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WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to the second edition of the magazine; the new format has been well received and our thanks are due to Lisa and her design team. A number of useful comments have been incorporated and we look forward to further dialogue with you, the reader. Beyond informing and encouraging, there is scope within the magazine's format to engage with issues arising in a period of change and development for the diocese.

Change is in the air on many fronts: within the context of the continuing Deanery Visitations and the forthcoming Vision and Growth Consultations. At the time of writing, many of us are reflecting with joy and thankfulness on the consecration of Bishop Richard in Westminster Abbey on 14 May, a truly blessed and exciting occasion, an unforgettable time of worship and praise, with the full panoply of Church of England ceremonial in that vibrant, historic setting. Services of Welcome for Bishop Richard are planned and one took place at Battle on 18 May and another at St Paul's, Brighton on 22 June at 6pm.

Archdeacon Roger Combes will be retiring at the end of June after 28 years faithful service in this diocese as Rector of St Matthew's, St Leonards, as Rural Dean of Hastings and, since 2003, Archdeacon of Horsham. Many of us have cause to be grateful for his gracious wisdom, his love of people and his calm assurance. Moves are already afoot to seek his successor, as well as to appoint a new Diocesan Director of Ordinands and, following the announcement of the creation of the new archdeaconry comprising the deaneries of Brighton & Hove and Lewes & Seaford, a fourth Archdeacon. Further it has been announced that Dr Ann Holt is to be the new Diocesan Director of Education; she will be taking up her post in the autumn.

These changes are against the backdrop of the Vision and Growth consultations taking place in June. Full details are repeated in this magazine, in the e-bulletin and on the web-site. These sessions are for the whole diocese and you are urged to take the opportunity to express your views about the state of the diocese and its future life and direction under the three headings 'Church growth', 'Re-imagining ministry' and 'Contributing to the Common Good'. All responses and contributions to the consultations will be fed into the Bishop's Staff meeting, the Clergy Conference and further working groups before the process is underpinned in Lent next year, leading to the launch of a new diocesan strategy at Pentecost. Please bring forward your views – you have the chance now to feed them into the diocesan process.'

With every blessing

Philip Jones

Archdeacon of Lewes



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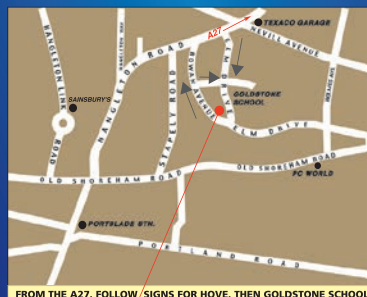
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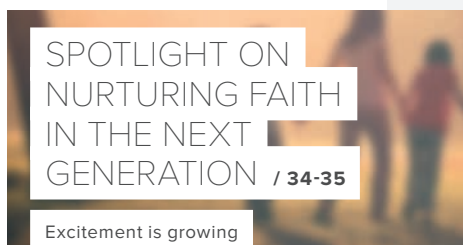
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OUR GROWING STORIES OF HOPE AND JOY

To help parishes prepare for the weekend of prayer and discerning the vision meetings in June, (see page 41) Richard Jackson, Bishop of Lewes, commends the following stories from parishes where good leadership, prayer and positive action have played a fundamental part in the growing life of a church.



Sophie Jelley has been vicar at St Andrew's, Burgess Hill, for nearly four years. She said:

"There's nothing like the local church when the local church is working right." Bill Hybels, senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, Chicago, spoke these words at a conference I attended a few years back and I've never forgotten them. Whatever our tradition or expression of church, it seems to me that this is the heart of the vision process we are embarking on.

Through prayer, consultation, commitment and action, we long to see the local church working "right". Sadly we have had times of bad press and must acknowledge the past appropriately but we cannot ignore the fact that this presents an opportunity for a new season.

At St Andrew's it has been our privilege to experience growth in a variety of ways as one of the churches working alongside others in Burgess Hill, Hurst Deanery. In my experience the business of growing churches is not easy but its factors are simple: God and people. When I reflect on the past four years there have been plans and projects and these are ongoing but the real joy is in the stories of real people's lives. Names are changed but the stories are of ordinary people like you and me.

When John was diagnosed with serious illness last year, he felt a nudge to revisit his Christian

roots. Retirement gave him the time he needed to do business with God but he had many things to think through. He said the people at St Andrew's welcomed him warmly and it was like "coming home". Since then, his faith has become the bedrock of his life. He has a clear sense of purpose and peace, whatever the future holds. During intense treatment, he described the two-hour round trip to hospital as the best of times as he was accompanied by Christian songwriter Matt Redman on his car CD player and experienced a closeness to God he had not known in years.

Paul emailed out of the blue one morning three years ago from his office. He had just decided to follow God and wondered if we could help him find out more. I contacted one of our congregation who agreed to meet Paul to mentor him. For several months they met on Saturday mornings for coffee



and Paul's journey began. A few months later he felt able to set foot in church and he then attended a basics course produced through the Leading Your Church Into Growth team that we run on a regular basis. Paul went on to our alpha course and it was there that he encountered the power of the Holy Spirit in a tangible way. Paul's faith has led to personal transformation, renewed family life, increased confidence and peace in a pressured work situation.

Jenny and Tom came seeking baptism for Millie. We explained that baptism is a welcome into the church family so it is a good idea to get to know that family and see how it operates before deciding whether you want to join. That was almost three years ago. Millie and her parents were among the founding members of our Sunbeams under-fives group. This is a Christian toddler

group open to all where each family is prayed for, known by name and supported. The children start their journey with God as babes in arms and the next step may be our Tiddlywinks group on a Sunday mornings where they learn the basics of worship, Bible, prayer and Christian service.

Fred was devastated when his wife died but he remembered a funeral they attended together at St Andrew's months earlier. As they left, his wife said the service had really touched her. They had already been thinking about their faith in a deeper way before her death. Fred knew straight away he wanted St Andrew's for her service and the following Sunday, in spite of his grief, Fred went to church. He said it was a good decision because it was there he experienced deep peace. That was over a year ago now. Although still tough at times, Fred's life has been so

much better than he imagined. His newfound faith and the friendship at church have sustained him and for that he is deeply thankful.

These stories are simple. They are all ordinary folks going about their ordinary lives with a need for God. As I often say, we are about numbers because every number is a person and people matter. The local church is best placed to help people find the love of God through Jesus with the help of his Holy Spirit.

In my experience, growth has little to do with tradition and much more to do with prayer and consistent attention to discerning what the Father wants to do in the context in which he places us.



Steve Daughtery has been vicar of St John the Baptist Church, Southover, Lewes, since 2003. Since 2004, it has grown by about 70% to more than 300 adults worshipping on a Sunday. Steve told us why:

We are a church of flawed people, constantly striving to worship God with our lives and live in community with one another. We frequently stumble and make mistakes and so “church” becomes God’s way of helping us practise forgiveness. However, because God is gracious, he chooses to work through normal people like us.

So what have been important lessons? I could talk about the importance of prayer, worship that transforms and relying on God’s spirit but here are four other ideas that may be helpful.

Personal engagement with the gospel. For a church to grow, every member needs to be engaged in the mission of Jesus. To be engaged in mission, each member needs to understand their place in a story that demands “my soul, my life, my all”. Jesus’s death and resurrection for our salvation is the only story that has this power and his spirit is the only power to bring people to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. At

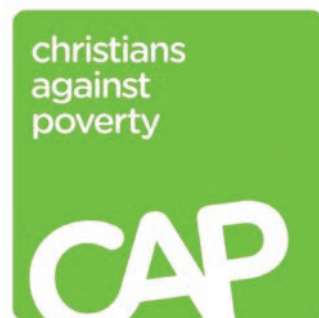
Southover, we make a habit of preaching this gospel - and the commitment it calls for - week in, week out.

Being ready to make changes that will hurt. We never designed our church strapline to be “it’s all about mission” but that’s what many people think our motto is. Why? Because we have had to preach this idea every time painful decisions about changes to our building, service times or expensive projects have confronted us. Our congregation knows God requires us to make the changes that will benefit the mission of God and that these changes will often cost us our comfort, convenience or cash. In other words, our worship at church is not about us, it is about glorifying God and serving others.

Creating congregations that reflect the cultures in the town. We live in a town where there are different cultures, preferences and familiarities and we want to do our best not to exclude anybody. For us this has meant operating a suite of four services every Sunday which best cater to different demographics. We try to design our services to take into account those people who are not in church. This takes a lot of sacrifice, effort, planning and people power but every time we have planted or relaunched a service for this purpose, God has honoured the effort and the church has grown.

Serving helps belonging. We believe the gospel calls people to sense their belonging in God, to step out in belief in Jesus, to be transformed in their behaviour by the spirit. The first thing we want people to experience is that they belong

here. We have discovered the best way to integrate people new to faith/Southover is to get them serving their church family as soon as possible. Of course, the integration process takes wisdom and some roles suit newcomers and new Christians better than others. We have been strong on “every member ministry” and doing our best to help people find their place of serving.



St Matthew’s Church, Hastings, together with seven other churches from different denominations, has partnered with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to offer debt counselling in the community. It is also a major contributor to local food banks.

CAP was started in Bradford 17 years ago by John Kirkby who was called by God to start this work as a response to the despair felt by those trying to deal with mounting debt. Since then it has grown to more than 200 centres across the UK. It is a free service to anyone in debt. CAP manager Nick Warren said: “CAP offers hope and a solution to people in debt. Last year Hastings and St Leonards CAP centre helped around 70 households on to the path to become debt free.”

CAP helps people who have got into financial difficulty for various reasons including job

loss, marriage breakdown and physical or mental ill health. CAP puts into place repayment plans to ensure essential outgoings are covered and relieve the pressures that can lead to ill health, suicidal feelings and home evictions.

The Hastings and St Leonards Centre opened a year ago but has already helped six families become debt free. It is supported by a team of more than 30 volunteer support workers from partner churches. They pray for and befriend clients, accompany the CAP team on visits and in many cases introduce them to a church family.

Nick said: "All our clients got a Christmas hamper and two families who have not had a proper holiday have been given holidays with CAP. We regularly source food bank vouchers, cookers, fridges and vacuum cleaners for our clients and are also able to get financial help for things such as flat deposits and cookers."

The church also contributes to the Hastings food bank, run by the Trussle Trust. This is in partnership with Kings Church, Hastings, and provides much-needed support to many families and individuals.

Nick said: "We also get to see some of our clients come to faith in our Lord, which is the cream on the cake. We are blessed with lots of stories of God's grace in this ministry but in particular I think of one mother and her three children.

"K was one of our first referrals when we set up last year and when I first met her she had not opened her windows or drawn her curtains for months for fear of bailiffs. It took several meetings and some great support from our friends at Hastings food bank to earn her trust sufficiently to be able to get her paying in regularly to a CAP account so we could start to gradually pay off her debts.

"I remember the day a couple of months later when she excitedly showed me that her windows were now open and although she is not yet debt free, she is well on her way with just over a year left to pay.

"She and her children have become particularly close to our CAP befriender Christine, a volunteer from one of our seven partner churches. We took K and her two sons - her daughter was too young - on a CAP discovery holiday at the end of last year, their first proper family holiday, and all three made a commitment to Christ during this holiday. The eldest son is now an active member of a local Christian youth club, K is attending church more regularly and she has asked and agreed to be a CAP support worker so she can help others out of debt.

