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Because it is so unfamiliar, silence can be disturbing and provocative. Two minutes seems to stretch out indefinitely. Being still in order to be silent can be a real effort, though it is much easier in a crowd. It can also become the space where we find it easier to recollect what has been important to us.

National events, like wars and atrocities, are not the only things that silence prompts us to remember. Silence is also where we explore the memory of relationships, people who have loved and influenced us, people we miss and cannot quite believe we shall never see again.

The Church marks this season of remembering by All Saints-tide celebrations that invite us to remember the sort of people we feel better and more alive for having known, the people we have loved and who have deserved our respect.

Some of these people we call saints; they were outstanding. Some of them were ordinary, like us, and important to us nonetheless.

In each case they were made and loved by God, redeemed by Jesus Christ and, like us, were called to the endeavour of faith that leads from this world to the perfection of life in heaven.

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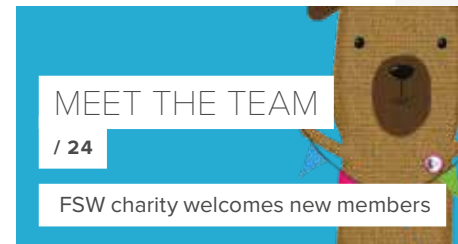
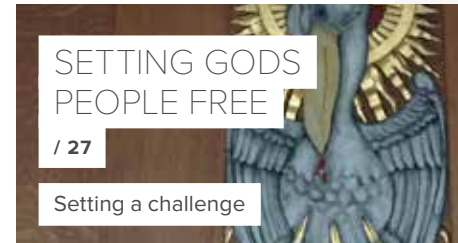
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NEWS

ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

DIOCESAN SYNOD DATE

The next Diocesan Synod takes place from 10am to 1.30pm on November 10 at Sussex Downs College in Mountfield Road, Lewes. As well as usual Synod business we will hear from Bishop Martin who will reflect on the last three years. He will speak about planning for the future and we will hear the results for the election of the Chair of the House of Clergy and Laity.

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

This advent calendar from the Meaningful Chocolate Company is a way for the whole family to engage with the Christmas story. It comes with a 24-page Christmas story activity book illustrated by Alida Massari. There is a page for every day of Advent and some fun challenges along the way. Behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a festive shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate. Order yours at www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk.



LIVING FAITH COURSE IN 2019

In January the Living Faith course will begin again at six venues across the diocese. It is for lay Christians who want to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and calling means for them. Living Faith is also part one of authorised lay ministry training in the diocese and candidates who wish to train as authorised lay ministers need first to complete Living Faith.

The closing date for applications is December 17. Email Jayne.Prestwood@Chichester.Anglican. Org for application forms and further details.



This free training day is led by Rev Canon Sandra Millar, head of projects and developments for the Church of England, who is leading work looking at how the Church can maximise

opportunities around life events for those who are less regularly in contact with us. It is at St Andrew's Burgess Hill on November 14, 10am to 4pm. There are 70 places. Tea and coffee will be provided but take your own lunch. Find how to book on the diocesan website events page www.chichester.anglican.org.

CITIZEN TEA PARTY

The Prince of Wales will be 70 on November 14 and parishes and schools are encouraged to mark the occasion by making it a celebration of age and of community. It is hoped people will come together to organise tea parties for those who are 70 or in their 70s. They need not be vast and extravagant occasions, but simply small events across the country that bring communities together.

During the period between Remembrance and the beginning of Advent, consider brightening an autumn afternoon by hosting a birthday tea party some time between Wednesday, November 14, and Saturday, November 17, as part of this nationwide initiative. You could invite your mayor or council chairman or woman to join in and involve others, such as lunch clubs and Age Concern groups.

If you are willing to host a tea and invite people from community tell the National Association of Civic Officers (email vicechair@naco.uk.com) so it can build up a picture of what is happening and where. You could send photographs to



NACO for a gallery showing how we found ways to celebrate the Prince of Wales's birthday while helping to strengthen communities and link generations. The Duchess of Cornwall said "technology now offers so many ways to communicate, but sitting down for a chat over a cup of tea can still be counted as one of the most enjoyable". Many of us would share that sentiment and a 70th birthday tea seems a great opportunity to do just that.

MINISTER OF THE YEAR AT GOOD FUNERAL AWARDS

Rev Paul Doick, vicar at Henfield, scooped the minister of the year award at the Good Funeral Awards in Bournemouth earlier this month. The awards are part of the Ideal Death Show which features funeral-related merchandise and services. It aims to encourage visitors to talk about death and what's available in the industry. Read more about it on our diocesan website news pages www.chichester.anglican.org.

HOUSE OF LORDS

Bishop Martin's House of Lordsspeeches this year can be found on the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org



NEWS CONTINUED

THY KINGDOM COME

Thousands of churches across the UK and worldwide participated in Thy Kingdom Come 2018. From big beacon events in urban settings with crowds of thousands to smaller rural gatherings with just ten people, churches of all shapes and sizes got involved. This year Bishop Richard's Pentecost pilgrimage enabled many rural churches to join in Thy Kingdom Come. Bishop Richard's route took in all archdeaconries, visiting 49 churches where a candle was lit at each one culminating at Chichester Cathedral where all 49 candles were lit again. For 2019, a big beacon event will take place at the Dome in Brighton with prayers before the big event to finish on Pentecost Sunday.

Here are five tips for being involved as a smaller church with limited resources:

- Commit to doing one thing well then build on it, perhaps focusing on one event or an activity such as morning and evening prayers.
- Collaboration can be particularly helpful as a small church where resources are likely to be limited. By pooling together resources, there is potential for greater impact.
- Creativity - having a smaller congregation may mean there is not as much capacity to deliver activities, but this often leads to greater levels of creativity and resourcefulness. For example, why not try a creative variation on a traditional prayer service such as a prayer station?
- Community focused. Thy Kingdom Come can be a wonderful opportunity to reach the wider community, whether visiting tourists or neighbours. Why not try incorporating something practical in your TKC activity which involves the community such as praying on the streets or inviting people for food and fellowship?
- Combination. Maybe you have limited time and resource to organise a completely new activity for Thy Kingdom Come so why not try integrating it into existing church programmes?

Look at the TKC website for more inspiration - www.thykingdomcome.global/



GRANTS FOR CLERGY AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Sons and Friends continues a centuries-old tradition of supporting Anglican clergy households in times of hardship or need. Its aim is to support the Anglican clergy (serving, retired) and their dependents (spouses, widows/ers, children, divorced, separated) in hardship, primarily through financial grants. For clergy approaching retirement, there may also be support for the legal fees on the purchase of a first property (up to five years prior to retirement). We are also able to consider support towards bereavement. Help can be considered for clergy and their widows/ widowers towards the costs of their spouse's/partner's funeral as well as counselling costs.

Prior to applying for a grant online, we encourage people to read the grant criteria and have a confidential discussion with our grants team to ensure their eligibility and what they are applying for is within our criteria. Email the grants team grants@sonsandfriends.org.uk or call between 8.30am and 4pm on 020 7799 3696.

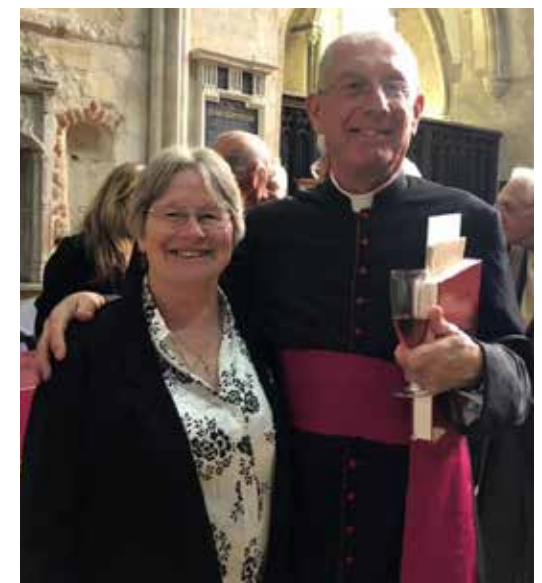
ARCHDEACON DOUGLAS RETIRES

A special Eucharist to say farewell to the Venerable Douglas Mckittrick, Archdeacon of Chichester took place at Chichester Cathedral on October 13. The service was to mark his retirement after 40 years of ordained ministry, 25 of them in the diocese of Chichester. We give thanks for his ministry and wish him well as he retires to the countryside of Yorkshire.

ARE YOU A MENTAL HEALTH FRIENDLY CHURCH?

Together In Sussex, in partnership with Church Urban Fund, has produced helpful resources on mental health and the Church. These are now available for use in your parishes. They include a leaflet on mental health friendly church, a leaflet on being an open church and a booklet on faith and mental health. They can be downloaded from the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org.

