrating her fourth year as editor, thanked everyone for their contributions and support in making it such a successful publication.

The magazine can be viewed at <http://www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk>.

## HELPING THE HOMELESS: A GROWING NEED

**FROM early beginnings in 1990 when a group of churches started a soup run along the seafront, Worthing Churches Homeless Project (WCHP) has grown dramatically.**

Today, some 100 staff and more than 300 volunteers provide a wide range of services, including a short-term assessment hostel, “Stepping Stones” move-on accommodation and a residential recovery project for people overcoming addictions.

St Clare’s Community Hub in Worthing offers laundry, clothing, shower and IT facilities to homeless people as well as cooked breakfasts six days a week.

It works with clients to explore housing options, which can involve referrals to suitable accommodation locally. A qualified social worker supports people through often-complex dealings with overstretched statutory services. Help with developing life skills as a basis for independent living is an integral part of all this work.

St Clare’s also co-ordinates access to winter night shelters, operated by several Worthing churches on different nights of the week on a rotating basis.

In 2016/17, 1,024 homeless people benefited from the services at St Clare’s, about half of who were sleeping rough. According to Worthing Council estimates, the number of rough sleepers in Worthing (nearly all of them local people) increased by 46 per cent between 2016 and 2017 - from 24 to 35.

WCHP is concerned about the roll-out of Universal Credit to the area, due to take place this year. It said: “Undoubtedly, there will be evictions and hardship ahead for many households in our community and both WCHP and Worthing Homes are very worried about the scale and impact for individuals and families.”

WCHP has now also established breakfast clubs and outreach workers at Littlehampton and Horsham.

The latest project is being developed in former nurses’ accommodation next to Worthing Hospital, currently provided rent free by Roffey Homes, to offer safe temporary shelter to single homeless people and couples, including some with mental health needs.

WCHP has retained a distinctively Christian character. Meetings at different churches in the area combine information about its work with prayer for its fruitfulness.

It is reliant on volunteers, donations and proceeds from its two charity shops. Food donations can be accepted at its warehouse at Unit 15, Decoy Road, Tamerlane Trading Estate, Worthing, BN14 8ND or - for smaller items only - at St Clare’s Community Hub, 6-8 Marine Place, Worthing, BN11 3DN.

To find out more about volunteering at WCHP, email [info@wchp.org.uk](mailto:info@wchp.org.uk).

Raise awareness in your church about how to help rough sleepers

ANYONE can make referrals to Streetlink (<https://www.streetlink.org.uk>), the national charitable service, about a homeless person. This triggers visits by the outreach team for the local authority concerned, which then offers help and support, including exploring options for accommodation.

In Adur and Worthing, for example, the rough sleepers’ team includes representatives from councils, the NHS Central Surgery for Homeless People, Worthing Churches Homeless Project, Southdown Housing and the Probation Service.

As well as responding to individual reports, they monitor known rough sleeping hotspots.

It is not necessary to know a rough sleeper’s name or other personal information to make a referral. All that is required is a description of the location and any other details which may identify the person.

Streetlink aims to send feedback in response to alerts, where outcomes can be disclosed without compromising personal details.

During the first five years of its operation, Streetlink has passed on more than 92,000 alerts to outreach workers. Thanks to these, several thousand people in need have been offered accommodation or other support. Data collected on rough sleeping has also helped some councils target their services to best effect



## STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

BY REV NEVILLE MANNING

# Now thank we ALL OUR GOD

**IMAGINE** you are living in a large town during prolonged years of war. You have been attacked by marauding armies, plague has set in and people are dying daily like flies, while those surviving have to cope with famine. In such circumstances the last thing you might do would be to sit down and write a hymn of thanksgiving to and trust in God.

Yet this is precisely what Martin Rinkart did well over 300 years ago. Rinkart (1586-1649) was a Lutheran pastor in the German town of Eiselben during the dark days of the Thirty Years War in Europe. His town became a place of refuge for those fleeing from the war, rather like towns and countries in our own day which have become places of refuge for those fleeing from Syria, South Sudan or elsewhere.