For more about the weekend of prayer and discerning the vision meetings, see page 41.



FOURTH ARCHDEACONRY ANNOUNCED

Bishop Mark has confirmed the way is now clear for The Bishop of Chichester to make a Pastoral Order creating a fourth archdeaconry in the Diocese of Chichester. The new archdeaconry will consist of the deaneries of Brighton, Hove and Lewes and Seaford. At the same time, the Deanery of Westbourne will be transferred from the Archdeaconry of Horsham to the Archdeaconry of Chichester.



On behalf of all three bishops in the diocese, Bishop Mark said: "The Bishop of Chichester is mindful that many people wish to see Lewes named in the title of the new archdeaconry and he will seek to initiate a new consultation to determine the final name of the new archdeaconry. For legal reasons, it will have the title of Archdeaconry of Brighton until this matter is concluded.

"The bishops and members of the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee are grateful to all who have participated in the recent consultations and they believe the changes will enable us more effectively to engage in mission and pastoral care."

NEW DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



Dr Ann Holt OBE, Lay Canon of Bristol Cathedral, is to be our new director of education.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner said: "I am absolutely delighted by the appointment of Dr Ann Holt as Chichester's new diocesan director of education and look forward to welcoming her and her husband, Canon Douglas Holt, to life and work in Sussex.

"Ann is a nationally recognised leader in the field of education. She is experienced in the classroom, imaginative, inspirational and demanding of high standards as a team leader and a persuasive advocate for the invaluable contribution

that Christianity makes to the educational and social needs of children, young people and their families. The diocese has 159 church schools, providing free education to 35,000 students. Under her leadership their future will be in good hands."

Dr Holt said: "I am looking forward to serving the whole school community and working with the diocesan education team, which is, I know, dedicated to the Christian mission in all its schools."

Dr Holt, who takes up her post in September, is currently director of external relations for the Bible Society. She has spent all her working life in education and is currently chairwoman of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Education. She has been a governor of several schools, a national trainer and consultant to local education authorities, the Department for Education and independent schools.

She was awarded the OBE for services to education in 2004. She is a firm believer in community involvement in education and considers serving as a governor to be an excellent way for people to engage with their communities.



SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

A warm welcome awaits you at the church tent at Ardingly from June 5 to 7. Drop in for a fair trade cup of tea or coffee and take a moment to browse the bookstore provided by Books Alive in Hove. There will be activities for children and space to pause, think and pray. Our theme this year is The Tree Of Life and we will have a 7ft false larch tree on display. The tent is usually near the bees and honey marquee.

ORDINATION ASSISTANTS' TEAM

The team consists of six people, all appointed in December last year, whose main role is to oversee all aspects of the ordination discernment process. This stretches from working with vocational enquirers through the selection criteria for the Church of England's ordained ministry, preparing candidates for the national three-day Bishops' Advisory Panel at the end of the diocesan discernment process, serving as the contact during training and having input into advising the bishop's senior staff on the placing of title curates in their first ministry post.

THE MEMBERS ARE:

Reverend Alison Bowman, vicar of St John the Evangelist, Preston, Brighton

Reverend Canon Paul Cox, retired and with PTO in the parish of Waldron

Reverend John Crutchley, rector of St Peter's, Ardingly

Margaret Heald, Parochial Church Council secretary, St Paul's, Chichester

Reverend Sophie Jelley, incumbent of St Andrew's, Burgess Hill

Reverend Dr Paul Redparth, priest in charge of the parish of Kirdford with Plaistow

Fr Robert Norbury is acting Diocesan Director of Ordinands. It is expected that a new Diocesan Director of Ordinands will be appointed shortly.

FUNDING FOR NIGHT CHURCH

Night Church in Hastings was awarded a mission fund to help in the early plans to bring to life a vision shared by several people from different places. The vision was to create a safe space where people felt welcomed and accepted. A space to talk and pray for them if that is what they wanted. You can read more about the project on the fresh Expression website: <http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/stories/nightchurchhastings>



Read more about the mission fund on page 27

CALLING ALL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

We are looking for people – clergy, readers and other lay educators - who would be willing to lead a Following Jesus course in their parish or deanery, beginning in September. Whether this is something you have done before and would like to offer again or it is new to you and you would like to know more, contact Ruth Sowerby or Wendy Greenan at Church House.

BISHOP BACKS CREDIT UNION INVESTMENT APPEAL

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, gave his full backing to the East Sussex Credit Union's appeal which was launched at Folkington Manor.

It is hoped the event will attract new investment into the East Sussex Credit Union, which serves the people of East Sussex with affordable loans and financial guidance.

In supporting the East Sussex Credit Union, Dr Warner echoed the Archbishop of Canterbury's call for responsible lending to assist people struggling to make ends meet.

He said: "The aim of the evening was to encourage people to support the work of the East Sussex Credit Union, not by donation, but by opening savings accounts. Money saved with the credit union is recycled locally as low-cost loans, especially for those whose only other recourse is often to high-cost payday lenders.

"Along with the West Sussex Credit Union, whose own appeal we have also sponsored, the East Sussex Credit Union is helping Sussex do what it can as a community to ensure that financially vulnerable people have a chance of avoiding huge levels of debt."



NEWS CONTINUED

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Haskins Garden Centre at Angmering supported the Broadwater CE first and middle schools' science curriculum by giving more than 60 Year 1 children a demonstration of growing plants during their visit to the centre.

Haskins staff members Mark Smith and Sharon Miller showed how to plant and care for pumpkin seeds and wildflowers including poppies and cornflowers. After a question and answer session and refreshments in the restaurant, each pupil took away their own freshly planted seeds and will be able to enter the Halloween pumpkin-growing competition. The two classes then looked around the plant area of the centre to complete a quiz.



Mark said: "We were very impressed with the interest shown by the pupils who I'm sure will have a greater understanding of how plants grow. We look forward to seeing what size their pumpkins can reach through the year." Details of the competition can be found at www.haskins.co.uk.

INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

The diocesan course to train new spirituality directors, run by our spirituality adviser Andrew Mayes, begins again in September. Applications are now welcomed and all details are at www.chichester.anglican.org/spiritual-direction-course/.



Roger Coombes pictured with his wife Christine at Richard Jackson's consecration in May.

STAFF CHANGES

Roger Combes, Archdeacon of Horsham, retires in June. Roger has served as Archdeacon of Horsham since 2004. Evensong has been arranged for June 29 at St Mary's Horsham to acknowledge his ministerial service. We will feature more on Roger's retirement in the next issue of Faith in Sussex.

Shirley Steers, the Bishop of Horsham's long-serving secretary, has taken early retirement. Shirley has been a valued colleague for 23 years and during that time has proved invaluable to the bishop and in helping organise many memorable events, not least the successful Caister Conferences. She plans to help with specific

projects but her retirement will allow her to spend more time with her family, especially her grandchildren. We wish her the best for the future.

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CLERGY CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER

The Bishops and Senior Staff are calling a conference of all licensed clergy in the Diocese of Chichester from September 8th – 11th of 2014.

This conference will be a residential event held at the University of Kent in Canterbury and is intended to resource and encourage the clergy in their ministry as well as to draw them all together as a college of Deacons and Priests with their Bishops.

Licensed clergy should have received an e-mail invite to the event: <http://clergyconference14.eventbrite.co.uk/> If you haven't, contact conference@chichester.anglican.org.

A list of key note speakers can be found on the diocesan website, but the Bishop of Horsham has revealed that the Dean of Birmingham, The Very Revd Catherine Ogle, will be offering daily spiritual input to the conference.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS

THOSE BEING ORDAINED PRIEST THIS PETERTIDE,
ON DATES BETWEEN 15 AND 22 JUNE ARE:

ON SUNDAY, 15TH JUNE 2014 AT 5PM

Feast: Trinity Sunday **Venue:** St Paul's Church, Chichester
Bishop: + Lewes

Sarah Flashman St John the Evangelist, Southbourne
Alison Green Chichester Cathedral
Karen Young St Paul, Chichester

ON SUNDAY, 15TH JUNE 2014 AT 5PM

Feast: Trinity Sunday **Venue:** St Martin's, Brighton **Bishop:** + Horsham
Mischa Richards St Martin, Brighton

ON MONDAY, 16TH JUNE 2014 AT 7PM

Feast: Richard of Chichester **Venue:** All Saints, Hove **Bishop:** + Lewes

Duncan Fraser Holy Trinity, Eastbourne
Brian New St Andrew, Nuthurst and Good Shepherd, Mannings Heath
Tom Robson Angmering
Carl Smith St Andrew, Burgess Hill
Jill Simpson St Andrew, Ferring

ON THURSDAY, 19TH JUNE 2014 AT 7PM

Feast: Corpus Christi **Venue:** St Mary East Grinstead
Bishop: + Horsham

Alex Baxter St Andrew, Eastbourne
David Hadfield St Mary, East Grinstead

ON THURSDAY, 19TH JUNE 2014 AT 7PM

Feast: Corpus Christi **Venue:** St Anne's Lewes **Bishop:** +Lewes

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SYNOD VOTES TO APPROVE THE LATEST PROPOSALS TO ALLOW WOMEN TO BECOME BISHOPS

The Chichester Diocesan Synod has voted to approve the latest proposals to allow women to become bishops.

The Synod passed the motion on proposed changes to the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and draft Amending Canon No 33, which was referred to the dioceses by the General Synod last February.

The Measure and draft Amending Canon No 33 will now require a two-thirds majority in all three Houses (Bishops, Clergy and Laity) of General Synod at the final approval stage. If approved, the legislation would then go to Parliament for consideration by the Ecclesiastical Committee and each House of Parliament.

THE VOTING FIGURES IN THE DIOCESAN SYNOD DEBATE WERE:

House of Bishops	For	1
	Against	1
	Abstain	1

House of Clergy	For	36
	Against	22
	Abstain	2

House of Laity	For	54
	Against	20
	Abstain	0



A DAY TO CELEBRATE

The Right Reverend Richard Jackson ordained and consecrated as Bishop of Lewes

Hundreds of wellwishers attended the service at Westminster Abbey on May 14, to witness The Right Reverend Richard Jackson being ordained and consecrated to the episcopate as Suffragan Bishop of Lewes in the Diocese of Chichester by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops.

Before the service the Bishop-designate of Lewes took the Oath of Allegiance to The Queen's Majesty and the Oath of Due Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Jerusalem Chamber, part of the Abbey's Deanery. The Reverend Richard Jackson, Diocesan Adviser for Mission and Renewal in the diocese of Chichester, was presented for ordination by the Bishop of Chichester and the Suffragan Bishop of Horsham.

People came from very corner of the diocese to join in the celebrations at Westminster Abbey.

Mark Laverick is a reader at St George's Brighton and is in the discernment process for ordination. "I had the huge privilege of being in the congregation at Westminster Abbey to witness Richard Jackson being ordained as the Bishop of Lewes. To be present on such an occasion in such a magnificent place is something to be remembered. The new bishop will have oversight of the Brighton deanery, so there were many others there from across the deanery (and beyond).

There was a very real sense of joy and excitement yesterday, mixed with complete awe at being in such magnificent surroundings. I hope and pray that Bishop Richard's new ministry is one of healing and bridge-building."

Lloyd Harp is a youth leader in Rudgwick Parish. "The service was incredibly overwhelming

in a positive way! I owe much to Richard Jackson as he has encouraged me and is the reason I am working within the church today."