TOGETHER IN SUSSEX 
A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE
DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER AND CUF





FROM LEFT, WARDEN OF LAY MINISTRY PETER MANSELL, DON BAWTREE, FIONA PEARL, BISHOP MARK, BISHOP RICHARD, LESLEY LYNN, MARIA SADLER AND STEPHEN ARGENT

MEET THE NEW READERS

FIVE new Church of England readers have been licensed by the Bishop of Horsham Mark Sowerby.

He welcomed them, saying: "We pray that their preparation and training will bear much fruit under God's guidance and in the power of His Spirit. We trust that their ministry will prove a blessing to communities in which they serve. Congratulations to all of them on behalf of the diocese."

The five, who were licensed in Chichester Cathedral on

September 29, told us a little about themselves.

Stephen Argent

St Augustine's Scaynes Hill

My journey towards readership may best be described as a series of God-inspired encounters.

Along the way, those have taken many forms but particularly with wonderful, loving friends who have guided, inspired and challenged me. So, together with the trust and patience of my home church at St

Augustine's Scaynes Hill I am most blessed to be given the opportunity to serve God in this way. My passion is to encourage others to develop a curiosity about life and an awareness of His presence and love for us all in everyday life.

Don Bawtree

Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, Hove

Jesus commanded us to make disciples of the whole world... and Paul says people can't hear the good news unless someone tells them. So my reason for



STEPHEN ARGENT



DON BAWTREE



LESLEY LYNN



FIONA PEARL



MARIA SADDLER

wanting to be a reader was to enable me to do just that, more effectively. The training has stretched me in directions I was not expecting and taught me how diverse the church is, how little I know and how weak we are in our own strength.

Praise God that he has filled each of us with his spirit to make up for our shortcomings.

Lesley Lynn

Holy Trinity Church, Frant with Eridge

The journey to my licensing began in 2004. However, not unlike the story in Jonah, my work in banking and the financial crisis seemed to completely swallow me up so there was nothing left in my life but work. The seed planted in 2004 may have been slow to germinate in the ground of my soul for a decade but it never died and the green shoots were visible to all by 2015 when I started the discernment process and then the training. Everything about the training, formation and fellowship along the road to licensing was enriching beyond my expectation. And this is only the beginning.

Fiona Pearl

St Mary's, Barcombe

When I signed up for a developing discipleship course on early Church history with Rev James Hollingsworth back in 2013 I had no idea it would lead me into reader training. It has been a bit of a labyrinth, leading me down unexpected paths along the way, not always easy to follow and never expecting to reach the end. As our college principal wrote in his letter congratulating us on reaching the end of the first stage of our ministerial training, "theological training is lifelong and may even continue in heaven". I look forward to continuing my exploration of this life-changing vocation.

Maria Sadler

St Mary's, The Octagon, between Chichester and Petersfield

I had worshipped in the Octagon parish for more than 20 years when reader training was suggested to me. I was passionate about my faith and sharing it with others. It has been such an incredible privilege to spend two years learning, studying and understanding more of

the history of the church, our worship, faith and mission. I am so thankful for the support and encouragement every step of the way. I would encourage anyone wholeheartedly who feels called to serve in this way and is considering training. It is an amazing journey, demanding and challenging, but exciting, placing yourself in God's hands and praying that he will use you to serve others and share something of His amazing love.



Readers are licensed to work alongside parish clergy and have a range of responsibilities including preaching and leading worship. More photos from the event, courtesy of Luke Marshall, can be viewed on the Diocesan Facebook page.



DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER YEAR OF VOCATION 2019

ADVENT Sunday will mark the beginning of the Year of Vocations, a diocesan initiative to help us reflect upon and understand more fully God's calling to us.

It will celebrate vocation in its broadest sense. How do we live out our life in Christ fully every day of the week and at different times of life?

The year will be launched on December 2 Advent Sunday with the Bishop of Chichester's Way of Living resources for use by groups or individuals. This is followed by the launch on January 13 of specially designed baptismal cards marking the date of our own baptism and the beginning of our life and calling in Christ. At Pentecost on June 9, we will receive confirmation cards with the date of our confirmation. Also on January 13, the Order of St Richard will be launched. It is an award for lay people which recognises and celebrates exceptional contributions to the parish, community and diocese. Ten people will be nominated from each archdeaconry every year. Details of how to nominate can be found on the diocesan website.

The Year of Vocation Lent Course, Living Christ, is about Christians across Sussex exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus. With video contributions from a farmer, an artist, a mental health campaigner, a carer and many others, the course consists of five sessions exploring all aspects of life. Along with

scripture, prayer and discussion, it is hoped it will be an engaging resource for small groups across the diocese.

Between Easter and Pentecost, parishes and schools will be encouraged to gather photographs of people or places which reflect the life of the parish or school and turn them into a mosaic of, for instance, the face of Christ. The process is uncomplicated and a step-by-step guide is available on the diocesan website.

May Camp, in Plumpton, is our annual diocesan youth event, with a focus on nurturing young people in their faith that is also the most fun weekend of their year. May Camp is a unique opportunity for developing close relationships with young people and bonding in a group. It draws together churches from across the whole diocese.

There will be practical materials on the diocesan website about how to make a rule of life which could make this Year of Vocation life changing and enhancing for us. The archbishops launched the Thy Kingdom Come initiative several years ago as an invitation to pray during the period between Ascension and Pentecost for people to come to know Jesus. This year the focus will be on responding faithfully to God's call as reflected in the words "thy will be done". There will be more details on the diocesan website.

KEY DATES

DECEMBER 2

Launch of Bishop Martin's Rules of Life -resources for parishes and individuals

JANUARY 13, BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Launch of the Year of Vocation with baptism cards
Launch of the Order of St Richard

MARCH 6, ASH WEDNESDAY

Start of the Lent course, Living Christ

APRIL 21, EASTER DAY

Renewal of our baptismal promises
Launch of the parish and school mosaics

MAY 24-27

May Camp

MAY 30, ASCENSION DAY

Nine days of prayer between Ascension day and Pentecost focused on Thy Kingdom Come

JUNE 9, PENTECOST

Renewal of our confirmation promises
Unveiling of the mosaics

SEPTEMBER 8, EDUCATION SUNDAY

Vocation To Teach

OCTOBER 5

Order of St Richard award ceremony

NOVEMBER 23

Christ the King

Promotional resources will be available at Diocesan Synod on November 10 and further resources will be free to order through our online shop at CPO.

ACCESS FOR ALL: WHY WE NEED IT

By Rev John Naudé

Diocesan disability adviser and associate vicar, The Point Church

CHICHESTER Diocese was represented at Lambeth Palace when the Archbishop of Canterbury hosted a conference on disability and the Church of England.

Bishop Martin asked me as the diocesan disability adviser and an adviser to the Church of England's ministry division on disability to attend. It was an honour and a privilege to be part of such an occasion. I have never seen the Church make such a powerful statement, particularly in its desire to include disabled people within the leadership of the Church and to see itself as a welcoming place for them.

Archbishop Justin Welby opened by saying he believed disability access should have priority over heritage and that our churches need to be accessible to all. When he was subdean of Coventry Cathedral, there were plans to build a ramp to allow access to the chapel, but it was not approved for heritage reasons. He said "we cannot put heritage above people".

I remember when I went to Ridley Hall to study as a wheelchair user that English

Heritage would not make a ramp into the main entrance of the chapel because of its "heritage". What they approved instead was to build another entrance by knocking a hole in the north wall. This gave me a feeling of being excluded as the other students entered the chapel - and it seemed to look worse than having a graded ramp for all to enter,

Thankfully attitudes have improved but this is not enough. When the Disability Discrimination Act came into force in 1996, I was often asked "what is the minimum we have to do?". Twenty years later I am still being asked that question.

Not all disabled people use wheelchairs. In fact wheelchair users are a small percentage of those in our population who have a disability but they are easily recognised and labelled. However, we forget those with hidden disabilities such as epilepsy and autism, or those with hearing and sight loss. Access is not the only issue, since the way we welcome disabled people into our churches can also be vastly improved. Part of the conference explored this and how we should be looking at

disabled people's God-given gifts and how these can be used in God's Church.

Professor John Swinton of Aberdeen University gave two keynote speeches. One of his memorable quotes for me was "in order for people to belong, they need to be missed". Are disabled people missed in the Church? My experience would be that they are not. In fact, they can positively be excluded through the attitudes and limited access within our churches.

There is much room for improvement in how we treat disabled people, but having a conference hosted by the Archbishop, who was present for the duration of the conference, will hopefully send a positive message that the good news of Jesus Christ is a message for all and that disabled people are a mission group who have not heard this wonderful news. What's more, disabled people have a role to play in enabling God's Church, his Body, to be fulfilled. Especially if we are enabled to play our part within His Church, not left on the sidelines, but actively used with the gifts God has given us.



CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CHRISTINGLE WITH THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

This year marks 50 years since The Children's Society brought Christingle to this country. You're invited to join the celebrations as, together, we make this 50th anniversary year the biggest for Christingle yet.

For 50 years, Christingle services have helped The Children's Society to support more than a million children and young people, but a million more are living with a range of serious issues in their lives today, including violence, abuse, neglect and poverty. Many feel alone and have no one to turn to this Christmas. The money raised from your Christingle collections will help Children's Society support these vulnerable young people and work to ensure that they have their first Christmas full of hope and free from fear.

There is a wide range of free resources for churches, schools and communities to use,

helping you to make sure that your Christingle celebration is the best it possibly can be and will help you to prepare and get the word out. You can also order the essential items you will need for your service (including wax candles, red tape and collection envelopes), and find guidance around your collection for The Children's Society.

The resources include seasonal worship materials, which are suitable for leading a Christingle service at various points during the Christingle season, including Advent Sunday, Christmas Eve, Epiphany and Candlemas. There are also children's activities, including a Messy Church Christingle resource.

To find out more about Christingle, or to order these resources and more, visit christingle.org/shop or give us a call on 0300 300 7000.



Christingle
50 YEARS

Here is a Christingle Song

Celebrate Christingle with our brand new song, commissioned for the celebration of Christingle's 50th anniversary: Light a Candle.

Light a Candle has been composed exclusively for The Children's Society by Louise Drewett, a young composer currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music. The words have been specially written for our anniversary year by up-and-coming poet Clare Shaw.

Whether you are a school choir, amateur singing group, professional, cathedral or church choir, Light a Candle is the perfect way to raise your voice in celebration of Christingle's anniversary.

Download the score and piano accompaniment from their website and be part of The Children's Society's special 50th Christingle celebration.

Visit: christingle.org/song



#FOLLOWTHESTAR is the Church of England's 2018 Christmas campaign. Its main aim is to encourage people into a church service or event to share in the joy of Jesus's birth.

Thousands of Christmas services and events will be taking place in churches all over the country in the run-up to Christmas.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said: "For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases.

"For you, it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

"But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus,

#FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey."

HERE ARE FIVE WAYS YOUR CHURCH CAN GET INVOLVED WITH THE CAMPAIGN:

1. Update your church page on A Church Near You (see article on the opposite page). Make sure you tag your services with "FollowTheStar" as well as Christmas, mince pies mulled wine, Advent and Christmas carols as appropriate.
2. Become a "star church" by displaying stars prominently. The bigger and more visible the better. If possible, illuminate them at night and share on social media on Friday, December 21, to be part of the "night of the stars". More details in due course. Find out how to make a giant star for your home, church or school and other star activities, a pdf

sheet is available from the Diocesan website.

3. Share the #FollowTheStar Christmas videos and social media posts through your social media accounts. Interactive family Advent and Christmas calendar and videos have been produced to encourage people into churches.
4. Order the #FollowTheStar: A Journey Through The 12 Days Of Christmas booklets. These are available individually and in bulk-savings packs for congregations and visitors to your church to use. A range of resources, including posters and logos, can be ordered on the Church Print Hub website.
5. Share your Advent or Christmas activities on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and tag in the Diocese of Chichester so we can share your posts.

Contact Lisa Williamson on 01273 421021 for digital resources.

CHECK OUT A CHURCH NEAR YOU

Great new features for website

USERS of the popular website A Church Near You (ACNY) can now explore its latest features.

Parish editors had asked for some changes and this is an ideal time ahead of Advent and Christmas to see how they work.

They include the ability to add news stories and news sheets, a gallery and, most excitingly, the option of using your ACNY page as your own church website by forwarding your domain name to A Church Near You.

When logged in, you will now be able to see your analytic information on your church's page, showing how many people have visited it this week, month and year.

For editors, the help centre will guide you through the new features, including:

- How to use the new gallery
- How to choose which of your services or events appear on your home page
- How to choose which of your news stories appear on your home page
- How to add a news story
- How to add a notice sheet
- How to edit and unpublish new stories or news sheets

- How to use the new campaign feature

- How to use the new inbox on ACNY.

A Church Near You is free to use and there has been an overwhelming positive response from those regularly doing so, both as church editors and visitors finding out more about their local church.

The site has some ten million page views a year with 50 per cent more traffic in December 2017 compared with the previous December.

People regularly visit A Church Near You first as it often appears top in search results. Many of these visitors are coming to ACNY for the first time – 82 per cent in fact. Many enquiries churches receive through the site are for weddings and christenings.

The site meets modern security and accessibility standards, saving churches lots of time and resources. By using tags provided, you are highlighting the good work of your church nationally.

There are more exciting plans to regularly add new features and functionality so watch this space.

We urge you to register with ACNY even if you already have a parish website.



HOW ACNY CAN BE A GATEWAY FOR SEEKING CHRISTIANS.

Rev Timothy Ezat is the vicar at St Richard's Eastbourne. Timothy said the church was contacted through ACNY asking about baptism.

"A husband in his 40s., who was unable to speak or move, had expressed his wish to be baptised. I visited the man and his wife twice, getting to know them a little, and explaining what baptism means. We then confirmed a date for his baptism.

"This would be my first adult baptism, and in some ways it was very similar with the many infant baptism I am familiar with. Along with two parishioners I baptised him in his own home. It was deeply touching.

"Later his wife sent me a picture of her husband holding his baptismal candle with a big smile on his face.

"The lasting connection is that his wife and her mother have registered for a course which is run by the church and we'll be looking at Rowan Williams book 'Being a Christian'.

"Given the need for her husband's care, they are unable to become active members of the church, but we hope that the church will become part of their home."

HERE I AM LORD

CLERGY CONFERENCE 2018 DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

The Ven Dr Edward Dowler, Archdeacon of Hastings reflected on this year's Clergy Conference held at Canterbury Christ Church University. The theme was 'Here I am, Lord', reflecting the forthcoming diocesan Year of Vocation.

"The three keynote speakers, Professors Karen Kilby and Ben Quash and Dr Ian Paul all provided stimulating issues on the theme of vocation in the Bible, Christian theology and in Christian art. In all three lectures, vocation was seen in its wider sense as not applying

only to those who are called to ordained ministry, but to the whole people of God, called to be 'a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession' (1 Peter 2.9).



THE GREEN TEAM OR DREAM TEAM?

The whole company of God has been brought together for three days



ARCHDEACON FIONA CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY AT THE CONFERENCE

diocese for two years. Meeting the people, to put faces to names, including the diocesan staff, and meeting people from across the breadth of the diocese has been really good."

"I went to the healthy living seminar which was good. A highlight was about trying to remove the guilt you feel about thinking you are not doing everything you should be doing - a lot of helpful information."

Robert Coates, vicar of St Augustine's Bexhill on Sea said: "One word that would sum up this conference for me is Unity. Unity is the bringing together of different churchmanships, different integrities, the whole of the diocese as well. It's been great to see staff from Church House and the Palace. The whole company of God has been brought together for three days - we have enjoyed so much fun we've learned a lot from the lectures we've attended and also from the company we've been keeping as well - it's been a really great time."

"On the first afternoon, there were a variety of seminars related to the same topic and, on the second, a Eucharist in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral. Indeed, the whole conference was surrounded by prayer and worship with services accompanied by a band led by Catherine Allen, musical director at All Saints Crowborough.

"In the evenings we enjoyed a series of after-dinner speeches which reflected on vocation in a somewhat more light-hearted vein. These were given by Bishop Martin, the

novelist Catherine Fox and the actor and comedian Sally Phillips. The hope was that the clergy of the diocese will be strengthened in their own vocation and able to encourage others to follow God's call wherever this may be leading. We thank Him for our time together."

This is what some of our delegates said:

John Naude, Vicar of The Point in Burges Hill and Diocesan disability adviser said: The conference has been great for me as I've only been in the



Bradley Smith representing St Olav Christian bookshop in Chichester said he was delighted to be at the conference, serving the parishes of the diocese. Bradley was able to meet the needs of the clergy by stocking relevant material including all the books by the conference key speakers and leaders of seminars.



Martha Weatherill, curate at St Paul's Chichester, said that for her a highlight was the networking. "It's been great to have the opportunity to meet new people and see old friends."

Rev David Coleman, Rector at west Chiltington said he really enjoyed his first conference in the diocese. "It's been really great to meet new colleagues, to mix, to find out about the life blood of the diocese. A

"It's been great to have the opportunity to meet new people and see old friends."

tremendously exciting place to serve God and I'm really inspired to go back and explore vocation with all our congregation. "

Rev Sue Wilkinson from St Mary The Virgin Willingdon said the chance to spend quality time with friends and colleagues was valuable. "Time with people you rarely see and a chance to listen and learn in an environment where there is no pressure and expectation was appreciated, as was the opportunity to worship with colleagues and make the most incredible sound in singing."