Plague swept through the population and some 8,000 inhabitants died. Sometimes Rinkart would conduct mass funerals of 40 to 50 daily. Severe famine made the situation even worse for those who survived, while Swedish troops occupying the town demanded sums of money.

## O MAY THIS BOUNTEOUS GOD THROUGH ALL OUR LIFE BE NEAR US

The hymn Rinkart wrote is Now Thank We All Our God. The first of its three verses is clearly a thanksgiving to God for his many blessings in past and present, the God "Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today".

The following verse asks for and reassures us of the continuing presence and blessings of God in the days to come: "O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us." The final verse is a doxology of praise with a Trinitarian focus: "All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven."

This is one of many hymns that came from Germany in the days after the Reformation. The fact we have this and a number of other German hymns available to us in English is due to the translator Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878). She was born in London, lived much of her life in Manchester, helped found University College, Bristol, and died of heart disease at the age of 48.

The hymn is often sung to the tune Nun Danket, sometimes ascribed to Johann Cruger. However, some years ago The Twentieth Century Music Group provided an alternative tune in a different style which some churches still use.

Psalm 34 bids us to bless the Lord at all times and Rinkart's hymn challenges us to bless God even in the dark moments. It seems to have been inspired by words from the Old Testament Apocrypha in Ecclesiasticus 50 v22-24: "And now bless the God of all, who in every way does great things; who exalts our days from birth."

# THE GREATEST Show...

**IT WAS** another successful year for the Church at the South of England show in Ardingly.

As well as being a restful place for visitors, hundreds of schoolchildren visited and experienced the delights of the Forest School open fire pit and toasting marshmallows, all in the presence of skilled and experienced fire wardens.

"The forest fires have proved to be so popular it is now a regular feature, with plans to include additional fire pits for next year," said Rev Sue Wilkinson, who heads the teams at the Sanctuary. "The school teachers now put the Sanctuary on the top of their list of 'must visit' places in the show."

"The Sanctuary space is held in high regard by the society which is a testament to the level of engagement and type of environment that has been fostered. We are very grateful for the teams of volunteers from across the diocese, who step in to help with lost children and refreshments, and for the clergy who come to be alongside us and be a positive presence at the show, welcoming visitors and meeting some of the show chaplains and members.

"Also a big thank you to Barbara for the wonderful display of plants that add to the welcome and for the support of the Salvation Army who loan us their mobile tea van."

David Rees, who runs the Books Alive stall in the Sanctuary marquee, said: "It has become a safe space, where people can relax and rest, have a chat - it is really a space I think Jesus would have loved when He wanted to get away from the crowds, a place which shows the church in action caring for people in a way that is positive, peaceful yet not 'scary'.

"The ability we have to showcase other groups is also such a powerful witness and shows the 'church' in such a positive light."

Books Alive is at 86 Elm Grove Hove BN3 7JL. Call 01273 738818 or see its advert on page 4





### WHAT was the most important thing I learned while doing my PhD on the Bible in photography?

This question was put to me by a vicar in Wiltshire who interviewed me for her sabbatical podcast series 100cupsofteagoeslarge.com.

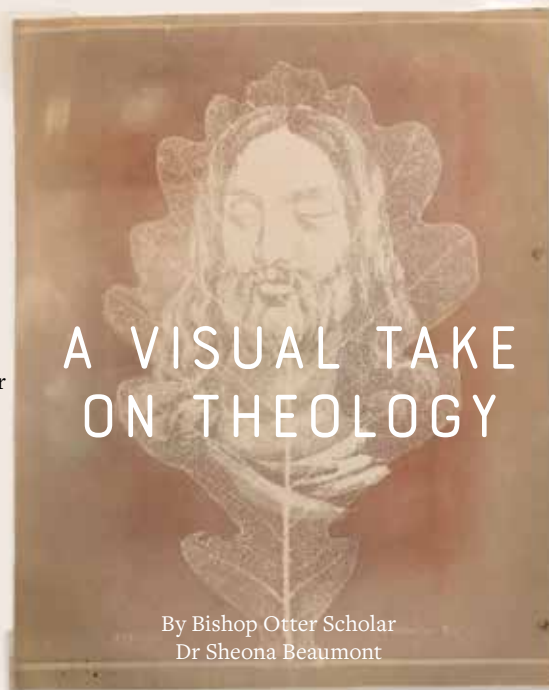
Isn't that a great premise for theology, I thought? Images have this communicative mode that seems to bypass linear statement. They can be indirect, inspiring, and confusing in equal measure and they're conversational because of it, open.