Jenny Groves and Jenny Alliston both travelled up from the parish of Henfield. They said: The service was magnificent and they are both very encouraged by Richard Jackson's appointment.

Kate Bailey is a reader in Henfield parish and is also on the discernment process for ordination. "It is wonderful to see so many people coming together from across the diocese for such a momentous occasion. I am very excited for Richard and his family and for the diocese. I hope Richard will be ordaining me in a few years time!"

John and Olivia Beckwith-Smith from Rudgwick thought the setting was beautiful and the service inspirational. Olivia said: "Richard is extremely gifted in ministry and knows how to connect the church to the everyday. He brings



Archdeacon Roger Combes, his wife Christine and Archie Coates, Vicar at St Peter's Brighton



Helen Rose right and Emma Stonham



Jenny Groves and Jenny Alliston



John and Olivia Beckwith-Smith



Kate Bailey with her new vicar of Henfield Paul Doike



Lloyd Harp and Steve Tennant



Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson pictured with Archbishop, Justin Welby; Bishop of Chichester, Martin Warner (far left) and Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby on the right.

worship alive. It is good that he has now been recognised for this."

Nigel Sarjudeen a former employee at Church House Hove, the administration centre for the diocese. "It's an honour to be here. The service was much bigger than I expected."

Helen Rose, curate at Shoreham Beach (right) and Emma Stonham, curate at East Grinstead enjoyed the occasion. Helen said: "This is the Church of England at its best. I am overjoyed for Richard, his family and for the diocese. His appointment as Bishop of Lewes is a step in the right direction."

Angela Sibson, Diocesan Secretary, said she was delighted to witness such an auspicious occasion. She said: "It was truly moving and encouraging to see so many

clergy and laity from across the diocese at Westminster Abbey. Richard's gift of ministering to such a broad church and the high regard that he is held in really showed in the number of people who came from every church tradition to share in the celebrations."

Richard Jackson said he said he was happy to be able to continue to minister in his current diocesan family and is looking forward to a new ministry in the diocese.

The sermon was preached by Martin Cavendish, Director of ReSource. The service was sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers, and the organ was played by Martin Ford, Assistant Organist. Peter Holder, Organ Scholar, played before the service. You can view the order of service and sermon on Westminster Abbey's website: www.westminster-abbey.org/press/news

**A WELCOME SERVICE
WAS HELD AT BATTLE ON
18 MAY AND A FURTHER
WELCOME SERVICE IS TO
BE HELD AT ST PAUL'S
BRIGHTON ON 22 JUNE
AT 6PM**

CELEBRATION OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Hundreds of women priests and their supporters joined a national service to mark the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Church of England.



Every woman ordained in 1994 was invited to take part in the event at St Paul's Cathedral on May 3 and all of England's 42 dioceses were represented.

The Bishop of Chichester Dr Martin Warner and his Dean of Women's Ministry Canon Julia Peaty led a group of female clergy to represent Chichester Diocese. A procession moved from Westminster Abbey through Parliament Square, along the Embankment and up Ludgate Hill towards St Paul's before the service began.

Canon Julia said: "It was a fitting way to give thanks to the dedication of women's ministry in the Church. It was a special day to celebrate and a signal to all those women who feel called by God to serve."

Sue Sampson, a curate at Haywards Heath for the past three years, said: "Things have changed and Chichester is

moving forward now and I am really excited about that."

Former Crawley Team Vicar Sue Marshall was one of the first women to be ordained 20 years ago. She said: "It was one of the happiest moments of my life. There have been huge changes since that day. Women now feel free to serve. This is a broad church. If you love Jesus, there is a place for you."

Bishop Martin said: "It was a privilege to be part of the national celebrations in London that marked the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women as priests. For women priests and supporters of women's ordination in the diocese of Chichester, the presence of their bishop was an important sign of affirmation and we were, all of us, received with extreme warmth and grace."

"AN OUTPOURING OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE CONTRIBUTION THAT WOMEN PRIESTS HAVE MADE IN ENRICHING OUR LIFE AND MISSION."

The dioceses own celebrations in Chichester Cathedral on May 24 will be an opportunity for Bishops, clergy and laity from across the Diocese to gather together for a service

celebrating the twentieth anniversary.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, believes that the local celebration is just part of the anniversary being marked nationally across the church with "an outpouring of thanksgiving for the contribution that women priests have made in enriching our life and mission."

Dr Warner, who is himself a traditionalist, acknowledges that it has not always been easy for women ministers, deacons and priests in the Diocese and clearly calls for a new mindset based on common working and understanding: "In this diocese we are aware that some have been slow to receive the ministry of women priests as fully as they might have done. There is still a legacy of hurt and some anger."

He added: "As we seek to move forward with growing confidence and common purpose, let us also ask for healing, wisdom and generosity in our love and respect for each other's calling, gifts and contribution to the Mission of God."

He added: "The service will reflect the particular contributions of women in the Diocese in the two decades since women priests were ordained and women's ministry more widely."

STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

morning HAS BROKEN

A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE NEW DAY

BY NEVILLE MANNING

For clergy, talking with families about the choice of hymns for a wedding or funeral is not as straightforward as you might expect.

For those not accustomed to singing hymns, the decision can be a problem. However, of the limited number of hymns familiar to many, one that is often requested is Morning Has Broken by Eleanor Farjeon.

Its popularity is largely attributed to the versions recorded by Cat Stevens in the early 1970s, when it topped the charts in both the USA and the UK for several weeks.

Eleanor Farjeon was a small timid child, born in London in 1881 to an American mother from a theatrical family and a Jewish father who was a novelist, playwright and journalist. She became a renowned poet and writer of children's stories.

During the First World War, the family moved to Sussex. Eleanor became close friends with the novelist D. H. Lawrence and the poets Robert Frost and Edward Thomas.

She received many awards for her work and now The Children's Book Circle makes an annual Eleanor Farjeon Award in her memory.

MINE IS THE SUNLIGHT,
MINE IS THE MORNING
BORN OF THE ONE LIGHT
EDEN SAW PLAY,
PRAISE WITH ELATION,
PRAISE EVERY MORNING,
GOD'S RE-CREATION
OF THE NEW DAY.

She was motivated by religious beliefs of various kinds throughout her life but at the age of 70, she eventually found her spiritual home in the Roman Catholic Church. Her spiritual journey in that direction had been influenced by the famous mystical work from the 13th century *The Cloud of Unknowing*, together with the writings of St Augustine of Hippo and the *Spiritual Exercises* of St Ignatius Loyola. The writer of the last of these always encouraged contemplation of nature as a way of finding God in all things,

a practice very much in tune with the words of Morning Has Broken.

Percy Dearmer, editor of both *The English Hymnal* and *Songs Of Praise*, asked Eleanor to write a hymn on the theme of thankfulness for each new day to go with the existing tune *Bunessan*, to which it is always sung.

Eleanor, who died in 1965, wrote four hymns for Dearmer and was paid three guineas for each of them. One was this hymn of thankfulness that has become so well known and loved, *Morning Has Broken*.

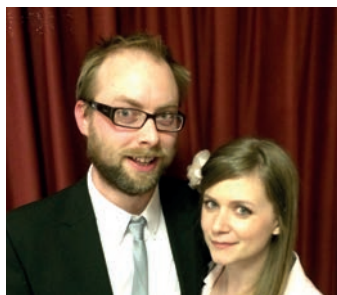
The hymn, suitable for children and adults, praises God for the gift of each new day with its new sights and sounds and does so very poetically and evocatively:

Whether sung or said reflectively, the hymn encourages us to face each new day not with apprehension but with thanksgiving and joy.

PETER TIDE

ORDINATIONS

The 18 men and women on these pages will be ordained deacon on Saturday, June 28, in Chichester Cathedral and will begin their public ministry in churches across the diocese. The ceremony will place a seal on the calling they have received from God to serve the Church. We asked them to tell us about themselves so we might call them, their families and parishes to mind in prayer ahead of their ordination service.



Jimmy Young

Jimmy Young spent ten years as a full-time youth worker, initially in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and then in Dorking, Surrey. For the past two years he has been training at St John's College in Nottingham after spending a fair while wrestling with the desire to avoid the clichéd youth work-ordination pathway. After owning up to this and having enjoyed two years of getting to pause, read and think, he is now excited about getting out of the theological college bubble and encountering "normal people" again. He said the call to ordination is nothing less than a call to exercise the passion that is in his heart to love people and God as fully as he can. Jimmy, who is married to Debs, is proud of his Welsh heritage, loves music, sport - both playing and



Alice Whalley

watching, especially Arsenal - and good coffee. He is a sucker for a good TV box set, especially *The West Wing*, and dreams of one day having a room dedicated to his CDs and books. Jimmy will serve his curacy at St Mary Horsham.

Alice Whalley is 26 and originally from Scotland. Her father was in the Navy so she spent her primary school years living in several places around the country following his jobs around before settling in mid Wales, which is where she went to secondary school.

She said: "I escaped to the bright lights of London to study for a degree in astrophysics, after which I somewhat unexpectedly ended up spending two years



Andrew Birks

working in a large parish in Camden Town. At the beginning, I thought the job might be a nice way to fill a gap but I quickly decided through my deepening faith and profound encounters that I might be called to ordination." She has spent the past three years training at St Stephen's House in Oxford. Alice said: "I am looking forward immensely to beginning my ministry in the diocese and to be doing so in such an exciting part of Brighton." Alice will serve her curacy at St Andrew's in Moulsecoomb.

Andrew Birks grew up in a small village near Alnwick in Northumberland where his faith played a huge part in his life. He said: "When I began serving at the altar, I began to recognise

my calling and my vocation to God. I approached the diocesan director of ordinands in Newcastle Diocese and was told to go and get some life experience so I did. I joined Cambridgeshire Police in 2011, City of London Police in 2004 and The Metropolitan Police in 2008. He has remained a serving police officer during his training with the South East Institute of Theological Education (SEITE) but that was due to end in May as he prepared for ordination. He said: "Serving as a police officer has often tested my faith with God but has also allowed me to serve God in a variety of situations. I am often asked why am I leaving the police when that too is a vocation - but then why did each of the disciples get up and follow Jesus? It is simply that sense of vocation, the preparation, the opening of ourselves to God where I feel most suited to in my vocational journey. This is why I feel called to leave the police and to pursue my ministerial calling." Andrew is in a civil partnership with John who is a paramedic in Croydon. Andrew will serve his curacy in the parishes of Portslade.

Chris Sutton has been a Christian for 27 years. He is a husband and father of three, a keen birdwatcher and lifelong

West Ham fan. He said: "I trained initially as an actuary in investment management. My own mission field is about to transition from the world of finance to these new parish contexts. I am excited about this change but keenly aware that I have much still to learn. My own calling to ordained ministry came initially through encouragement from my vicar and then other mature Christians at All Saints Lindfield where our family has worshipped for nearly 20 years. This has been confirmed through the Church's discernment process, training at SEITE and various ministry placements over the past three years. I would like to thank all those who have supported me in so many different ways and ask for your prayers during this time." Chris is looking forward to serving the people of Handcross, Pease Pottage, Slaugham, Staplefield and Warninglid from the end of June as curate at St Mary's Slaugham and St Mark's Staplefield.