Archdeacon Fiona said: "The highlight for me was Professor Karen Kilby. She was very inspirational and humble, but had a tremendous perception about vocation and joy. Joy can be present even in our darkest moments. Catherine Fox's after dinner speech was excellent. Her humour and her wit enabled all of us to not take ourselves too seriously. Seeing all the clergy laughing together was just a very beautiful experience to be part of."



Rev Kate Lawson said: "All three talks we've had on vocations have been excellent. The last night with Sally Phillips just brought it all together it was really the highlight."

Rev Luke Irvine-Capel, vicar, Christ Church St Leonard's Hastings said: "The highlight from the conference for me has been the opportunity to worship together, the opportunity to meet one another and the stimulating and sometimes provocative talks that we've had. "

Rev Danny Pegg, curate at St Luke's Stone Cross said: "The conference has just been a brilliant time to reconnect with clergy in the diocese I've not seen for so long having been out training – it's been

absolutely brilliant and I've really valued this time."

We thank all our wonderful supporters and sponsors: St Olav Christian Bookshop, Mothers' Union, Family Support Work, Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services, Charles Stanley, Children's Society, M&G, Together Sussex Network, JM Finn, Eden Tree Investment.

Audio visual recordings of the keynote lectures are now available via the diocesan website.



WILDFIRE

NOVEMBER is an exciting month for youth work in Chichester Diocese.

First we have mini May Camp on November 16. This is our May Camp reunion event but is also a great opportunity for churches that have never been to come and get a flavour of it. We will start together with games, a look back at May Camp and some worship, we then break out into the rest of the building for activities, food and games. We join back together at the end for more worship and a big send off.

The event runs from 6.30pm to 9pm at St Andrew's church, Burgess Hill and entry is £2. Information on how to book and more can be found at www.maycamp.org.

Early bird tickets for May Camp 2019 Wildfire also go on sale this month where you can get a weekend ticket for £54. If you attend mini May Camp you get your £2 entry fee taken off your May Camp ticket price.

All the information for our new Gap Year – Pursuit – will also be available this month. If you're heading to mini May Camp look out for information packs both for placements and associates.

Our vision for the Pursuit year is to see a generation of young leaders released to learn, to grow, be challenged, make mistakes and most of all to lead in step with Jesus. Our vision is beyond a year - this journey towards being a great leader is a lifetime pursuit.

We want to see young people gaining hands-on experience that comes from pursuing God, seeing where he's working and joining in. For more information on pursuit visit www.pursuitchichester.org.

If you would like to get involved in working with young people then please do get in touch via youth@chichester.anglican.org and don't forget to check out our website youth.chichester.anglican.org.



STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

BY REV NEVILLE MANNING

The servant KING

THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE

NO SURVEY of contemporary hymns and worship songs would be complete without mention of Graham Kendrick, author of popular hymns such as Shine, Jesus, Shine, Meekness And Majesty and the hymn we consider in this article, The Servant King.

Graham Kendrick was born in 1950 in Northamptonshire, the son of a baptist pastor. He trained as a teacher, but then started work as a singer and songwriter. He has been awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity in recognition of his contribution to the worshipping life of the church. He has even been referred to as a modern-day Isaac Watts or Charles Wesley.

The Servant King has an admirable combination of good Christian theology with

a memorable and singable tune. There is a strong biblical background to the theme of Jesus as Servant King, for instance in Mark 10 v45 "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve" and Philippians 2 v5-11, with its thought of the One who took the very nature of a servant and is now exalted at God's right hand. The paradox of one who is both servant and king is at the heart of Palm Sunday when the one who is hailed as king rides not on a war horse but on a donkey, an animal associated with peace.

The words and content of each verse of the hymn are worth using as material for quiet contemplation. The opening

verse asserts the wonder and mystery of The Incarnation: "From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled". That thought of the birth of Jesus Christ is linked with the reason he came – a life of service culminating in the sacrifice of the Cross: "not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live".

The late Mother Teresa was often asked how she could possibly minister to the destitute and dying all around her. Her answer was: "I don't minister to them but to Christ within them." That is the kind of thought we express every time we sing Graham Kendrick's moving hymn. It celebrates the true greatness that Dr Martin Luther King spoke of when he said: "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

PARISH NEWS

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BISHOP DEDICATES PEACE WINDOW

THE new stained-glass peace window at St Mary's Church in Yapton was dedicated by the Bishop of Horsham, the Rt Rev Mark Sowerby, at a service at the church in October. The window was created and installed by architectural glass artist Derek Hunt. A new anthem has been composed by Luke Fitzgerald, whose grandfather sings in the church's choir, which was premiered at the service.

The Rev Richard Hayes, rector, said: "The window was the idea of Angela Stewart while she was churchwarden at St Mary's and she led the fundraising for the project. She felt the centenary of the armistice which ended the First World War should be marked by an addition to the Saxon church to reflect the recognition in the 21st century of the wars of the 20th century and our universal desire for peace now."



CHURCH MARKS ITS 140TH YEAR

Archdeacon Fiona addressed the congregation at St Mary's Kemp Town, Brighton, on October 14 to mark its 140th anniversary. She said: We had an amazing service giving thanks to God for the mission of the church over 140 years."

Rev Andrew Woodward, priest in charge, said "It was wonderful for archdeacon

Fiona to join us for this special service. Opening our doors has been key to developing our ministry. There is huge need in our community and I pray that we will continue to do our bit to sustain a Christlike presence and welcome to all. Old-fashioned pastoral care through parochial structures still works."



THE ATMOSPHERIC TOMMY ILLUMINATION AT ST PETER AD VINCULA, WISBOROUGH GREEN

COMING HOME

THE poignant silhouettes of the Tommy figures are appearing in almost every town and village, in prominent community places and many of our schools and churches. The There But Not There campaign aims to place a representative figure for every name on war memorials around the country into their place of worship, school, workplace or wherever their absence was keenly felt.

These transparent silhouettes will be back within their communities for Remembrance 2018, the centenary commemoration of the end of the First World War. There But Not There will be the defining commemoration, installed where the men and women came from across the country, back in the communities they left behind.

ARMISTICE 2018, A NATION'S THANKS

AS PART of the armistice centenary events, people are being encouraged to ring bells as they did 100 years ago when news of the armistice spread across the land. Bells of all kinds can take part, from places of worship to town halls, ships' sirens and more.

Churches in Sussex are encouraged to join in and list a bell ringing event. We want anyone taking part in bell ringing on November 11 to help populate an interactive map by adding their events. Simply go to website www.armistice100.org.uk/list-a-bell-ringing/ and click on the button "add your bell ringing event", enter the details and it will appear on the map.



CHURCH BELLS RING OUT FOR PEACE



PARISH NEWS

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POPPY DAY

SCHOOLCHILDREN from the village of Bury, near Pulborough, made ceramic poppies to commemorate people from the six villages in the Arun Churches Benefice who died in the First World War.

The children had been studying the lives and service records of those named on the war memorial in St John the Evangelist Church, Bury, who died in the conflict. In this year, which commemorates 100 years since the end of the war, Bishop Mark Horsham joined in and made his own poppy with help from some of the children.



BISHOP MARK WITH THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THE CERAMIC POPPIES THEY MADE

Father Peter Mallinson, vicar at St John the Evangelist, said: "People were welcomed from all our six villages (Houghton, Bury, West Burton, Watersfield, Coldwaltham and Hardham) to see what the children were doing and some made a poppy themselves. The children were enthralled by the story of why the poppy is the symbol of remembrance."

The poppies will be used as part of our commemoration services on Sunday, November 11, and will be on display until in St Giles Church, Coldwaltham, and St John the Evangelist Church, Bury, until the end of November.

Bury Parish Council donated funds to cover the cost of some of the clay used in the making process and the poppies will be available to buy at a later date.

The 100th anniversary has a particular poignancy for the parish of Hurstpierpoint. During those last months of the war, Lloyd George was living in the parish, having rented Danny House, beneath Wolstonbury Hill. The War Cabinet met in the Great Hall and it was there they debated and agreed the final terms of the armistice.

PARISH SHARES IN ARMISTICE GARDEN PARTY

The anniversary has already been marked in a number of ways. Richard Burrows, the present owner of Danny House, hosted a re-enactment of the Garden Party thrown to celebrate the peace – hundreds of residents turned out in full costume, and rector Jane Willis led the gathering in prayer. Hurst Festival this year

has taken the theme of peace and included a "Visions of peace" art exhibition in Holy Trinity Church, with work by local artists and the children of St Lawrence CE Primary School, and a peace prayer space designed by a team led by curate Rev Debbie Beer. Rev Jane Willis said: "We have themed our services and

sermons on peace for the three Sundays of the festival: Peace in our world, peace in our lives, and being peacemakers.



