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WELCOME

Refreshed by summer sun and relaxation, this edition of Faith in Sussex turns our attention to the future. My prayer is that we shall now be more eager, more willing, and more cheerful about our vocation to be the disciples of Jesus Christ.

Many if us will have been hugely encouraged by summer gatherings to pray, study and celebrate with other Chirstians. Within our own diocese the Household of Faith conference and the HTB Focus week at Camber have both been rich sources of grace and blessing, as have the New Wine gathering in Somerset and Walsingham's youth pilgrimage.

Now I ask your prayers for the work that lies ahead of us this autumn.

Please pray for Bishop Richard and his team as they move us into the final stages of shaping our diocesan strategy for 2015 - 2020. May they enable us to be wise in the leading of the Holy Spirit, attentive to the world's pain and energised by the enormity of God's mission of love

Please pray also for Bishop Mark and the team that is hosting September's Clergy Conference, Thy Kingdom Come. May this conference renew all of us who serve as deacons, priests and bishops in our conformity to Jesus Christ, our love for his body, the Church, and our compassion for the world that he has redeemed.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people: kindle in us the fire of your love.

+Martin

Bishop of Chichester



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A VERY PROMISING BEGINNING

Bishop Martin ordained seventeen men and women as deacons of the Church of England in a memorable service at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday June 28. The cathedral was full to capacity with family, friends and members of the churches across the diocese who all came to support and celebrate the day. There was a sense of renewed hope for the future of the parishes where the seventeen deacons will serve.

For those ordained, the events confirm the calling they have received from God to serve the Church and its people. It reminds us that God calls to all in many forms to equip the Church to care for one another and serve the wider community outside the Church.

Jimmy Young Horsham St Mary Alice Whalley Moulsecomb

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Christian Mitchell Uckfield Christine Keyte Rustington

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Jo Kina Pagham Joy Collins Hastings area Kate Lawson Hove All Saints Mark Ashworth Crowborough

Martin Mills Bolney and Cowfold Pauline Ingram Maresfield & Nutley Philip Edell West Worthing

Steve Burston

Stephanie Gardner Beeding & Bramber with Botolphs

Worth

Sue Wilkinson Lewes St Anne. St Michael & St Thomas

Tanya Hockley Stone Cross with North Langley

ALSO ORDAINED AS PRIESTS WERE 15 DEACONS FROM LAST YEAR.

THESE TOOK PLACE IN VARIOUS VENUES ACROSS THE DIOCESE

In a moving ceremony, Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, ordained three women as priests at St Paul's in Chichester: Karen Young, Sarah Flashman and Dr Alison Green. This was the first time in the history of the diocese that a serving bishop had ordained women deacons as priests. Karen Young will continue to serve in St Paul's; Sarah Flashman in the benefice of Southbourne with West Thorney and Dr Alison Green in Chichester Cathedral.

Mischa Richards was ordained priest in St Martin's Brighton by Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham. Mischa serves his curacy in the Brighton Benefice of St Martin and St Wilfrid with St Alban.

Five deacons were ordained priest at All Saints in Hove by Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson. Duncan Fraser serves his curacy in Eastbourne; Brian New in Nuthurst; Tom Robson in Angmering; Carl Smith in St Andrew's, Burgess Hill and Jill Simpson in Ferring.

At St Mary's in East Grinstead, Alex Baxter and David Hadfield were ordained priest by Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham. Alex serves his curacy in St Andrew's, Eastbourne and David in St Mary's, East Grinstead.

At St Anne's, Lewes the Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, ordained four deacons to the priesthood. They were Pauline Lucas, who serves in Seaford; Paul Mundy at St Mary's, Barcombe; Imtiaz Trask, who serves the benefice of Frant and Eridge and Alexander Wood who serves his curacy in St Peter's, Brighton.

If you believe that God may be calling you to the ordained ministry, or would like to explore how your gifts can be best used in the Church please contact your vicar.

Revd Lu Gale will soon take up her new post as Diocesan Director of Ordinands and contacts details will be communicated out as soon as possible.





Duncan Fraser, Brian New, Tom Robson and Carl Smith and Jill Simpson pictured at All Saint's Hove with the Bishop of Lewes



Karen, Alison and Sarah pictured at St Paul's Chichester with the Bishop of Lewes



Mischa Richards at St Martin's Brighton



Pauline Lucas, Paul Mundy, Imtiaz Trask and Alexander Wood pictured at St Anne, Lewes



Alex Baxter and David Hadfield at St Mary East Grinstead





ACROSS OUR DIOCESE



(L to R) David Cuff. Latest TV channel director: Rev Martin Poole: Anni Maariani director of Latest Homes

LOCAL TV STUDIO IS BLESSED

Brighton's very own local TV station has been blessed. Reverend Martin Poole, of St Luke's Prestonville in Brighton. blessed the channel's new studios on Monday August 11 the day of St Clare, the patron saint of television.