Christian Mitchell is 42 and married to Vicky, a rural practice chartered surveyor. They have two boys, Hugh, 11, who is a chorister at Chichester Cathedral, and Charlie, seven. Christian originally trained as a chartered surveyor but moved into racecourse management

in the late 1990s. He said: "I worked at Aintree Racecourse assisting with two Grand Nationals before moving on to Newmarket Racecourses as operations manager for nine years where I also managed a number of building projects. Before moving to Oxford to study at Ripon College Cuddesdon, I was involved with the delivery of catering services to two of the Olympic venues for London 2012. I first felt a call to ordained ministry at school but it wasn't until my late thirties when I started going more regularly to the parish church in Forest Row that a strong sense of calling returned. It has been a very rapid journey for me from my initial inquiry to ordination so it has been a steep learning curve. We are very excited to be returning to East Sussex and I am really looking forward to serving my title post in Uckfield."

Christine Keyte was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. After a conversion experience in 1987, she felt a call to ordination. She said: "I started training towards ministry in the Methodist church ten years later and completed my training in 2000. During that time I had trained in various places, from a church in a coastal village through to inner-city Johannesburg and Soweto. In 2001, I transferred



Chris Sutton



Christian Mitchell



Christine Keyte



Irene Smale

to the British Conference and worked as a Methodist minister until I crossed over to the Church of England in July 2013. After a very enjoyable year at Westcott, I am looking forward to ordination and starting my title post at St Peter and St Paul Rustington. My husband Shaun, our son Jonathan and I have been so warmly welcomed as part of the Anglican community and I guess that's something of why ordination in the Church of England means so much to me - the amazing privilege of being called by God in His grace to serve church and community in the here and now, connecting with the very profound and ancient charisma of the church through the ages." Christine will serve her curacy in Rustington

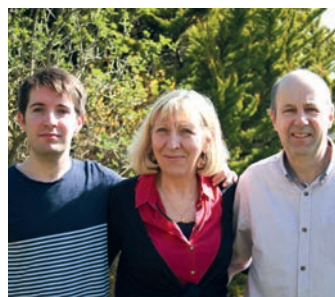
Irene Smale is the diocesan children's work officer for Chichester. She is married to Ish, Missioner Deacon at Chichester Cathedral. They have three grown-up children and a two-year-old grandson. Irene has served the Church in lay ministry for many years, supporting and training leaders across a broad spectrum of denominations in the UK and overseas in children's and family work. She said: "I felt called to ordination several years ago through personal experience of loss of members of my close family



Joy Collins

to terminal illness." Irene has a particular calling to pastoral care and mission. She did a BA in theology and history at the University of Chichester. More recently she completed an MA in Christian ministry and mission through Winchester University in preparation for ordination and is about to submit a doctoral thesis on theology and childhood to Southampton University. Irene is delighted to serve her curacy in the parish of St Pancras in Chichester under the leadership of Canon Mark Payne.

Joy Collins is 60 and is married to Dennis. She is a retired bookseller and historian who has worshipped for 25 years in Hastings Old Town parish and served as licensed lay-worker from 2001 until 2013. She said: "I work for Hastings Council ensuring European Fisheries Funding supports the sustainability of the fishing industry, fleet and the remarkable community who depend on it. A bookseller since university, my unexpected call to ordained ministry came with the General Synod vote in 1992. As Dennis was divorced, my vocational journey was barred but God's call to serve did not diminish. After gaining my MA in women and religion at King's College London, I was recommended for three



Kate Lawson

years' training for lay ministry alongside ordinands on the STETS course. Before my licensing, our bookshop had to close in difficult circumstances. My calling to serve sent me to leading community development in the Ore Valley, home to the poorest neighbourhoods in Hastings. I loved the people, place, struggles and rewards of working on the margins of church and society. After such a long, challenging journey I feel extraordinarily blessed to be preparing for ordination and serving at the heart of a new church and community in the east of the diocese."

Kate Lawson has been worshipping at St George's Church in Brighton, for the past ten years and her husband John sings in the choir. Kate was brought up in the Christian faith but on leaving home to study she did not attend church regularly for years and came to a personal faith in Jesus in her early forties. She said: "I have experienced a growing sense of calling to ordained ministry since then but managed initially to convince myself that as a single mum it could not be happening. After John and I married, I began taking on every possible lay role at St George's, hoping that would suffice. Obviously God had other ideas. I remained in



Mark Ashworth

employment for the majority of my training at SEITE, retiring last Christmas from the NHS, having worked in public health for nearly 40 years. I have found the training very stimulating but also challenging. I am very much looking forward to beginning this exciting new chapter, joining All Saints in Hove and having the opportunity to work with and learn from everyone there, as we seek to follow God and share the Gospel together."

Mark Ashworth was born and raised in Romford, Essex. It was in a vibrant church where he learned to love God, his inspired scripture, neighbour and the church. He said: "At the age of 14 I repented of my sins, placed my faith in Jesus and his sacrificial substitution on the cross and began the journey trusting in his righteousness. After studying at Birmingham University, God placed a passion within me to go overseas and serve in Jamaica and Uganda. On return I studied for a PGCE and taught geography for four years on Canvey Island while my new Canadian wife and I co-led the Church Pastoral Aid Society CYFA Venture holidays that had been so instrumental in my formative years. Encouraged to consider a calling to youth and children's work, we moved to Eastbourne to serve at All Saints'



Martin Mills

Church. God was graciously using and "growing" me for a ministry with all ages, with a particular heart for families. Over the past three years, God has expanded my knowledge, understanding and love of him, equipping me and my wife and three children to serve him for his glory on the next step of our adventure at All Saints' Church, Crowborough.

Martin Mills lived in Horsham for 50 of his 56 years and he said: "I am beginning to get the hang of Sussex life. I recently retired from an insurance career to act as carer for my elderly father, Geoff. Particular interests are social justice and persecuted-church issues. In addition to travel, photography and reading, I enjoy country walks with friends. The walks tend to be short and end at the pub. In my teens I drifted away from the Church but was brought back to faith in my thirties by the sudden death of a friend. Since then, God has been healing and steadily equipping me for service in the Church, not least through the ministry of several dedicated clergy and a loving Church family. The ordination call developed from involvement with the Eucharist as a server and also pastoral work. I hesitated about pursuing the call but proceeded after vigorous



Pauline Ingram

encouragement from our rector of the time and have enjoyed the three years at training college. If you are similarly reluctant to pursue a possible call, be assured that when the Lord calls, He also equips. I greatly look forward to joining the people of Bolney and Cowfold under the wise guidance of Father Keith Littlejohn."

Pauline Ingram and her husband Ralph live in East Sussex. Pauline's first vocation was nursing and she trained as a Nightingale Nurse at St Thomas' Hospital, London. She later trained in hospice care and was a sister at Pilgrim's Hospice, Canterbury. Pauline gave up nursing to be home with her children and later retrained as a playgroup supervisor. She then worked in schools and for the past 14 years she has been library co-ordinator at a large comprehensive. Pauline has walked with God since her teens, always an active member of church as Sunday school teacher, PCC member, foundation governor and lay minister of communion. She said: "I held no thought of ordination until one day when I was shocked to feel God calling me to be a priest. Managing family, work and study at SEITE has been hard but very rewarding and I've learnt much about God

and how he is working in the world.” Pauline looks forward to serving as a non-stipendiary curate at Maresfield and Nutley while continuing her library work.

Stephanie Gardner is married to Phil and they have two daughters, both at university. Stephanie said: “Having trained at SEITE over the past three years I have appreciated the broad range of Church traditions experienced there and the range of teaching that has been provided. A real highlight was spending holy week at Canterbury during the first year. Training has also included placements at St Barnabas Hospice in Worthing and at All Saints Church, Hove, in addition to continuing involvement with the chaplaincy at Worthing Hospital. My formation has been supported by the parishes of St James the Less, Lancing, and latterly, the Church of the Good Shepherd at Shoreham Beach, which has offered a wonderful welcome during the vacancy of my home parish at Lancing. I sensed a calling to ordained ministry over ten years ago, began a gentle exploration some years later and am thrilled at the prospect of continuing the journey of Christian discipleship as a distinctive deacon. I shall be

serving my title post within the parish of Beeding and Bramber with Botolphs and am very much looking forward to getting to know people there over the coming weeks and months.”

Steve Burston is married to Liz and they have three daughters, Grace, 14, Alice, 11, and Lily, seven. To balance the sexes in the house they have a male English pointer called Digger. Steve said: “Liz and I both grew up in South London where we met while serving as police officers and then moved to Ashington, West Sussex, seven years ago. Liz left the police force three years ago to concentrate on working for a charity delivering Christian school assemblies and holiday clubs in Sussex - Splash. As a detective on the London Crime Squad, I led a team investigating gang-related violence and firearm supply across London. It was at this time dealing with the crimes in London that my first calling to ordination began within our fantastic church in Ashington. I tried to ignore the calling for several years but it was during a month-long Ignatius retreat about four years ago where the calling became stronger. As I went through the process I was torn from the job I loved to what I was being

called into. At every stage God has shown us a little more of our journey. As we have carried on we are excited what the next stage in Worth, Pound Hill and Maidenbower will be like.”

Sue Wilkinson has lived in East Sussex all her life. She has been married to Stuart for 30 years and they have two boys, Drew, 24, and Matt, 22, plus a cocker spaniel called Murphy. Sue was brought up in various clergy houses because her father was also a priest. She said: “I began to realise God was calling me after spending a considerable amount of time volunteering in the diocese at many different youth events. Like many others I ignored it for a while as I couldn't really believe what I was feeling. After a long period of discernment I felt certain that God was calling me to be a permanent deacon. I love to be around people and have felt that service and ministry to others is where God really wants me to be. I have gained an incredible amount of knowledge and confidence during my training but I am really looking forward to learning more, meeting new people, taking on fresh challenges and serving God in what ever lies ahead.” Sue will be serving her title post at St Anne, St Michael and St Thomas in Lewes.



Stephanie Gardner



Steve Burston



Sue Wilkinson

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servants now called to be deacons and priests; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Tanya Hockley is originally from Plymouth and is glad to be returning to the coast. She studied theology at Cardiff University before moving to Cambridge to work as a pastoral assistant in a parish for two years. She said: "I first felt called to be a priest while I was at university. I started exploring vocation while I lived at St Michael's theological college during the second year of my studies but my true sense of vocation developed during my time as a pastoral assistant at Little St Mary's in Cambridge. I started training for ministry at Westcott House in Cambridge. I have been there for almost two years now. It seems to have passed by very quickly. After six years of discernment, it seems quite unreal to be approaching ordination now. I am very much looking forward to ordination and starting ordained ministry in Chichester diocese."

Jo King is married to Mike and they have daughters Lucy, 11, and Amy, three, who are all looking forward to joining the community at St Thomas a Becket, Pagham, in the summer. Jo said: "Our journey towards my ordination has taken over five years but I have met some amazing and interesting people along the way. I first felt God talking to me about becoming a vicar nearly seven years ago at an HTB Alpha weekend away, where we had taken a group from the church we attended at the time. This call seemed completely ridiculous, not least as we were not attending an Anglican church and as far as I knew it wasn't possible for a woman to become a priest in Chichester. Still, God kept pushing and after my daughter managed to become best friends with a vicar's daughter at nursery, the way seemed open for me to follow this

calling. The past few years I have been studying part time in Oxford, missing my family but enjoying some of the benefits of a residential community. I have enjoyed my studying but am looking forward to being back with my family more of the time and getting on with some "doing" rather than reading about doing."