SETTING GOD'S PEOPLE FREE

Setting God's People Free was launched at Diocesan Synod in May. Since then much has been done. Archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor who chairs the planning group said: "A date has now been set for a lay conference at Sussex University on Saturday 16 March 2019.

We are currently busy planning the programme and promise an inspiring day led by lay people for lay people. We will roll out details and how to book for the day as soon as we can but in the meantime please do put the date in your diary."

THE PELICAN WAY

Rev Andy Angel from St Andrew's In Burgess Hill is one of the members on the planning group and he explains how the Christian symbol of the Pelican presents us with a challenge.

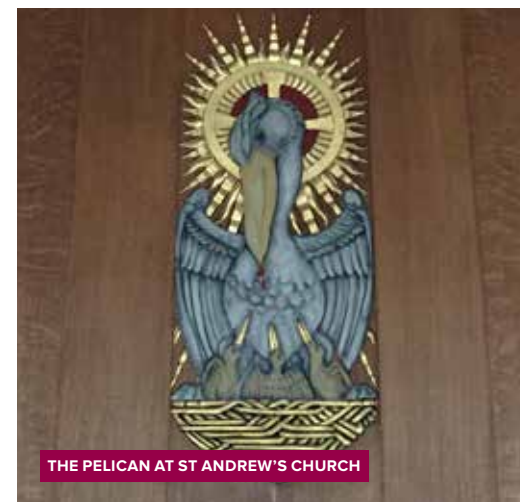
Contemporary culture tends to view religion as a lifestyle option — and contemporary spirituality likes to pick and choose the bits of religion it signs up to. Although some people are now more open to spirituality contributing to their well-being, few seem really open to the challenge of genuine discipleship — of taking up and carrying our crosses, and living in joyful obedience to Jesus Christ. This pelican challenges all this.

The Pelican imitates Christ. It is pecking its breast to feed its young from its own blood. This reminds us of Christ who literally died instead of us (Mark 10:45). He died instead of us because he took the death our sins deserve. He gave his life so that we can live, both now and for all eternity. In feeding its young from its blood like Jesus Christ, the pelican sets us an example of living self-sacrificially.

This pelican also reminds us all of our calling to talk Jesus with others — particularly those who do not know him, or that he died instead of them too. Pelicans were used by Greek fishermen to dive down and catch fish. This is why the pelican became a symbol of St Andrew, because Jesus called him to fish for people (Mark 1:16-17). The pelican reminds us that this is our mission too, to talk Jesus with others so that they come to follow him and live lives of joyful obedient discipleship.

Some of us find this challenge, walking the pelican way, difficult. So, we are going to take the whole of 2019 to do three things to help us talk Jesus more confidently: (1) write down for ourselves our story of how we came to know Jesus and the forgiveness and life he brings us; (2) share our Jesus story with another Christian; (3) share our Jesus story with someone who does not yet know Jesus.

I hope that we can all support each other in taking these three steps: encouraging each other, keeping each other going and celebrating with each other when we have taken each step. Taking these steps together as a church, and encouraging each other along the way, would help us all to grow in the central part of our calling as Christians: sharing Jesus. Put a smile on the pelican's face this year.



THE PELICAN AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

DAC NEWS

WORRYING INCREASE IN METAL THEFT

by Dr Emma Arbuthnot

There has been a sharp increase in metal theft this autumn. In September and October, a number of churches in the mid-Sussex area were targeted and all parishes in the Diocese are advised to be vigilant this winter and to take the following steps to protect their churches against metal theft:

TALK TO YOUR CONGREGATION AND NEIGHBOURS.

Please encourage them to look out for suspicious activity around the church and report any concerns to Sussex Police by calling 101 (the non-emergency line). Please also let people know when works are taking place at the church and encourage them to call the churchwardens or clergy if people dressed like contractors appear at the church when they are not expected.

REPORT ALL CRIMES AFFECTING CHURCHES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Crimes against churches may be classed as heritage crime, hate crime, and/or criminal damage and are taken very seriously by Sussex Police. If you see someone committing a crime, please call 999 immediately. If you realise a crime has been committed but you're not sure when, please report it to Sussex Police by calling 101 (the non-emergency number). Please notify every incident to the DAC team, Sussex Police, and Ecclesiastical Insurance.

PROTECT YOUR CHURCH AGAINST METAL THEFT.

Please check that a forensic marking system approved by Ecclesiastical (such as SmartWater) has been applied to external metal and that signs advertising its use are clearly displayed. Following these steps helps to deter thieves, ensures that stolen metal can be tracked by the Police, and ensures that any theft of metal will be covered by the church's insurance policy.

CONSIDER OTHER SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Some churches choose to install roof alarms as a preventative measure and, in some circumstances, it may also be sensible for parishes to consider installing security cameras.

If you have particular concerns and/or would like assistance with improving your church building's security, please get in touch with the DAC team at Church House or Ecclesiastical Insurance for further advice.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHURCH BUILDINGS

Congratulations to the churches of All Saints, Patcham, and St Nicholas, Arundel, who have both been successful in applying for Heritage Lottery Fund grants to fund major repairs to their church buildings. We are aware that many of our parishes need to raise money for major church building projects and are delighted to announce that we are recruiting a new part-time Diocesan Fundraising Adviser, who will be available to assist parishes with fundraising.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

Our regular money and mission page for parishes, advising on money issues
- send your questions to john.kemp@chichester.anglican.org

PROMOTING LEGACIES

A gift in your will to your church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry within your community.

A legacy of a percentage of the value of your home ensures your church can receive much more than a simple fixed amount. God gave us everything we own. For some Christians, including a gift in their will is a final way of giving thanks to God.

For more information email john.kemp@chichester.anglican.org, call 01273 425797 or look at the Church legacy website <https://www.churchlegacy.org.uk>.

THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Churches are receiving regular donations and Gift Aid reclaims without any of the costs of running a scheme themselves. Treasurers no longer need to find a bank branch to bank the donations.

PGS is now live in 24 dioceses and more than 30,000 people use the scheme. In the Chichester Diocese, 44 per cent of all churches have joined already. More than 55 per cent of all donors are happy for their donation to be increased automatically each year and churches using the scheme experience regular flows of money and increasing income.

Not in PGS yet? For more information and an application form, email john.kemp@chichester.anglican.org or call 1273 425797.

PARISH RETURN COMPLETION

The parish return deadline is approaching fast. Completion of statistical comparisons is done by the Church of England's Statistics Team but it cannot do its work effectively if the data trickles in over the next 12 months. As the end of year approaches, please remember to go online to <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org> to input your missions data for your church's parish return. You can view and download your church's comparative data by going to the same website and selecting the charts and dashboards menu - another reason to get the input done in early January.

MEET THE TEAM



IN THE last issue of Faith In Sussex we introduced you to Family Support Network's five-year vision, setting out how we intend to grow across the diocese to support more families through times of crisis. Over the last six months we have been expanding our staff and trustee team to achieve this and we'd like to introduce our new colleagues.

TRUSTEES

Sharon Phillips and Peter Baker have joined our trustee board. Sharon is an HR specialist with 35 years' experience at board level in facilitating organisations to support innovation, development, growth and change. She has held leadership roles in commercial, higher education, further education and charity environments. She has been a trustee of the Sussex Community Foundation, is a director of Sussex Chamber of Commerce and a trustee on the enterprise board at Salisbury Cathedral. Sharon has worshipped in Lewes for

40 years and is a member of Lewes Deanery Synod and Chichester Diocesan Synod.

Peter is our new trustee treasurer. He has worked for the last 40 years in the finance industry, 35 years with Lloyds bank and then five years with Clydesdale bank. In the last few years he has built up a speciality within the charity and health sectors, which has led him to become trustee of FSW and also trustee for both Guildcare and Worthing and Littlehampton Scope.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING

Nikki Kerr joined FSW in the new role of director of fundraising and marketing at the beginning of March. She is tasked with raising the profile of Family Support Work throughout Sussex and leading the rest of the fundraising team to achieve the income necessary to support the growth plans in the five-year strategy. Nikki was previously head of fundraising for



SHARON PHILLIPS



PETER BAKER



NIKKI KERR



PHILLIPA FLEMING



STACEY MCGUINNESS



KELLY HOLLINGDALE



BECKY LONG

national anti-bullying charity Kidscape and has worked in fundraising for nearly 15 years. She lives in Burgess Hill with her family and worships at All Saints' Church, Lindfield.