Bill Smith, founder of Latest TV, said: "Brighton is a quirky, vibrant and ultimately a fun place so we wanted to think of something appropriate ahead of our launch. "When the idea of a blessing was suggested from the Diocese of Chichester we jumped at the chance.

He said: "It's great to be able to bless our local television station ahead of its launch in Brighton on the very day when the church remembers the patron saint of television.

Latest TV in Brighton and Hove was one of the first of 25 cities in the country to be awarded a 12-year local TV licence and will broadcast for up to 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 28 with news and sport at the heart of our channel.

Broadcasting on Freeview Channel 8 and Virgin 159, as well as on demand online.



OLD BOYS REUNITE FOR SCHOOL'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Bishop of Chichester led a special church service for more than 300 former pupils of Stevning Grammar and their families to celebrate the school's 400th anniversary.

St Andrew and St Cuthman Church was full to capacity with old boys and their partners, former teachers, former heads including Lloyd Harrison (1975 -1978), Peter Senior (1995-2006) and Maureen Ashley (2006-2007), Arundel and South Downs MP Nick Herbert and Jeremy Hunt, West Sussex County Council's cabinet member for education and skills.

Headteacher Nick Wergan said: "It has been fantastic meeting so many former students, former colleagues and honoured quests as we mark our 400th anniversary."

You can contact George Barker, who runs the Old Boys' Network, on 01832 280477, email gbarker2@toucansurf.com or visit www.sgsob.co.uk.

A FOURTH ARCHDEACONRY HAS BEEN FORMED

A fourth archdeaconry has been formed following a period of consultation. The Archdeaconry of Brighton and Lewes came into effect on Friday August 01. The 21 deaneries are now organised within the four archdeaconries as follows:

ARCHDEACONRY OF **CHICHESTER** Arundel & Bognor Westbourne Worthing

ARCHDEACONRY OF **HASTINGS**

Battle & Bexhill Eastbourne Hastings Rotherfield Rve Uckfield

ARCHDEACONRY OF HORSHAM

Cuckfield East Grinstead Horsham Midhurst Petworth Storrington

ARCHDEACONRY OF **BRIGHTON & LEWES** Brighton

Lewes & Seaford

Archdeacons

Hastings - Philip Jones Chichester - Douglas McKittrick Horsham - Fiona Windsor Brighton and Hove - currently vacant.



NEW ARCHDEACON OF HORSHAM

Canon Fiona Windsor takes up her new post as Archdeacon of Horsham in October.

Fiona's appointment was announced in July. She said: "I am hugely excited about joining the Diocese of Chichester. I especially look forward to serving the parishes and deaneries of the archdeaconry of Horsham."

The Bishop of Chichester said he looked forward to welcoming Fiona to the Diocese. "It is a particular joy that Fiona has immense experience in work with women in ministry across a range of deaneries and parishes - something which I hope she will continue to enjoy here in this Diocese as one of our archdeacons.

Canon Fiona succeeds The Venerable Roger Combes who retired this month after serving in the role for 11 years.

KEY APPOINTMENTS

Diocesan Director of Ordinands appointed

Reverend Lucille Gale, currently Officer for Lay Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark, has been appointed to the post of Diocesan Director of Ordinands within the Discipleship and Evangelism Team from October 1st.

Welcoming the appointment Bishop Martin said: "We will benefit greatly from Lu's skills and experience in the important task of encouraging and nurturing vocations to ministry."

Lu trained for the ministry at Salisbury & Wells Theological College and was ordained Deacon in 1994 and Priest in 1995. She served her title at Welling, St Mary the Virgin (1994-1997) and was then Chaplain at the University of Greenwich (1997-2000) and then returned to Welling as Vicar in 2000

Interim Diocesan Secretary appointed

Nicholas Taylor has been appointed to the role of Interim Diocesan Secretary taking over from Angela Sibson OBE, who left for Lincoln diocese on August 8.

Nick is a gifted leader, manager and advisor with almost 20 years board-level experience and a proven track record for change and issues management bringing a wealth of relevant experience to the role.

Former police chief appointed to safeguarding role

Martin Richards (QPM MSt Cantab LLB) former Chief Constable of Sussex Police, has been appointed as the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Panel in the Diocese of Chichester.

He takes over the helm of the advisory panel from Keith Akerman, who stepped down from his post as Chair earlier this year. Bishop Martin said the appointment 'will cement the partnership that we have been building with statutory agencies and other voluntary associations committed to the safety of vulnerable people and the wellbeing of everyone as a fundamental characteristic of society.'

Margaret Gibson is now PA to Bishop Martin

Margaret can be contacted on 01243 782161

Joanne Dunk is Interim PA to Bishop Richard

Joanne can be contacted on 01273 421021

PA to Bishop Mark is currently vacant







NEWS CONTINUED





Community and business leaders gathered for a half-day meeting at the Bishop's Palace in the summer to discuss the growing problems of financial exclusion and food poverty in Sussex.

Bishop Martin, who organised the event, recognised that a number of organisations in Sussex are dedicated to tackling the problems of debt and hunger. He said: "As a church, we're using our good offices to bring them together. The aim is to help strengthen existing partnerships, and to forge new partnerships so that people in need don't slip between the cracks," said Dr Warner.