Phillip Edell is looking forward to life in West Worthing and getting to know the St John's community. He has just completed his vocational training at St Stephen's House. Phil, who has worked as an IT professional and a secondary school teacher, has a deep love of Christ and feels God's call on his life to serve and accompany others on their journey of faith. Phil met and married his wife Jemima in Edinburgh and has since lived in Orkney, Mallorca and West Sussex. The couple have three sons, Oscar, 18, who is about to begin a degree in Arabic at Oxford, Ben, 13, and Duncan, 10. In recent years Phil has been involved in restorative justice with the Prison Fellowship and Jemima with the National Autistic Society. Phil is a member of the RAF Reserves.



Tanya Hockley



Jo King



Phillip Edell

SCHOOLS' NEWS

YOUNGSTERS SHOW THEIR FAITH THROUGH ART

Pupils across the diocese showed great depth of spiritual reflection as well as wonderful creative talent in our schools' art competition.

The youngsters expressed their faith through a variety of media and some were inspiring, for example a four-year-old's "invisible god" painted in bold swirls and a Year 5 pupil's strong blue and black design depicting "hope".

Bishop Martin, RE consultant Kelly Dillon, Rose Kigwana from Artwork and Rosemary Black, school support officer, had a tough time judging the entries when they met at Diocesan House on May 1.

Three pieces of work were selected for gold awards. They were by Chloe McClelland, of Bishop Tufnell CE Infants School, Bognor, and Gabriella Pachego-Lagoda and Nikhil Raja-Jones from St John's Meads CE Primary School, Eastbourne.

Chloe, four, titled her work God Knows Everything. She created a feather-covered dragon and a flower, explaining: "A flower is lovely like God and He knows how many hairs we have." Nikhil,

11, called his piece In Tenebris Lux – In Darkness Light as wherever we are, God is there and as Light of the World shines stronger than the darkness.

The winning children will be invited to receive their certificates and book token prizes from Bishop Martin. The work and the list of winners will be displayed on the website.

See table to the right for summary of winners >>>



Nikhil Raja-Jones - In Tenebris Lux – In Darkness Light



Chloe McClelland - Bishop Tufnell Infants CE - God Knows Everything



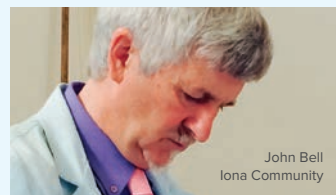
Gabriella Pachego-Lagoda - St John's Mead CE - Creation

DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER ANNUAL HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The annual conference is an opportunity for us to thank our headteachers for their hard work and commitment. This year's event was held on May 2 at Bishop Hannington Church, Hove, where the new facilities provided a very comfortable venue.

It was well attended and a really successful day. This year's theme provided the opportunity for our heads to reflect on their leadership role from different and perhaps new perspectives.

We were delighted that John Bell, from the Iona Community, was able to lead our morning session, "Singing our way into or out of belief". It explored the "subversive potential of Christian song". John's presentation was entertaining and thought-



John Bell
Iona Community

provoking and our heads gained much from reflecting on the huge impact that songs can have.

Our keynote speaker in the afternoon was Father Stephen Ortiger, from Worth Abbey, who talked about personal and professional identities. This session encouraged our heads to reflect on whether they are defined by who they are or what they do. In an education world that is ever changing and where headteachers face enormous pressures, this was a most timely presentation.

Delegates said it was "a great day – one of the best conferences we have had" and "as always we feel very valued".

One headteacher said: "It was very well put together and certainly helped me to achieve a sense of calm and step back from the minutiae of daily difficulties. I left thinking that all was well with the world and I should have faith that everything would drop into place at the right time."

LEAVERS' SERVICES

The Diocesan Education Department is looking forward to the 15 church celebrations it has organised this June and July, one of the largest Church programmes of primary school leavers' services in the country. It reflects the active faith in our schools and the positive parish and school links that help promote our churches to young people. Details about the leavers' services can be found on the diocesan website.

GOLD WINNERS

Chloe McClelland	Bishop Tufnell Infants CE	God Knows Everything
Gabriella Pachego-Lagoda	St John's Mead CE	Creation
Nikhil Raja-Jones	St John's Mead CE	In Tenebris Lux – In Darkness Light

SILVER HIGHLY COMMENDED

Harley Quy	All Saints CE Primary	Invisible God
Nikhiel Koria	Goring CE Infants	-
Liam Le	Goring CE Infants	Noah And The Dove
Daisy Allison	Guestling Bradshaw CE	Peace
Louis Edson	Guestling Bradshaw CE	Hope
Melissa Cabrera	Nyewood Juniors CE	The Three Faces Of Christianity

BRONZE FINALISTS

Nichola StQuintin	Arundel CE Primary	Love Is A Place
Vita Jones	St Lawrence CE Primary	The Ascension
Ellie-May Best	Five Ashes CE Primary	Religion – Illuminated And Caught On Camera
Alice Lee	Arundel CE Primary	South Downs
Jakob Peters	Little Horsted CE Primary	My Easter Thoughts Jar
Ciaran O'Connor	Silindon CE Primary	My Special Family
Jasmine Jeffrey	Goring CE First School	Three Crosses
Angel Hill	Boxgrove CE Primary	Noah's Ark
Felix Bordass	St John's Meads CE Primary	The Touch Of The World
Oliver Goswamy	St Lawrence CE Primary	Jesus Rising From The Cross
Niamh Horlick	Little Horsted CE Primary	God's Beautiful Creations
Louis Benstead	Arundel CE Primary	Angels
Sophie Moore	Boxgrove CE Primary	God's Powerful Sun
Tippli Laverty	Goring CE Primary	Stained Glass Lights
Aidan Bayley	Arundel CE Primary	The Hands Of God
Jonas Conway	Firle CE Primary	Tower Of Faith
George Stow	Mayfield CE Primary	Nature's Cross
Tom Black	West Wittering CE Primary	Friendship
Nancy Rose Tupper	Fishbourne CE Primary	Heart And Blue sea
Jacob Lewis	Mayfield CE Primary	God Loves Us All
William Garland	Little Horsted CE Primary	My Faith
Daisy Brittain	Little Horsted CE Primary	New Life
Megan Turtle	Bolney CE Primary	I Once Was Lost But Now Am Found
Florence Long	St John's Meads CE Primary	Jesus, The Light Of The World
Amy Kelland	St Mary's CE Primary	Everyone Together
Ewan Cook	Little Horsted CE Primary	My Faith – Jesus Rising From The Tomb
Olivia Burke	St John's Meads CE Primary	People Together
Jessica Green	Firle CE Primary	Love – I believe In Love
Darcy Parry	St John's Meads CE Primary	Standing Strong Together

MONEY MATTERS



JOHN SHERLOCK,
LOCAL CHURCH
RESOURCES
CONSULTANT,
**LOOKS AT SOME
STRATEGIC ISSUES**

BUDGETING

It may seem early but people in Church House are busy budgeting for 2015 and beyond.

It is remarkable how, over a relatively short time, the Church of England has transformed from an endowment trust - with most of the income from investments - to a fundraising trust with most of the income in the form of gifts.

Churches across the country will continue to enjoy the generosity of local people so long as they are engaging, not just on Sundays, and so long as they follow the four tenets of good church financial management:

- **Preach and teach generous giving**
- **Link giving to mission and ministry**
- **Encourage annual review of giving**
- **Thank givers annually.**

It may take time. Serious decisions about money are not made in an instant. Unlike many institutions, churches are here for the long haul and if we have financial problems, they have probably developed over many years – so don't be surprised if it takes many years for a church that is out of kilter to get back on an even financial keel.

For more details, call John on 01273 425686 or visit:
www.chichester.anglican.org/money

LOYALTY

It is easy to forget that an individual donor's loyalty is usually to the local church. Any diocesan encouragement or scheme is only helpful if it elicits the generosity of local people to channel their giving into the part of the church they value most – usually the local parish.

This is the principal reason why in this diocese we have been advocating the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Although it is highly efficient, it relies on good delivery. Some Sussex churches have reported astonishing increases in regular income after implementing PGS.

The challenges are significant but there is no reason to be pessimistic. Across our diocese, some £35 million is given each year to and through churches. That's a huge sum and reflects the extraordinary generosity of the people of Sussex.

Looked at another way it is a tiny fraction of one per cent of the total household disposable income across the Sussex area. So we can be optimistic about church income because we know the people of Sussex to be generous but we also know there is a huge potential fund of disposable income as yet untapped.

HELP AVAILABLE

There is an abundance of resources and useful links on the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org/money or you can call Church House and ask for the stewardship team if you need a visit.

*'All things come from you, O Lord,
and of your own do we give you'*
1 Chronicles 29

PGS UPDATE

At the time of writing, more than £150,000 monthly was being remitted to churches in our diocese through the PGS, including nearly £30,000 of Gift Aid. Some 2,000 donors have now signed and sent in direct debit forms and the number continues to grow.

By the beginning of May, more than £1.2 million had been remitted to parishes since we introduced the scheme to this diocese in 2012, which includes more than £233,000 of Gift Aid reclaimed. See the latest monthly update at www.chichester.anglican.org/pgs

MISSION FUND OFFERS HELP

Churches seeking support for mission initiatives are invited to apply for a grant from our diocesan mission fund.

The Mission Fund Committee has just announced details of the funds it allocated last year – and is now welcoming applications for help with work that aims to bring people to faith.

The grants are offered for both new initiatives and developments.

The fund's income is largely from an annual grant from the Archbishops' Council specifically earmarked for mission, for which we have to give account, and

usually, a sum from an annual grant to the diocese from Ecclesiastical. The fund has also gratefully received other donations periodically.

Since 2002, the fund has received income of £1,762,589 and allocated grants of £1,413,782.

Roger Combes, Archdeacon of Horsham has chaired the mission fund group since 2007 but retires in June.

He said: "The mission fund welcomes applications from all churches or groupings of churches in the diocese, primarily for new projects or new aspects of a church's mission that are seeking to help people to Christian faith and commitment to worship.

"We want to allocate grants to a wide variety of churches across the whole diocese so please be encouraged to apply."

THE FUND WAS PLEASED TO ALLOCATE THE FOLLOWING GRANTS IN 2013:

St Elizabeth's Eastbourne	Arts community worker	£45,000
Prison Fellowship (Lewes)	Sycamore Tree Course	£2,000
St Mary's East Preston	Family Day	£200
St Augustine's Scaynes Hill	SASH youth worker	£16,000
Hosanna Broadwater	Children and family worker	£36,760
Diocesan May Camp	Equipment, publicity	£9,000
Holy Trinity Hastings Church Plant	Pre-induction stipend	up to £25,000

MEMBERS OF THE FUND GROUP ARE:

Canon Martin Onions	Rural Dean of Uckfield (acting chairman)
Revd Steve Daugherty	Lewes and Seaford Deanery
Revd John Eldridge	Worthing Deanery
Revd Richard Jackson	Adviser for mission and renewal
Scilla Le Pla	Reader, Midhurst Deanery
Revd Angela Martin	East Grinstead Deanery
Angela Sibson	Diocesan secretary
Capt Gordon Banks	Diocesan evangelist (non-voting)
Ruth James	Rotherfield Deanery

Further details and the application form can be found on the diocesan website – put Mission Fund into the search panel. Applications should be sent to the acting chairman Canon Martin Onions at martin.onions@tiscali.co.uk. They should be submitted on the appropriate form by the deadlines of January 31 and July 31 in time for meetings in March and September. Smaller grants can be made between meetings. You are encouraged to submit your application even if you have difficulties in securing the supporting signatures.