FAMILY SUPPORT PRACTITIONERS

Phillipa Fleming is the new FSP for the Lewes and Seaford Deanery and will predominantly be working in Peacehaven, Newhaven and Seaford. Philippa is a registered social worker and has extensive experience of working in social care and support. This has included spells in youth work, supporting children with disabilities, as a child protection social worker in Brighton and ten years with the Probation Service. Philippa can be contacted by email on phillipa@familysupportwork.org.uk and would love to hear from anybody in her area who would like to meet her.

Stacey McGuinness is the new FSP for Coldean. She is a registered social worker from West Sussex who has

worked as a child protection social worker and, more recently, in a children's home with youngsters aged eight to 16 who display problematic sexualised behaviour. Stacey is passionate about working with and supporting families to achieve their goals. She has enjoyed spending the last few weeks getting to know Coldean and some of the families and looks forward to increasing her workload and meeting more families as time goes on. Her email address is stacey@familysupportwork.org.uk

Kelly Hollingdale is the new FSP for East Grinstead. Kelly is a qualified youth and community worker originally from East London. She has a diverse range of experience working for both local authority and charitable services. She qualified in 2003 at Goldsmiths University. She worked in Hackney and Haringey as a youth project worker with young Irish travellers before moving to Brighton. She has experience with engaging hard-to-reach communities. For the last six years she has been working

for YMCA Downlink Group in Brighton with vulnerable young people as a health and relationship adviser. She has started working with a small caseload in East Grinstead and will be also working with Crawley Down Village School offering family support on a regular basis. Kelly's email is kelly@familysupportwork.org.uk

Becky Long is the new FSP for Crawley. She is a qualified social worker with six years' experience working with children, young people and their families. Before returning to the West Sussex area in April she was employed by Bournemouth Borough Council working as a child protection social worker. She has also worked with looked-after children. Becky can be contacted on becky@familysupportwork.org.uk

OUR FRIENDS IN AFRICA

THE Diocese of Chichester has had links with West Africa since 1965 and our relationships develop and grow every year. We hear from three students that your parish contributions have helped to sponsor.

ORDINAND IN GAMBIA

As part of the "Equipping the Saints" aspect of our Harvest Appeal for our link dioceses in West Africa we have been sponsoring the training of young Gambian Sang Beyai at St Nicholas Seminary in Ghana, the nearest theological college.

Rev Sang Beyai was born in Lamin village in The Gambia in 1994 to devout Christian parents. He has seven siblings. He went to the village primary school and then an Anglican secondary school followed by Gambia College.

He was then selected for training at St Nicholas Seminary, where he is now about to start his last year of a diploma in theology. In accordance with the practice in The Gambia, where they are ordained before the last year of study, he was ordained deacon in July.

He felt called to the priesthood while he was a sanctuary server at his village church. He spoke to his then parish priest, now the Rt Rev James Yaw Odico, who agreed to send him to St Nicholas where he is highly thought of, both academically and pastorally.



Before going to Ghana, Sang was secretary of St Andrew's parish Anglican youth group and is now secretary of the National Union of Anglican Students. We wish him well in his final year of study.

ROLE MODEL IN GAMBIA

Judy Chepchumba Kiget, 23, from Baringo County in the Nakuru Diocese, is studying at Carlile College Nairobi.

She is a youth co-ordinator in her parish where she runs youth forums such as fellowships, revival meetings, retreats and support groups. She told us: "I come from a family of 14 and am the eighth born in the family. My family has been a great support to me for they advise, motivate, correct and pray for me and with me.

"I am pursuing a diploma In Christian missions. Carlile has enabled me to minister outside my community, culture and country. Being of a few ladies in the midst of many men, Carlile College has made me a role model to our community and the school at large. I have formed a ladies' fellowship where we meet, pray together and share the word of God. I am really grateful for being in Carlile College.

"I am thanking you, my sponsors, for the good work that you are doing through me. May the good Lord expand your territories and may your cup never run dry. Once again



thanks for sponsoring my education and I promise that I shall put effort and emerge a hero in ministry and bring many souls to know Christ."

ASPIRING EVANGELIST

Abel Martin Lenaula is from Maralal Diocese in Samburu County and is one of six siblings. Since the death of his mother in 2003 he has faced many challenges as a young man growing up as a partial orphan.

He told us: "I have continued to serve the Lord with zeal and passion both in school and in church, the Lord has continued to nurture my talent in music and preaching his word. This has continued to fill my heart with songs of praises.

"I thank the almighty Father for granting me an opportunity to be at Carlile College to continue learning. Many thanks also goes to my sponsors who have been of great help to me.

"Carlile College is the best place to be as it has helped me grow my spiritual life and gain a lot of knowledge mostly as an evangelist. I believe that God would want to use me to achieve the great commission as in Matthew: 28 God bless you mightily."



A VOICE FOR REFUGEES

By Mel Steel
Director Voices in Exile

IT HAS been a busy year for Voices In Exile, with many positive changes and challenges since we moved to new premises in Kemp Town, Brighton, at the end of 2017.

New director Mel Steel has been building a new staff team and ensuring our core services, especially advice and casework, are fully operational from the new building.

We have continued to provide integration and casework support to vulnerable Syrian refugee families in Brighton and Hove and will soon be welcoming up to ten new families to be resettled.

Our longest-standing staff member, Nora Mzaoui, moved into a new role as volunteer co-ordinator, funded by the diocese. She has recruited and is now managing a fantastic team of some 30 volunteers providing vital support to our small staff team in key frontline and back office roles.

Highlights of the year include the success of the mentoring scheme, which provides one-to-one support to vulnerable refugees and migrants in need of dedicated help. This includes conversational English; accompanying and advocacy support to attend important appointments; and wellbeing activities, including art therapy, for those who need additional therapeutic support. All mentoring is provided by qualified volunteers.

Another success has been a series of life skills workshops organised in partnership with the Friends Centre. Aimed primarily at recently resettled refugees, they have been devised to help people get to grips with issues such as managing energy bills; accessing healthcare; using transport; understanding benefits; managing budgets; housing tenancies; volunteering, jobs and drafting CVs. Feedback has been positive, with learners reporting they now have the confidence to book their

own appointments, manage energy bills and feel more independent. The workshops were complemented by outings for clients and their families – including to the Royal Pavilion, the i360 and a seven-mile round walk to Devil's Dyke in the middle of the heatwave, complete with wheelchairs and children's buggies.

Our relaunch in June was an opportunity to celebrate Refugee Week and highlight the support we offer. The event featured messages of support from local MPs, music from Sudanese refugee and long-time Brighton resident Bashir Al Gamar, food from the Real Junk Food Project and table tennis coaching by our neighbour Brighton Table Tennis Club. It was a chance to thank our generous funders and tireless volunteers.

Immigration advice drop-in, Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm

Food bank and hardship drop-in service, Fridays 11am-1pm

The entrance for drop-ins is via St John the Baptist Church, Bristol Road, BN2 1AP.

Phone advice line: 01273 082105 (for help with immigration, homelessness, welfare benefits), Thursdays 2pm-4pm. We accept donations of food, toiletries and clothes. For more information or to make a referral call 01273 328598 or email advice@voicesinexile.org



AFTER 26 years, Worthing Churches Homeless Projects, has a new name - Turning Tides.

Fundraising manager Sue Stevens, who has been with the well-known charity for more than 12 years, said the aim was to spread the word and give hope.

She said: "We held various focus groups with our staff, clients and volunteers and it reaffirmed how vital it was our charity should encourage potential clients to approach us and promote the fact our services now spread beyond Worthing." From modest beginnings as a group of Christians visiting the homeless on the seafront offering food and practical help, Worthing Churches Homeless Projects became vital to supporting homeless men and women in Worthing.

The sheer determination, generosity and compassion shown over the years by local people has been fundamental to its achievements and developments. Unique opportunities have allowed them to provide pathways out of homelessness – making the

aspirations of every homeless person to be housed a real and viable option.

One former homeless client said: "I absolutely love the name Turning Tides. Anybody who has reached the bottom feels hopeless so it is like the promise of a future - it gives the message of hope."

John Holmstrom, chief executive, said: "I hope that the new name and logo emphasises the power we have as a community to change and turn the tide of homelessness. "It is both meaningful and evocative – it carries a message of hope and profound change."

Turning Tides was welcomed at an inspirational event where hundreds took part in a fundraising walk/jog/run along Worthing seafront (see page 12).

Clients handed out medals to all who took part and the event was full of warmth and community strength.

The new contact details for Turning Tides are: www.turning-tides.org.uk and info@turningtides.org.uk. Social media has moved over to @turningtidesorg

Turning Tides' work to help transform people's lives would not be possible without the valuable support of its volunteers.