In my role as Bishop Otter Scholar, I'm trying to create platforms for this openness, an openness where we talk about images doing theology visually.

Most of my time involves rewriting standard histories of photography, which tend to be exclusively tied to secularism. My study routine is like mining: searching for biblical seams where someone like Johann Enslen or Damien Hirst turns out to make photographic images with the incarnation or the disciples in the frame.

Surprisingly perhaps, there's a lot of theology to write about. I hope to secure a publisher for a book that gives a conversational voice to some 70 images from photography's 180-year-old life. It's exciting because it shows how this everyday technology and its flood of throwaway images with which we are all so familiar is soaked in spirituality and always has been.

Another platform that preoccupies me both inside and outside my role is that of contemporary art practice. In April I was shortlisted as a finalist for the Chaiya Art Awards, an open competition for artistic responses to the question Where is God in our 21st century world?



My piece presented an old and a new photograph, with two figures symbolising death and birth, where a conversation about Jesus, resurrection and feminist theology begins.

Birth and motherhood continue to shape my own work, since appearing on Channel 4's One Born Every Minute in 2014. Psalm 62 featured in the show, and it became for me as richly symbolic a ritual as that somewhat misunderstood service from the Book of Common Prayer, the Churching of Women. This is a year celebrating women's suffrage, so I'm also writing

about women photographers in my monthly blog, [www.shospace.co.uk/blog](http://www.shospace.co.uk/blog), including Brighton's Alys Tomlinson, winner of the Sony World Photography Award Photographer of the Year 2018.

Her work explores pilgrimage, whose contemplative images capture that Christian commitment the diocese has been championing this year. I am working with her on a local exhibition to be held during Lent 2019.

More immediately is a conference I am organising in Chichester in October, Visual Theology: Transformative Looking Between the Visual Arts and Christian Doctrine (1850-now).

Bishop Martin will be chatting with artist Maciej Urbanek about his work (including his award-winning installation HS in St Michael's Camden)

as well as Rev Martin Poole about the Beyond initiatives in Brighton.

Other panel themes include the Pre-Raphaelites, modern illuminated Bibles, and European church commissioning of artists. Please come along on October 19 and 20 to hear some fantastic speakers. Tickets and booking can be found at [www.visualtheology.org.uk](http://www.visualtheology.org.uk).



## 2 – 5 SEPTEMBER 2018

**Hundreds of clergy from across Sussex will gather for the Clergy Conference 2018 which takes place at Kent University from 2-5 September. The theme is Here I am Lord.**

Bishop Martin said: "The title of the conference reflects the fact that we are now approaching the diocesan Year of Vocation.

"The keynote addresses, introduced here, will all reflect this theme in different ways and we hope they help to provide all of us with stimulation, encouragement and practical wisdom on this vital subject.

"We also hope that the conference will be an enjoyable occasion for all, with daily worship together, hearing from our three after-dinner speakers and of course

many opportunities for social interaction that are not always available at other times.

Please keep this event and all participants in your prayers: I look forward to what I hope will be an excellent few days together.

If you still need to book your place please contact Anna Quick 01273 421021

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**KAREN KILBY**

Karen is the Bede Professor of Catholic Theology at the Centre for Catholic Studies in the University of Durham. She has published books on theological topics, including the work of Karl Rahner and Hans Urs von Balthasar, and was an editor of the Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology. She has served as President of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain, and is currently President of the Society for the Study of Theology.



**BEN QUASH**

Ben is the first Professor of Christianity and the Arts at King's College, London and directs the Visual Commentary on Scripture Project. His current research centers on how the arts can renew people's engagement with the Bible and Christian tradition. He runs an MA in Christianity and the Arts in association with the National Gallery, London. He is a Trustee of Art and Christianity Enquiry, and Canon Theologian of both Coventry and Bradford Cathedrals.