SAFEGUARDING IS AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

By Colin Perkins

Safeguarding Advisor for Diocese of Chichester

Since the revelations about Jimmy Savile emerged in 2012, the degree of national awareness about child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse by powerful figures in institutional settings, has been transformed.

In the past 18 months we have become aware of police investigations into abuse at some of the country's highest-profile public schools. Recent cases have reminded us powerful people can use that power to manipulate, abuse and avoid discovery.

Meanwhile, cases of child sexual exploitation by criminal gangs in cities such as Rochdale and Oxford and serious case reviews into the horrific deaths of Daniel Pelka and Keanu Williams have, among other things, taught us that even those who work with children can easily ignore their voices, look the other way when they are harmed or fail to step in to protect them. The review into the death of four-year-old Daniel, who was starved and murdered by his mother and her boyfriend, concluded he was "invisible" to those charged with protecting him. Children becoming invisible

is a conclusion that could be drawn in all the cases mentioned above.

The Diocese of Chichester, of course, has been learning many of the same lessons at the same time. We have had to face aspects of our own painful history and recognise that over the past 50 years, some children who should have experienced our churches as safe places and our clergy as safe people have had the opposite experience. This learning has not been easy but the progress identified in the final report of the archiepiscopal visitation into the diocese should be a source of great encouragement as we continue to integrate good safeguarding practice.

It is helpful for us to remember that safeguarding, in one sense, is not something we "add on" to our churches from the outside.

Protecting the vulnerable has always been at the heart of the mission of God's people. In Psalm 72, God's righteous ruler is one who protects people from oppression and violence and in the New Testament, James reminds us that "pure and faultless" religion involves looking after the vulnerable. Safeguarding has always been gospel work.

In another sense, the Church has much to learn from the secular, professional world about how to protect children and vulnerable adults. One of the crucial changes in this diocese over the past three years has been improved relations with the public authorities involved in safeguarding, not just Sussex Police, with whom we have been working closely, but through the Local Safeguarding Children's Boards and their ability to draw together all those who



Colin Perkins

are working with children in a particular area. It is vital as we move forward that we do so with our partners in the public authorities, seeking their input, expertise and scrutiny, ensuring our practice is the best it can be.

The Diocese of Chichester has already benefited greatly from these improved relations. Since January 2013, Gemma Wordsworth, an independent domestic and sexual violence adviser, has been on secondment to the diocese from West Sussex County Council and has been doing excellent work in supporting victims and complainants through the trials that have taken place.

Since January this year, we have also been joined by Morag Keane, a social worker on secondment from the county council, who is working with the safeguarding team to continue to improve its capacity to meet needs across the diocese.

In addition to her “frontline” work, Morag is an experienced trainer. With her on board the safeguarding team can expand training and will soon be running an event to train volunteers to provide “foundation” safeguarding training across Sussex.

In the past three years, more than 2,500 people have completed this training and the take-up of safeguarding training across the diocese continues to be encouraging. Other events such as the Safer Churches training and the Thinkuknow train-the-trainers sessions will continue with new topics added soon, particularly regarding protection of vulnerable adults.

Other forthcoming improvements include a revised website with greatly simplified guidance for parishes, helping them to make the application of good safeguarding principles more achievable at local level.

So, where have we come from, where are we now and where are we heading? We have come through - and to some extent are still going through - an extremely difficult time unprecedented in UK Church history. We have had to face some dreadful truths. It must always be remembered that, no matter how hard we have found this, the victims who have told us these dreadful truths have found it infinitely harder and our response has, to say the least, not always helped.

We must always remember and be grateful for their courage and determination to seek justice

and ensure the necessary changes are made. We are in a much better position than we have been, particularly with the arrival of Bishop Martin and the greatly improved relations with the public authorities involved in safeguarding. We are working in partnership with them to continue to improve our practice.

We are heading towards seeing these improvements embedded across the life of the diocese at local level, in parishes and churches throughout Sussex. During my three years here, I have been continually amazed by the huge amount of dedicated, concerned hard work that happens in parishes to provide safe spaces for people to worship, enjoy fellowship and find healing and help where needed.

Safeguarding is gospel work and it is done in many Sussex churches excellently. By continuing the improvements we have begun, we can continue the task of making churches into safe places for all, particularly the most vulnerable. Getting safeguarding right is not just about Disclosure and Barring Service checks or risk assessments – it is about our mission in Sussex.

OVERSEAS FOCUS

with Revd Canon Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes
Diocesan World Mission Officer



As part of the ongoing focus on our Diocesan Companion Links and our evolving role and participation in world mission we report on Bishop Dibo Elango of Cameroon's visit to one of our church schools and offer you a second instalment of "Meet the Saints" where we are introduced to Mr Josie Scott-Manga, from the diocese of Bo.

MEET THE SAINTS:

Mr. Josie Scott-Manga

The Diocese of Bo has known the horrors of conflict Civil war broke out in March 1991. The brutal conflict was to last eleven years, cost 50,000 lives, devastate the country's infrastructure and leave thousands physically, emotionally and emotionally scarred.

In the Anglican Diocese of Bo, schools, clinics, churches and ordinary people's homes were plundered and destroyed.

Since 2002 the Diocese of Bo has engaged in seeking to lay the foundations for the future. Under the leadership of Bishop Emmanuel Tucker the diocese and its partners (including the Diocese of Chichester) have been rebuilding and reequipping schools and churches, establishing health care programmes and HIV/AIDs work, encouraging new vocations and training a new generation of lay and ordained leaders.

An unexpected death threatened to set back many of the diocese's projects and hopes. The loss of Mr. Karimu Allieu, the Diocesan Development Officer, was keenly felt. He had been one of those gifted and remarkable people that God seems to "raise up" when they are most needed.

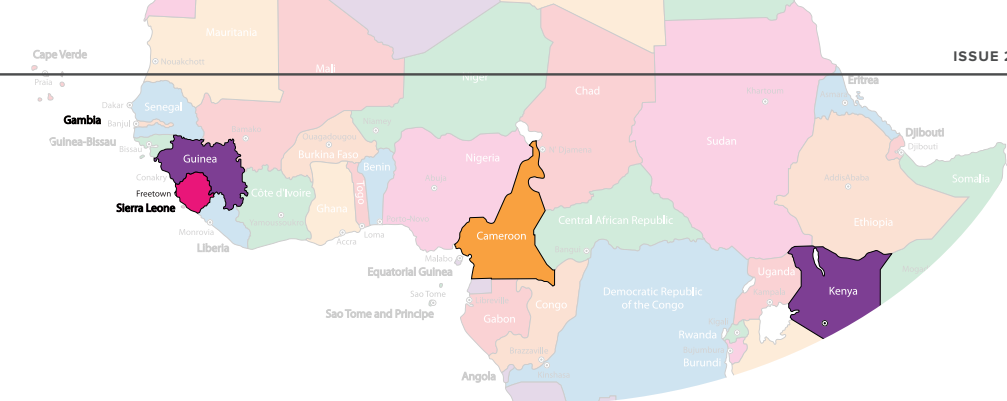
The right person needed to be identified and prepared to take on the strategic and vital ministry of the Development Officer. Josie Scott-Manga, a teacher and Head of the Geography Department, at a local Christian Secondary School in Bo, was chosen after much thought and prayerful discernment.

Josie, a married man with a 14 year old son, is a committed Anglican Christian. He and his family worship at Bo cathedral where he serves as PCC secretary and is the President of the Men's Union. Leaving his school to take up the post of

Development Officer will mean great sacrifice for Josie and his family. It will require him to enrol for a two year Masters degree course at the local university while continuing to work full-time at his school in the full knowledge that at the end of his studies he will take on a complex and demanding post at a much lower rate of salary and without the security his current post offers.

Please pray for Josie, his family and the Diocese of Bo as they seek to play their part in healing the wounds of the past and rebuilding their nation. Please, help us to raise the necessary funds to help the Diocese of Bo fund Josie's studies.





FORGING STRONG TIES WITH OUR OVERSEAS PARTNERS

Bishop Dibo visits St Wilfrid's school

Bishop Dibo, his wife, Mother Estelle, and Deacon Dennis Samba from Cameroon visited the diocese in April and part of their itinerary was to visit St Wilfrid's church school in Haywards Heath, which is linked to St. Paul's, Kumba. They were accompanied by the diocesan World Mission Officer, Revd Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes, and Valerie Fyans, Deanery Lay Chair for Cuckfield, who kindly hosted our guests.

St Wilfrid's Headteacher, Dr. Janet Davies, has been committed to developing relationships with schools in Cameroon. The school now has a greater knowledge and understanding of schools in West Africa.

The school went all out to provide the warmest of welcomes. Every year group was involved in presenting range of performances and displays to show just how much they had learned about life in Cameroon, their link school and their environment.

All the teachers who had been on the visit to Cameroon, in February 2012, fell rewarded in many ways and are now encouraging other schools in Sussex to start thinking about building school links.

"The possibilities for the future are rich and exciting"

Headteachers from St Joseph's Catholic church school, St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill, Holy Trinity, Cuckfield and Twineham schools, took up the invitation to attend a specially convened Q&A meeting with Bishop Dibo. In his address to them he said: "The formal process of links is beginning to emerge – this meeting is part of that. It involves discussion, to explore. This cements relationships."



Bishop Dibo went on to talk about Cameroon. He said: "Cameroon is a young nation, only 54 years old, with 250 tribes. Church schools are fundamental to the success of our nation. Our schools are ready to partner in prayer and sharing. It is an experience you will not forget - You will be rich with it!"

He underlined the importance of communicating before a visit is planned. "We need to change the paradigm – to link the partnership with school strategy – to realise the basic objectives." He added: "schools need to ensure a springboard to other things – to a commitment."

Fr. Ian said: "The possibilities for the future are rich and exciting and it was also lovely to see how the link is impacting in real and deep ways the lives of the staff and children at St. Wilfrid's."

The Diocesan Harvest Appeal for 2014 will again focus on supporting training for the development of key ministries in our Link dioceses. Please, play your part in equipping the saints for ministry and in praying for others whose stories we will bring you in future issues of Faith in Sussex.



THE BEAUTIFUL BURIAL GROUND CONFERENCE

Churchwardens are being urged to attend a one day conference in June to find out about the specialist care needed for churchyards.

Andrea Gilpin, the National Project Manager for the organisation behind the event, Caring For God's Acre, said: "In England and Wales there are over 12,000 churchyards, cemeteries and burial grounds. You and your community are custodians of these wonderful places. The conference is designed to support you in managing these sites for people,

for heritage and for wildlife. It will also be an opportunity to find out about accessing funding, share concerns and find solutions."

Mark Betson, Diocesan Rural Officer, is fully supporting the event. He said: "This conference could make all the difference to how we go forward and approach the issues and opportunities concerning the natural and built aspects of burial grounds. I commend churchwardens or other interested people to register."