BISHOP Martin will be supporting Turning Tides and joining its annual sleepout on February 23 in Littlehampton. Details of how to sponsor Bishop Martin will be published on the diocesan website soon.





60 SECONDS WITH

MARK JOHNSON

(REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR (SUSSEX) FOR CHRISTIAN AID)

What is your background?

I've spent 25 years working for one faith-based charity or another and held posts in everything from the publishing, distribution and retail of Christian books and music through to working at a local church.

Why did you want to work for Christian Aid?

I grew up going to church and started working for church-related charities around 1993. Over time, I increasingly found there was a correlation between the degree to which an organisation was involved in the work of justice and aid and how energised and engaged I felt. Parallel to this, I started to explore my faith in a more theological context and, having committed to simply working toward a certificate in theology, I eventually found myself writing a PhD in theology and the arts at St Andrews University. As

these two strands positively combined they increasingly fuelled my drive to be aligned to the work of organisations such as Christian Aid. The marriage of the practical and the theoretical, the head and the heart, became a powerful directional force.

What are you now doing with the Church of England in Sussex?

I should start by saying how much I love working with the Diocese of Chichester. I've met so many people and have always been made very welcome. Sussex has so many volunteers who are personally invested in supporting the work of Christian Aid and to see them busily working away has been inspiring and heart-warming. The breadth of work we do together is impressive. In just this past year we've had events related to Christmas and Easter, worked on issues such as

malnutrition in South Sudan and, for Christian Aid Week, hunger and homelessness in Haiti and there has been that ongoing concern for the Rohingya. We've also hosted global partners visiting us from countries such as Kenya and Haiti who've spoken to and chatted with people in everything from local services to county-wide events.

What next?

I think we can keep developing things together and build on the work that we do. Perhaps the most exciting joint venture is the global neighbours initiative that is just starting to gain pace. A scheme that helps school pupils think more globally and understand a little more about the world in which they live. It's initially for C of E schools but can really be used by anyone wanting to tackle these topics with the under 11s.

BIG BREKKIE AND CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 13 - 19 MAY 2018

Many Shoreham-by-Sea residents, stores and companies came together to make the 2018 Christian Aid Week one of the best ever.

During Christian Aid Week many of the fellowship of the Church of the Good Shepherd delivered the envelopes to the roads on the Beach. The generosity of our neighbourhood was heart-warming and the weather was kind to the collectors.

Christian Aid week started with The Big Brekkie in the Church Hall on Saturday 12th May which fed over 150 people and raised over £800. The House to House collection on Shoreham Beach raised a total £1512.59 including Gift Aid.



At the Big Brekkie Mark Johnson, (pictured right) the Sussex Christian Aid co-ordinator, spoke about Christian Aid's work around the World. Tim Loughton MP also attended the event, and is joined in the picture by Jill Charlish left and



BEACH HUT ADVENT CALENDAR

With Mothers Union

From December 2nd Hove's annual Beach Hut Advent Calendar will begin. Mother's Union has had a presence at this iconic event since they were encouraged to do something special to mark the organisation's 140th anniversary in 2016.

Michelle White MU member from the Saltdean District Branch said: "As part of our celebration to mark the anniversary we arranged to decorate a beach hut. The theme was "Angels" which seemed appropriate as the work of MU has often been described as the work of ministering angels. Angels also often appear in large numbers

and one of the great things about decorating the hut was that so many members were involved in many different ways. They provided a diverse host of angels - knitted, stitched, folded, cut out or simply borrowed from the Christmas tree.

"We collected blue lights to match the MU colours and borrowed precious banners from each branch to use as a backdrop. A globe to signify the worldwide nature of the organisation and a picture of MU founder Mary Sumner completed the scene. There were 140 angels in the hut, one for every year, and 140 blue helium balloons floated above it.

"We hope many members of the diocese will make the effort to visit this year's creation, which is still under wraps. It says it is a great way to draw the attention of a wider audience to its work."

Today the MU has some four million members in 84 countries. Mary Sumner's vision was to equip families for the task of bringing up their children in the Christian faith. To find out more about the organisation and its history see www.mothersunion.org.

To check details of the date this hut will be open can be found at www.beyondchurch.co.uk

NEW WORLDWIDE PRESIDENT FOR MOTHERS' UNION

Sheran Harper was announced as the new Worldwide President for Mothers' Union.

Kathryn Anderson, The Chichester Diocesan Mothers' Union president welcomes Sheran. "For the first time, we are pleased to have a Worldwide President from outside Britain and Ireland for the new Triennium 2019-21.

"Sheran Harper was born in the UK but brought up in Guyana. She is currently a Worldwide Trustee and has had experience in Mothers' Union at Parish, Diocesan, and Provincial level.

"Sheran is pleased and excited about God's calling her to this role and for the members who voted for her as well as the support from her family. We look forward to her taking over in January 2019. We give thanks to God for our outgoing

Worldwide President Lynne Tembey, for the inspiration of her Faith and Leadership of our incredible organisation."

Following the announcement, Sheran has released a video, posted on the central Mothers' Union website today.



CARE FOR THE EARTH

BECOME AN *eco* CHURCH

A ROCHA UK is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural habitat.

It helps churches demonstrate God's loving care for his creation and works in partnership with a wide variety of organisations and individuals who share its concerns for a sustainable world.

Although many churches in Sussex have started on the journey of caring for God's earth, A Rocha UK can help others get started.

Environment Resource Packs can help you play your part in caring for God's earth. It's a growing range of materials around a given theme, including suggested orders of service, prayers and song suggestions and children's materials and ideas for small group study.

These packs are suitable for use both in church services and small groups.

Here's how you can become an eco church:

- Apply for Eco Church, the national award for green churches
- Book a speaker for your church or event
- Get your church involved in the range of wildlife in the churchyard
- Download free resources for services and church groups.

To find out more about the churches programme, contact uk@arocha.org.

PASTURES NEW

Our diocesan rural and environment officer Mark Betson has been appointed the national rural officer for the Archbishop's Council and will move to take up his new post at the beginning of January. Mark has worked as both rural and environment officer and parish priest for Lower Beeding over the last eight years as well as being regional director for the Farming Community Network.

He will be based at the Arthur Rank Centre in Warwickshire, churches' national hub for rural ministry, as well as working within the mission and public affairs and evangelism and discipleship teams at Church House, Westminster. The core aim is to focus and develop the Church of England's support for the rural church and rural communities that make up some two thirds of all the Church of England's churches nationally.

HIGH-TECH SOLUTIONS FOR RURAL MISSION

Rural Missions Solutions is part of the work of the Centre for Rural Mission, a registered charity and a member of the Rural Evangelism Network, part of the Churches Rural Group within Churches Together in England.

Rural Missions Solutions draws on 50 years of practice and research, seeking to reverse the past spiritual decline in the rural areas of the UK.

It runs regular information and training webinars on a range of helpful and relevant topics to support mission for both ordained and lay in rural churches.

You can view previous webinars on the Rural Missions Solutions website www.ruralmissionsolutions.org.uk. The next webinar is on Saturday, November 17, from 9am to 9.45am.

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS BY CANON JOHN TWISLETON



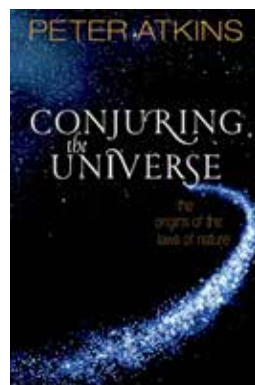
PHOEBE - A STORY

PAULA GOODER

PAULA Gooder opens up the world of the first Christians bringing scripture alive through animagined life of Paul's co-worker 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 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."

Hodder and Stoughton 2018 £8.99 ISBN 9781473669727 320pp

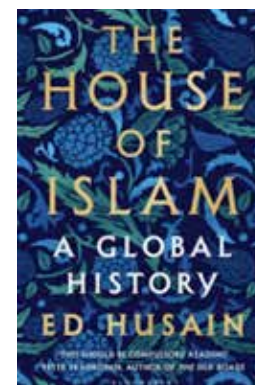


CONJURING THE UNIVERSE THE ORIGINS OF THE LAWS OF NATURE

PETER ATKINS

THOUGH having a chemistry doctorate - Peter Atkins examined me - I found his short book a struggle but worth it for some big picture thinking and some elucidations by analogy. I liked his idea of seeing electromagnetism as a cube with electricity and magnetism as say square and hexagonal sections of that higher dimension. Atkins summarises how the world has come to be scientifically and the beauty of the laws of thermodynamics. There's less beauty in his insistent return to indolence (1st Law) and anarchy (2nd Law) governing a creation that probably stems from dull nothing. Though I admit I'm now a priest I felt disappointed by the bleak rationality of this brilliant scientist whose very arguments invite you to see sense by going up a dimension.