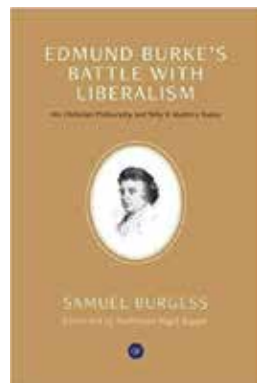
**IAN PAUL**

Ian was Academic Dean of St John's College Nottingham before responding to God's call to full-time research and writing in 2013. He has written and edited a number of books on Revelation, the interpretation of the Bible, and aspects of mission, as well as blogging at [www.psephizo.com](http://www.psephizo.com). He is a member of General Synod and the Archbishop's Council.



# BOOKS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS BY CANON JOHN TWISLETON

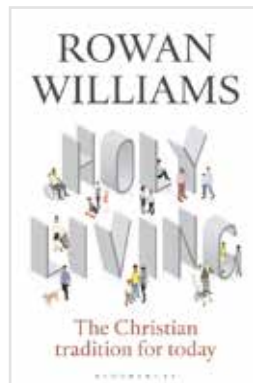


## EDMUND BURKE'S BATTLE WITH LIBERALISM

SAMUEL BURGESS

EQUALITY and human rights seem such mainstream concerns in Britain that people are growing blind to the silencing of Britain's Christian culture in its perceived awkwardness. In this study of Edmund Burke (1729-1797) Samuel Burgess draws out timely wisdom on religion's service of the stability and common good of our nation, a voice from the past that chimes in with our scene. The displacement of religion from the public square is nothing new, though the promotion of the autonomy of human beings to the detriment of tested wisdom can undermine public order and freedom. Burgess connects the thinking and politics of the 17th and 18th century with our own and provides a tonic to Christians in their service of the common good.

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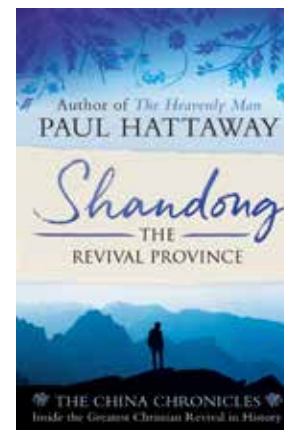
## HOLY LIVING

ROWAN WILLIAMS

ON A visit to the local monastery for spiritual direction, I was struck by the number of monks reading this book and raised humorously the question "how are you getting on with Holy Living?". This commendation is my answer. That so many involved in spiritual direction look to Rowan.

Williams as an authority is a tribute to the breadth and depth of his engagement with the Christian tradition. This book selects his thinking on the Rule of St Benedict, the Bible, Icons, contemplation, St Teresa of Avila and self knowledge. Though dense it is challenging, full of spiritual wisdom and contains one-sentence summaries of immense realms. I liked this sentence on contemplation: "The essence of the contemplative life... is the realisation of the apostolic calling to be with Jesus as selflessly as possible."

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## SHANDONG – THE REVIVAL PROVINCE

PAUL HATTAWAY

THERE are indisputably 100 million Christians among China's 1,400 million population. The growth of so many believers has come with much hardship and many miracles and most dramatically in the eastern coastal province of Shandong. This first of this series of China Chronicles covering church growth in Shandong comes from The Heavenly Man author Paul Hattaway with a preface by Brother Yun. The series is aimed at the Church in China and overseas, evidencing the spiritual legacy of the last 160 years, building from Hattaway's 30

The book has chapters covering decade after decade from the 1860s to 2010s each full of graphic stories of miracles and healings alongside hardship and suffering. The stories seem to ring true even if they challenge Western presuppositions with their matter of fact reporting of events such as dead people being raised to life. Paul Hattaway has gathered some impressive testimonies that help make sense of the astonishing growth of the church in China. His sources are all Evangelical with rare mention of Catholics, though the latter are included in the state approved figures for overall Christian allegiance in the appendix.