The event takes place on June 14 at Claire Hall, Haywards Heath. Although there is a £15 cost for the event, this includes lunch and refreshments. If you need assistance with travel expenses or require a reduced fee so more people can attend from your church, please contact us. Telephone 01588 673041 or email info@cfga.org.uk

THE CHURCHYARD

Archdeacon Roger Combes has produced a useful guide for Churches that aims to offer practical advice to those seeking to lay loved ones to rest in a church burial ground

A PLACE OF PEACE

Many people find an English churchyard a place of peace and comfort. It is a place of rest for the remains of the departed, a Christian burial ground for generations.

TALK TO THE VICAR

In order to pass on this heritage of rest and comfort for future generations, permission has to be obtained for burials and memorials, and indeed for everything that is introduced into a churchyard. In this respect a churchyard is different from a local authority cemetery. Talk to the Vicar/Rector/parish priest about your wishes. He or she will be pleased to help you with the regulations for burials or memorials, which are there to preserve the special character of the churchyard for the benefit of all, now and into the future. All who live in the parish are entitled to be buried in the churchyard.

A HAVEN

An English churchyard is not only a haven for us humans as we enjoy its surroundings. It is also a haven for wildlife and wild flowers. In the town or village, the churchyard is a vital green area for birds, butterflies, flowers, bees, etc. For spring and summer months, some grass in less used parts of the churchyard may be left un-mown deliberately so that the area can support a wide variety of wild life and flowers.

For the full electronic copy of the guide, which includes information about memorials, after the burial and ashes, to adapt for your church please contact Beth Hale at Church House on 01273 421021 or email beth.hale@chichester.anglican.org



RIDE+STRIDE

Churches are being urged to sign-up for the Ride+Stride open churches fundraising day.



Saturday

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Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people visit churches. In 2014, the event's organisers are aiming to raise over £1.5 million for the repair and restoration of historic churches.

The event takes place in English counties on Saturday September 13 this year, and in London one week later on Saturday September 20.

Churches wanting to participate need to register with their local County Churches Trust. Full details can be found on the Ride+Stride website at www.rideandstrideuk.org

Adventurer and writer Bear Grylls, who is also the Chief Scout, is supporting Ride+Stride. He said: "Many historic churches are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining the Ride+Stride adventure with a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which raises money for their repair and preservation."

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

We hear about a church project in Sussex that got off the ground

with the help of a grant from Sussex Historic Churches Trust – the charity responsible for the Ride and Stride event in Sussex.

The church of St Nicolas, Itchingfield is a Grade II* listed building. The present building was erected in the first quarter of the 12th century, and by 1513 had received its current dedication. In 1865 major alterations were carried out under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott, who at the same time was supervising the rebuilding the collapsed spire of Chichester Cathedral. The tower at Itchingfield is built entirely of wood, and stands separate from the main body of the church.



The current programme of work included the renewal of the fractured lead-lined valley gutter and associated repairs to the Horsham Stone roof, strengthening work to the timber frame of the tower, timber repairs to various locations in the nave, chancel and south aisle roof, and repairs to the chancel

ceiling following a fall of plaster. The work was carried out under the direction of Mr Simon Dyson RIBA, of HMDW Architects Ltd, Chichester.

The project received generous funding from English Heritage. But the final, crucial donation came from the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and the associated charity established by the will of Brigadier John Spiller.

Trust's chairman, Christopher Whittick, said: 'without the encouragement and massive financial support of these two Charitable Trusts, the restoration of this ancient church of St Nicolas would not have been possible'.

'We could not imagine a better start to our projected programme of Spiller Grants than this gem of a building. Brigadier Spiller's generosity has enabled us to be more generous in turn, and I look forward to similar grants, and similar celebrations, in the years to come'.

To mark the completion of the restoration of the church a special service of thanksgiving was held and attended by many members of the SHCT's Executive Committee and the Trust's secretary Pat Farmer.

COUNTDOWN TO CONFERENCE

Spotlight on nurturing faith
in the next generation



**HOUSEHOLD
OF FAITH**
CONFERENCE 2014

**EXCITEMENT IS
GROWING AS THE
YES YOUTH AND
CHILDREN'S TEAM
PREPARES TO HOST
THE HOUSEHOLD OF
FAITH CONFERENCE
FROM JULY 17 TO 19**

The keynote speaker will be theologian, author, professor and priest Reverend Dr John H Westerhoff, joining us from America.

After teaching at Harvard, Dr Westerhoff went to the faculty of Duke University where for 20 years he was professor of theology and Christian nurture. He has written 35 books and his classic work

Will Our Children Have Faith was recently reissued.

A host of others will join us at the conference at Sussex University, bringing their wisdom and experience to bear on the question "what understanding, practice and resources do we need to effectively pass on faith to the next generation?".

This is a critical question as we think about the diocesan strategy for 2015 to 2020 as outlined by Richard Jackson in the first issue of Faith in Sussex.

As we consider church growth in the diocese, both numerical and spiritual, the conference will explore how children come to faith and how we can nurture that faith. It will consider how we need to be a faith community. In the home and in the church, that will encourage, equip and inspire our children as they discover and own faith for themselves.

Secondly, the conference will explore how we re-imagine ministry in the light of our changing culture and falling numbers of the ordained. Lucy Moore will be joining us

for a series of sessions which will unpack the theology, practice and the resources available for Messy Church. In our diocese, these services continue to grow and are a way of reaching people who are not engaged with regular services and also one of our key ways of investing in and developing lay leaders.

Thirdly, the conference will look at how the "household", both home and church can be accessible and inclusive and welcoming to all. We are delighted that Krish Kandiah will be with us and through his two seminars will show us it takes a whole church to raise a child.

One aspect of Krish's work is to encourage Christians to consider adoption and

fostering through the Home For Good campaign. This aims to change the culture in churches throughout the UK to make adopting and fostering a significant part of their life and ministry. It is a fantastic opportunity for the Church to be good news in society, to change our communities and transform the lives of some of the most vulnerable children.

The conference is aimed at anyone who shares our vision for this generation of children and young people growing up in our churches and communities with acceptance, love and - as we share their journey and they ours - a growing sense of their significance and place in the Household Of Faith.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
John Westerhoff

For more details go to: www.householdoffaith.co.uk
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or Facebook: Householdfaith

Full conference, day and non-residential tickets are available. If you are interested in joining us for some or all of the conference, let us know via ali.campbell@chichester.anglican.org

HOW TO FUND A PARISH PROJECT

In 2016, St Nicolas Church, Pevensey, will celebrate its 800th year, coinciding with the 950th anniversary of William the Conqueror's famous landing.



St Nicolas Church has worked hard to undo centuries of ravaging by the wind and rain and is now looking to develop further to make it more visitor friendly, preserve its heritage and increase its use by the community.

With encouragement from its archdeacon - the archdeacon's involvement is essential in any church project - it has engaged a professional fundraiser on a no win, no fee basis. The church also has high-profile patrons such as the Earl De La Warr backing its "Project 16" appeal.

When a grant has been made, thank the funder and have a plan for how the money is handled and spent. Remember VAT reclamation where possible, Gift Aid and clear accounting. Keep to conditions made and keep a record of the project, ideally with photos. Good publicity will help both you and the funder.

For more information on fundraising help, go to www.chichester.anglican.org/money

THE CHURCH HAS SOME TIPS FOR SEEKING FUNDING

- » Gear up for the long haul and seek advice as early as possible, involving your archdeacon
- » Set out clear objectives and show how outcomes will be measured. Projects involving the community and addressing real needs are often more favoured by funders
- » Gather a team to share the load
- » Be thorough in identifying potential funding sources. Particularly notice the funders' criteria. Seek their advice as they will then assess your application more easily
- » Get the main funders lined up first and build up larger amounts
- » Use your local Council for Voluntary Service for advice and help
- » Take time completing the forms and give full answers, in line with the funder's criteria. Do it as a team. Keep to word limits – and deadlines
- » Include everything in the form as referring to a separate document can be off-putting for the funder
- » Be positive. Funders pick up on expressed negatives
- » Show clearly the perceived needs, with evidence
- » If unsure of a question, ask the funder what information they need
- » Keep records of applications and outcomes.

FSW NEWS



TIME FOR A TEDDY BEAR PARTY

Round up your teddies – they will help raise much-needed funds for Family Support Work.

Bishop of Lewes Richard Jackson is backing Teddy Bears Weekend, which will be taking place in parishes across Sussex on July 19 and 20.

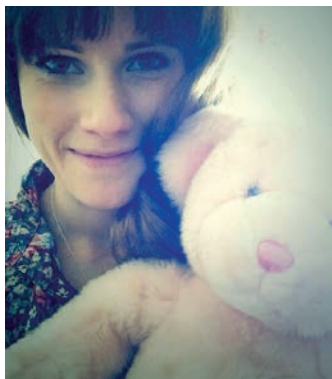
He said: “Please take the chance to have some fun while supporting those children and families who may not get the opportunity of a holiday.”

Events include a concert hosted by St Nicholas of Myra in Brighton on July 19 and Bishop Richard will preside at a teddy bear service and picnic the following day. There will also be activities in Lancing, Wisborough Green, Seaford and East Grinstead.

Join in and support FSW’s vital work in our diocese. For further details, email ColonelBear@familysupportwork.org.uk or visit www.familysupportwork.org.uk. You can also follow on Twitter at [#meandmybear](https://twitter.com/meandmybear)

FSW supporters have been sending in pictures of themselves with their bears to raise awareness for the charity and the Teddy Bears Weekend.

You can share your bear photos by emailing ColonelBear@familysupportwork.org.uk. You can also post on your Facebook profile with this message: Please help FSW Family Support Work charity by posting a picture of you and your bear and donate £2 by text FJMG35 to 70070 [#meandmybear](https://twitter.com/meandmybear).



MESSY PLAY

Messy Play has come to Christ Church in Worthing.

Following its successful first session in April, Messy Play will now go ahead there on the last Tuesday of every month.

It is organised by Family Support Work, which aims to help families in difficulties. Family worker Lydie Badcock said: “The idea of the session is to reach out to the community. We will be doing

craft activities, story time and also a budget cooking club.

“The sessions will look to incorporate parenting courses and debt counselling and anything else people need. It is challenging but also very rewarding work as I see people change and often families situations improve.”

The monthly sessions will be from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and all are welcome. For further details, email lydie@familysupportwork.org.uk

FSW ON THE RUN

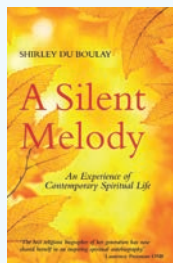
FSW has set up a running group. Its aim is to help FSW connect with people who are enthusiastic about running and interested in taking part in events on its behalf.

The group, which has launched on social media including Facebook and Twitter, will allow users to find information about running events in their area, chat with other runners in Sussex and help promote events they are taking part in and their fundraising efforts.



Find us on www.facebook.com and search: **FSWrunners** to find out more.

BOOKS AND REVIEWS



A SILENT MELODY -
AN EXPERIENCE OF
CONTEMPORARY
SPIRITUAL LIFE

SHIRLEY DU BOULAY

This personal memoir of spiritual formation stretching back to the 1960s reflects the decline of Christianity in our land, greater sense of the other faiths it stands alongside and the rise of many movements in spirituality. Through her production of religious programmes for the BBC Shirley du Boulay has chronicled much of this, notably through encounter with the Beatles when they met Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, through her own struggle to be a Roman Catholic and the commitment to inter faith engagement that has served her spiritual development. I valued her story despite its conclusion - she is no longer a church member - and the insight she provides in a well written book. This insight came to me especially from her expanding on Christian figures she has written biographies of like Cicely Saunders, Teresa of Avila and Desmond Tutu.