OUP 2018 Kindle £8.59 ISBN 978-0198813378 205pp

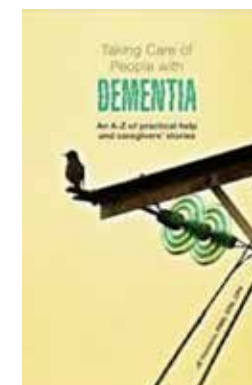


THE HOUSE OF ISLAM - A GLOBAL HISTORY

ED HUSAIN

"THE House of Islam is on fire – and the arsonist still lives there. Neighbours can bring water to put out the fire, but Muslims must also expel the fire bombers in their midst." In an accessible best-selling book, Ed Husain explains this fiery scene and how a narrow movement unfaithful to the Quran is riding a crisis of confidence among Muslims. The book by a former extremist turned mainstream Muslim draws out the spiritual depth of Islam. Terms like Sharia are explained, meaning "path to water" echoing Islam's nomadic heritage but now bearing fearsome meaning as a result of literalistic Islam. In its portrait of the counterfeiting of Islam's riches in this age The House Of Islam is an eye-opener for non-Muslims and a call to action for Muslims and all who seek the world's good.

Bloomsbury Publishing 2018 £13.65 (Kindle Edition) ISBN 978-1-4088-7226-0 pp336



TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA – AN A-Z OF PRACTICAL HELP AND CAREGIVERS' STORIES

JANET HARDACRE

THIS well-structured book combines practical advice for caregivers with heartfelt stories from those who care for people with dementia. The author is a retired nurse so the book is authoritative and deals with the everyday realities of caregiving. Each chapter provides accessible information that will be useful to carers and health professionals. The book contains "Golden Rules" that summarise facts plus gives links on where to access support. It offers insights into different stages of dementia and the prospect of moving people to a care home. From my experience as a carer for my mother, I am aware this move can be positive as there is time to focus on the relationship with the person cared for, while letting others do the caring. This is an indispensable guide for people who want to know more about what to expect when caring for someone with dementia.

St Luke's Queens Park Press. £6.99

CATHEDRAL EVENTS

GOSPEL DAY, LEARNING WITH LUKE

An afternoon at Chichester Cathedral to explore and celebrate Luke's Gospel through word, music, prayer and art.

The next in our series of popular biblical study days is on Saturday, November 17, 1.30pm to 5pm. Speakers include Dr Steve Smith (St Mellitus College), Professor James Dunn (Durham), Professor David Catchpole (Exeter and Sarum College), Dr Stephen Roberts (University of Chichester), Rev Dr Andy Angel, Rev Harriet Neale-Stevens (Diocese of Chichester), Rachel Moriarty, Canon Tim Schofield (Chichester Cathedral), with prayer stations by Loulou Morris.

The cost is £7.50 per person and there are a limited number of free tickets for 16 to 18-year-olds. Session titles and further information in the What's on section of the Cathedral website, www.chichestercathedral.org.uk. Tickets (and session titles) are available from the website, in person from The Novium Museum, Tower Street, Chichester (10am to 5pm daily; 10am to 4pm on Sundays) or by calling 01243 775888. There is a choice of sessions with limited numbers in some venues so booking in advance is recommended.

WILLOW SPHERE WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, November 20:
10.30am to 3pm
cathedral Eastern**

An opportunity to explore the wonderful medium of willow with international land artists Mark and Rebecca Ford. They will take you through the steps to create a sphere using traditional techniques. No experience is required. Tickets are £25, refreshments included. Bring a packed lunch and apron.

Book in advance at www.thenovium.org.

WONDERFUL WATER

**family activities at
Chichester Cathedral
Friday, February 22:
10am to 3pm
(last entry 2.30pm).**

Design and make creative crafts. Follow our themed cathedral trail and collect your prize when finished. The cost is £2.50 per child and there is no need to book, just drop in. Suitable for ages three to 11, accompanied by an adult.

**For further details call
01243 812986, visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk
or email luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk.**

CHICHESTER STARLIGHT TRAIL

**November 29:
drop in between 4pm and 8pm**

Collect your starlight trail passport from the Novium Museum, Pallant House Gallery or the cathedral and complete a star lantern at a venue of your choice. Once you have made your lantern, travel to the other venues to take part in festive crafts and activities, collecting stamps along the way. Those who have collected all three stamps will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a prize.

Tickets are £3 from www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE

Monday, December 3, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

This has been designed to be accessible for people living with dementia and their carers. The service will include well-known Christmas carols, a tableau of the Christmas Story with two donkeys from Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary, short prayers and readings followed by refreshments. The cathedral nave is fully accessible. The staff and volunteers facilitating the event are all trained as dementia friends.

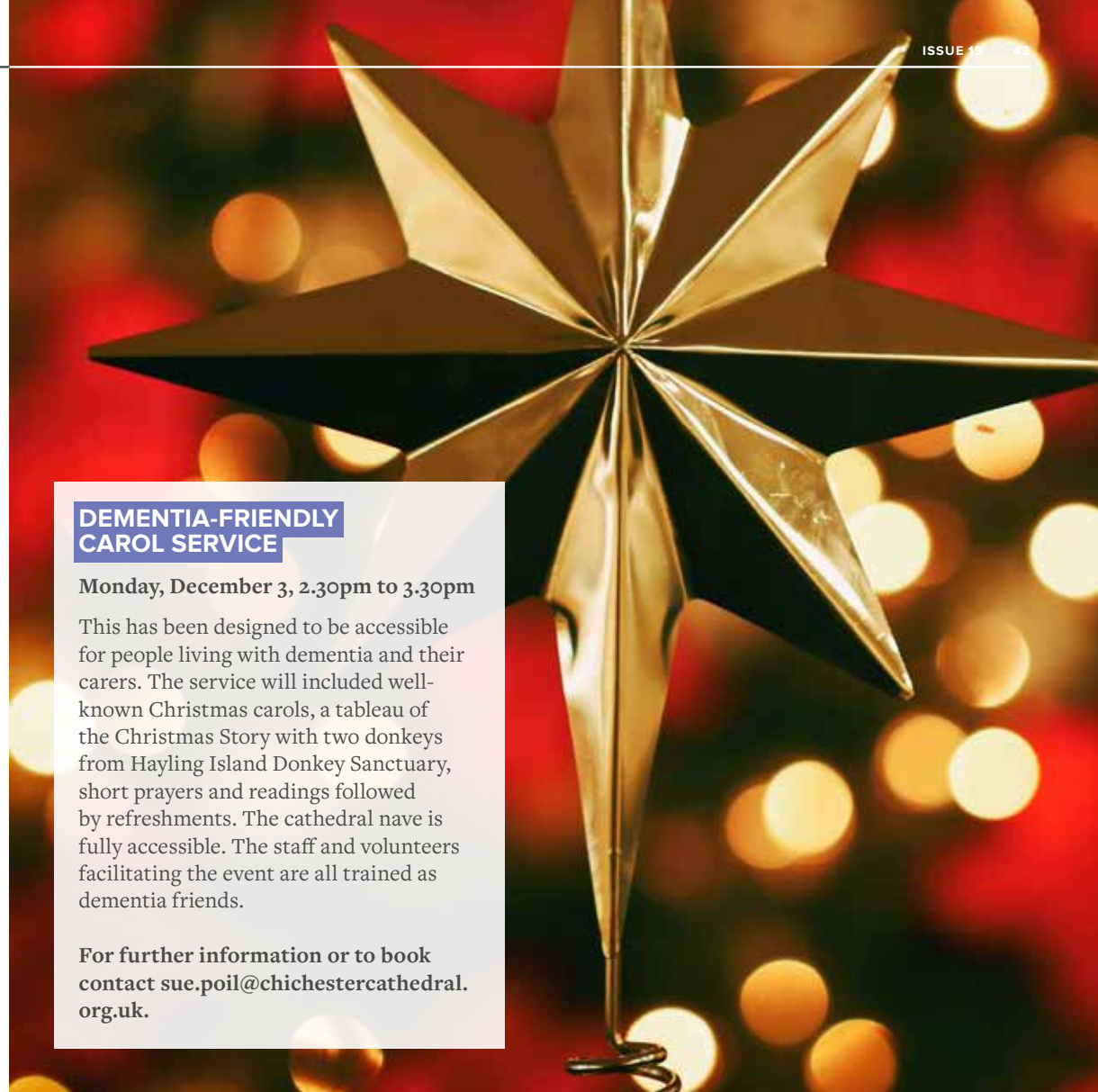
**For further information or to book
contact sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk.**

ILLUMINATING CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL TOURS

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Uncover what the cathedral building teaches us as well as learning more about the key characters in the cathedral's history. A series of five specialist tours led by experienced guides.

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