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## PHOEBE - A STORY

PAULA GOODER

In Phoebe Paula Gooder opens up the world of the first Christians bringing scripture alive through an imagined life of Paul's coworker Phoebe. It's a well written 32 Chapter story with substantial notes on the chapters. Gooder builds from mention of deacon Phoebe in Romans 16 imagining she was the bearer of this letter to Rome. It's a story on the move linked to this journey, Paul's from Jerusalem to Rome and plans to journey the good news to Spain grounded in scripture. What's powerful alongside these core elements of the narrative is the way the author imagines Phoebe's faith journey nurtured by new Christian companions she finds in Rome. As Rowan Williams writes: 'Paula Gooder's first venture into historical story-telling will bring the biblical text freshly alive for a wide and enthusiastic readership.'

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## A FEAST OF

## floral glory

**CHICHESTER Cathedral was transformed into a paradise of rich colour and sweet perfume when it held its biennial Festival of Flowers.**

Acclaimed as “the gold standard” of flower festivals, this year’s event, from May 31 to June 2, welcomed more than 15,000 visitors to a floral spectacular of some 50,000 flowers.

The festival was opened by its patron Emma Bridgewater, the British designer, businesswoman and keen lover of horticulture.

Visitors were treated to 80 stunning flower arrangements, created by more than 240

arrangers, expressing this year’s theme This Earthly Paradise.

The festival extended the theme to include a specially designed tribute to Kew Gardens and its extraordinary conservation project the Millennium Seed Bank, based at Kew’s wild botanic garden in Wakehurst.

The festival also celebrated communities with a display of the winners from its schools’ art competition. The contest received some 200 pieces of work by children from 16 schools across East and West Sussex.

Money raised will contribute to the specialist restoration of the

cathedral. Ruth Poyner, head of communications, marketing and visitors’ services, said: “Over the years, the Festival of Flowers has raised much-needed funds towards the essential restoration of the cathedral.

“All funds raised this year will support the re-covering of the cathedral’s unique medieval roof, a major project estimated at £5.8 million. So we are incredibly grateful to the thousands of people that come to experience this wonderful festival. Without doubt, they are helping to conserve this building for future generations.”

## CATHEDRAL EVENTS: HARVEST 2018

THRESHOLDS:  
AN EXHIBITION  
BY DIANE MACLEAN

Open daily with free entry.

A stunning collection of five large-scale sculptures by the award-winning sculptor and installation artist Diane Maclean can be seen at Chichester Cathedral until September 30. Exploring themes of transformation and journey, Diane’s unique sculptures incorporate light, reflection and colour. The sculptures are both inside and outside the cathedral and several have been created especially for this event. Visitors are invited to follow a sculpture trail and experience these fascinating installations in this special setting.

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Saturday, September 8th  
1.00pm – 4.00pm

As part of Heritage Open Days, two areas of the cathedral normally closed to the public will be open to visitors on Saturday, September 8, from 1pm to 4pm: The Song School and the Cathedral Library. Both are high up in the triforium – come and find the secret chamber. Please be aware there are 40 spiral stairs to each. **(Free entry. All are welcome)**

TIME TRAVELLERS:  
FAMILY ACTIVITY

Friday, October 26:  
10am to 3pm  
(last entry 2.30pm). 8

Come along to the cathedral for some holiday fun. Families can



BEHIND THE SCENES  
AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

follow a trail, collect a prize, and then take part in the creative activities.

£2.50 per child. No need to book, just drop in. Suitable for children aged three to 12.

AUTUMN LUNCHTIME  
CONCERTS

Tuesdays from  
September 11 to November 20  
1.10pm to 2pm

Bring your sandwiches and come along and enjoy the concert. Coffee provided.

Admission free, all welcome.

## CHICHESTER PSALMS

Saturday, November 24:  
7.30pm

A major highlight of the worldwide Bernstein centenary celebrations, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the

choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedrals, perform Bernstein’s Chichester Psalms in the cathedral for which it was commissioned.

Tickets: [www.bsolive.com](http://www.bsolive.com)

## SPECIAL SERVICES

Friday, September 28,  
College of Canons Day  
12 noon, sung Eucharist and lecture.

5.30pm, evensong and commemoration of founders and benefactors.

Saturday, September 29  
2pm, readers’ licensing service.

Monday, November 5, All Souls Requiem  
5pm, evening prayer (said).  
5.30pm, sung Eucharist.



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