Canon John Twisleton, Rector of St Giles, Horsted Keynes 24th April 2014

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CAUTIONARY PILGRIM -
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WITH BELLOC

NICK FLINT

Nick Flint is Sussex born and bred, having lived half his life in the East and half in the West of the County. A parish priest in the Church of England for 25 years he is married with one daughter.

During the course of writing Cautionary Pilgrim he discovered he is distantly related to Mad Jack Fuller. He believes he is the first literary rector in his village since his predecessor in 1919 wrote Five Years' Hell in a Country Parish.

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Question:

Who is the publisher of Cautionary Pilgrim: Walking Backwards With Belloc?

Last issue - Book giveaway winner Congratulations to: **Mrs Gresham Cooke** who wins a copy of Sound Bites by Richard Everett. A copy is in the post to you.

WE ASKED AUTHOR NICK FLINT TO SHARE HIS REFLECTIONS ON WRITING HIS NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOK



LITERARY PRECEDENT

Ever since arriving in the parish of Rusper I have been telling parishioners that I am going to write a book. The joke is that in 1920 a previous Rector of Rusper did in fact publish a book describing the village and its people in the most unflattering terms. His title 'Five Years' Hell in a Country Parish' immediately gives the plot away. Things have changed in Rusper since those days and I had something else in mind...

GOOD NEWS

The journey that inspired the book was an actual walk from one end of Sussex to the other, undertaken over four days by the writer Hilaire Belloc in 1902, starting on October 29th and ending on All Souls Day. Belloc was a devout Roman Catholic. In part his book *The Four Men* is a literary lament for a lost Sussex that he believed was dying. Being Sussex born and bred it had long been my ambition to walk where Belloc had trod and drink good Sussex ale in the pubs he drank. Last year, the 60th anniversary of the death of Belloc, a sabbatical gave me this opportunity to reconnect on foot with the county of my birth.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

The plan was in place before three personally significant deaths took place, which were to mark 2013 for me; that of my father, of a much loved former churchwarden and of an inspirational priest Peter Wright. I had the profound privilege of being the last person to see Father Peter before he died. Belloc's book tells of three mysterious companions who went with him. As I rambled alone during the days and sat down to write in the late autumn evenings, the walking companions who took shape in my imagination seemed to owe a great deal to those real characters in my own life. My stroll took on a spiritual side, the pub crawl became a pilgrimage. Belloc had walked from east to west. I chose to begin in the west of the county and journey towards the sunrise, hence the 'walking backwards' of the title.

THE STORY

I set out allowing myself to be surprised by what might unfold. Four companions crossed four rivers and told four stories. I rediscovered the holy history of 'Silly' Sussex beneath my feet and specifically in the holy houses of religious orders old and new. I share Justin Welby's view that these orders are crucially central to any hope of renewal in our church. It was great fun and I returned refreshed to ministry. Belloc was never far away - in touching distance. Just before I left on the trip I took the hand of a 98 year old parishioner - a home communicant who told me how when she was a girl growing up in nearby Shipley 'Mr Belloc' had taken her hand in his and pressed into her palm a sixpenny piece - a lot of money in the 1920s!

Thank you everyone who made this opportunity of a sabbatical possible.

Cautionary Pilgrim
Walking Backwards with Belloc
£8.50 p&p £1.30

YOU ARE *invited* TO JOIN US...

Gordon Banks, the diocesan evangelist, explained the development: "Part of the thinking behind Back To Church Sunday is that we should foster a culture of invitation. However, there is still some value in having a moment, ie a nationally recognised date, and this helps us to become part of a movement, ie something embraced by a wide range of churches across the country.

"The method remains basically the same – 'I am going to church, it is going to be good and would you like to come with me?'"

"The response might be 'no' for a variety of reasons and so, in part answer to this, A Season of Invitation was launched for this year. If it is good to have one particular nationally recognised Sunday when we focus on being invitational, then having five occasions has to be even better and gives further opportunities to invite people back to church.

"Add into this mix a special development to encourage children and young people to pick up on the idea of being invitational and you build the potential for something very significant."

The five seasons are:

- Back To Church Sunday on the last Sunday in September
- Harvest
- Remembrance Sunday
- Advent
- Christmas

Resources available for each of these.

Following the success of Back To Church Sunday, we want to encourage you to take part in **A Season of Invitation** - a national initiative which gives you more opportunities to bring people to your church.

A Season of Invitation is one way of helping us change our focus and consider inviting the stranger into our midst with all the challenges that presents. We can all become very settled and comfortable with the way we do things. We need to be reminded and heed the words of Archbishop William Temple, who said "the Church exists for the benefit of its non-members".

The new website for A Season of Invitation is now live – find it at **www.seasonofinvitation.co.uk**. Why not watch some of the new videos and share them with others in your network? Register now and your church will be marked on a new interactive online map. Packs of the all-new set of six invitation cards and calendar card are available to order.

Keep updated and help spread the word by following A Season of Invitation on Twitter and Facebook

BE PART OF HOPE14

All over the country, churches are beginning to grow. New churches and fresh expressions of church are springing up and churches are coming together in new ways.

Hope14 has informed the outreach for this year at St Peter's and St John the Baptist in Wivelsfield.

The team said: "We began in January at the monthly Café Church held in the village hall and celebrated all we do in our community by asking people to write on post-its what their hopes were for themselves and our community. These were stuck on a large Hope cross.

"We are using the Hope logo on a lot of our church literature as we celebrate all we do in and for the community in our endeavour to bring hope into people lives."

The national profile and great resources of Hope14 mean it offers valuable assistance to those at St Peter's and St John as they seek to be the people of God in and for Wivelsfield and the wider world.

See **www.trypraying.org** for more details.

Remember, it's not too late to engage your church or school with Hope 14. Find out more at **www.hopetogether.org.uk**

WEEKEND OF PRAYER

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Saturday June 7 has been designated as a day of prayer at various venues around the diocese of Chichester as communities are asked to focus on finding the right way forward for mission.

The diocesan strategy for 2015-2020 will be launched during Pentecost weekend 2015 after a time of consultation and reflection involving all the parishes which starts with a call to prayer.

The new Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, hopes that every church will include prayers for the future fashioning of mission as part of their intercessions on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

He said today: "We hope many people or groups will be able to spend some time on June 7 at their nearest venue and pray for our diocesan family as we seek to discern God's will for our life together.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, will be joined by other colleagues as they drop in at various venues throughout the Saturday 7th wave of prayer.

Please join in prayer at a venue near you, either as part of a local church or on an individual visit. If you follow the link to Discerning the Vision on the home page of the diocesan website you will be able to follow the links to the prayer venues and register a slot.

PRAYER VENUES:

- » Chichester Cathedral (1pm to 5pm)
- » St Peter's, Cowfold
- » St Paul's, Camelsdale
- » St Matthew's, Worthing
- » St Mary's, Ticehurst
- » St Nicholas, Worth
- » All Saints, Crowborough
- » Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings
- » St Nicholas, Brighton
- » St George's Broad Oak, near Heathfield
- » St Mary's, Battle

We need to hear everyone's views as we begin to formulate our diocesan strategy together. Each deanery has a consultation meeting planned in June. All the meetings run from 7.30-9.30, and if you can't make the date for your deanery please attend one of the others - the format will be identical at each.

DATES AND VENUES FOR THE PRAYER MEETINGS

- » **June 10**
 - Brighton: All Saints, Patcham
 - East Grinstead: St Andrew's, Furnace Green
 - Rotherfield: St Peter & St Paul's, Wadhurst

- » **June 11**
 - Cuckfield: All Saints Church, Lindfield
 - Uckfield: Holy Cross Church
- » **June 12**
 - Midhurst: Easebourne Priory
 - Rye: St Thomas' Church Winchelsea
- » **June 17**
 - Arundel and Bognor: St Mary's Church Felpham
 - Battle and Bexhill: St Mark's, Little Common
 - Westbourne: St John the Evangelist Church Southbourne
 - Worthing: St Mary's Church, Broadwater
- » **June 18**
 - Hurst: St Andrew's, Burgess Hill
 - Eastbourne: St John's Church, Polegate
 - Chichester: St Paul's Church
- » **June 19**
 - Horsham: St Mark's Church
 - Dallington: St Mary's Church Hailsham
- » **June 25**
 - Hove: Bishop Hannington Church
 - Lewes and Seaford: St Leonard's Church, Seaford
 - Storrington: St Mary's Church, West Chiltington
- » **June 26**
 - Petworth: St John the Baptist Church, Kirdford
 - Hastings: St Leonard's Church, St Leonards-on-sea

CATHEDRAL EVENTS

Chichester Cathedral Friends' will be marking 75 years during a weekend of celebrations on June 13 – 15 including a Celebratory Concert. Southdowns Concert Band will be performing on Saturday June 14 at 7.30pm in Chichester Cathedral. Friends' Secretary, Brian David, said he hoped many friends will attend part or all of the celebrations. Tickets are available by calling 01243 813595 or through www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Thursday June 12 - George Bell Institute Lecture – "Does the Church of England have a future?" – This lecture given by Dr Andrew Chandler from the University of Chichester is free and open to all from 6.30pm in Chichester Cathedral Nave.

Sunday June 15 – Rev. Dr Alison Green, Curate at Chichester Cathedral, will be ordained priest this Petertide at St. Paul's Church Chichester at 5pm. Details of all those being ordained priest this Petertide can be found on page 21.

Monday June 16 – St Richard's Day – Special services in Chichester Cathedral – 11.00am Roman Catholic Mass, 5.00pm Evening Prayer (said), 5.30pm Sung Eucharist with procession.

Saturday June 21 – A concert at Chichester Cathedral in support of Chichester Cathedral Choral Foundation Fund - "Come Rain or Come Shine" – The Southdowns Concert Band, the MGC Choir and four 'Celebrity Readers' will take you on a journey through the year in word, music and song celebrating our varied seasons of weather and enjoyment of the Social Seasons. From –7.30pm. Devised by Roger Redfarn. Tickets are available by phoning 01243 813595 or through www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Saturday June 28 – Ordination of Deacons in Chichester Cathedral 4pm – more details on pages 18-20

Monday June 30 and Wednesday July 9 – When the Parliamentarians Came! Enjoy an informative guided tour to learn how the Civil War affected Chichester Cathedral. This is in support of the Festival of Chichester. Tickets are available by phoning 01243 813595 or through www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Wednesday July 2 and Friday July 11 – Remembering the Georgians 300 Years On – Learn all about what the fabric of Chichester Cathedral was like 300 years ago in this special guided tour of Chichester Cathedral. This event is in support of the Festival of Chichester. Tickets are available by phoning 01243 813595 or through www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Wednesday July 2 – An Evening with Peter James – Come and hear internationally-best-selling crime and thriller author Peter James talking about his new book in Chichester Cathedral. This event is in support of the Festival of Chichester. Tickets are available by phoning 01243 813595 or through www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Saturday July 5 – See 'Behind the Scenes' at Chichester Cathedral from 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Areas not normally open to the public will be open to visitors. No need to book, just turn up. Free entry and all are welcome. For further information please contact 01243 782595. This event is in support of the Festival of Chichester.

Saturday July 5 – Chichester Singers – Will Todd 'Te Deum' and other Italian and English works - Chichester Cathedral at 7.30pm. Tickets available 01243 813595 or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk



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