He added: "With a presence in every community, the Diocese is well-placed to support these frontline organisations further.

The Bishop of Lewes chaired the roundtable on behalf of Bishop Martin who was called away to take a funeral.



BISHOP HELPS TO MARK MERIDIAN DAY

The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, helped to mark the Meridian Day anniversary celebrations this summer by blessing the Monument at Peacehaven. He was joined by civic leaders and local people who came along to share in the festivities. He said: "I was delighted to be part of the Meridian Day celebrations at Peacehaven. It was a joy to meet and lead members of the local community in prayer."

In 1984, the National Maritime Museum, of which the Royal Observatory in Greenwich is a part, encouraged people up and down the Line to organise events in order to mark the so-called 'centenary' of the Prime Meridian. Although the International Meridian conference took place in October 1884, the Museum designated Tuesday 26 June as 'Meridian Day', on the grounds that any outdoor events would be less likely to be affected by the weather. The Museum acted as a coordinating centre for activities and kept interested parties informed of developments though a series of bulletins.



SONGS OF PRAISE ON THE RAILWAY

Worshippers took part in a service led by the Bishop of Horsham on board the Bluebell Railway.

The train went from Horsted Keynes to East Grinstead and Sheffield Park stations for the event on July 20.

It followed songs of praise and a picnic at Kingscote Station, organised jointly by churches in the deaneries of Cuckfield, East Grinstead and Uckfield.

Rev John Twisleton, vicar of Horsted Keynes, said: "We've found the event to be a great builder of inter-parish and inter-deanery fellowship over the five years we've held it and we had in the region of 300 people from the church and community."



Honoured: From left, Jeffrey Bridges, Richard Andrews, Crawford and Co loss adjuster David Townsend, churchwarden Ken Jones, Sandra Cooper from EIG and Keith Nickels from Brighton Stained Glass

HERITAGE AWARD FOR BLAZE CHURCH

A church devastated by fire has been honoured in the Sussex Heritage Trust Awards.

St Mary Magdalene in Whatlington, East Sussex, had to be painstakingly restored after the blaze on St Swithun's day in 2010. Now it has been named in the awards' Ecclesiastical Category.

Jeffrey Bridges, churchwarden for more than ten years, said: "We were delighted to receive this award from the Sussex Heritage Trust. The restoration involved many people over three years and the award is for everyone who has worked on the project, which was principally financed by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group EIG and led by architect Richard Andrews."

The church was rededicated by the Bishop of Chichester in February this year. A slate plaque has now been affixed to the building for all to see.

CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP SCOOPS TOP AWARD

An independent Christian bookshop in Chichester won the UK Independent Small Christian Retail Store of the Year Award for 2014 at a ceremony at the Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire.

St Olav, which is run by the St Olav Trust, opened in 2009 and is managed by Bradley Smith, a churchwarden of St Mary's Church in Barnham.

He said: "It is a great honour for us to win this award and I am really delighted to receive it on behalf of our team and our trustees. This is a first for St Olav and we are thrilled to have been nominated."

The shop is housed in the oldest building in Chichester, a Saxon church dating back to around 1050 and dedicated to St Olave or Olaf, King Olaf Haraldsson, Patron Saint of Norway, who lived from 995 to 1030 and was canonised in 1164.

It contains evidence of late 11th century work and was partly rebuilt in the late 13th and early 14th centuries and further restored in the 19th century. It remains a consecrated place of worship, although services are now held only annually.

The shop is open Monday to Saturday, from 9.30am to 5pm, and provides Christian publications for adults and children, gifts, CDs, greetings cards and a wide range of church supplies.

RUTH'S PERSONAL CHALLENGE TO HELP ORPHANS

Ruth Sowerby, wife of the Bishop of Horsham, is in training for a 10k run in aid of a Kenyan orphanage.

Ruth was part of a diocesan group which went to Kenya and our link dioceses of Nakuru, Nyahururu and Kericho earlier this year. The trip included a visit to St Nicholas' Home, an orphanage for about 30 children aged from eight to 19.

They have all lost at least one parent, though 70 per cent are orphans, most because of Aids. The rest are from at risk single-parent families, often referred by parishes. There is no government funding and the home is dependent on donations. The diocese of Chichester is generous in this respect but still more is needed.

Ruth said it was in a "moment of madness" that she accepted a 50th birthday challenge from her sister and agreed to run the Swansea Bay 10k on September 21. She said: "For someone who has never run or wanted to, this is quite a challenge for me. I didn't even own a pair of trainers. But it's nothing compared to the challenges that those children face on a daily basis and with a future that is uncertain."

"Please sponsor me and enable these children to have the lifesaving things they need such as mosquito nets and sports equipment that will enable them to have fun and enjoy just being children."

You can now sponsor Ruth online from appeals page of our website: www.chichester. anglican.org/appeal

SPACE TO COLOR IN SCHOOLS



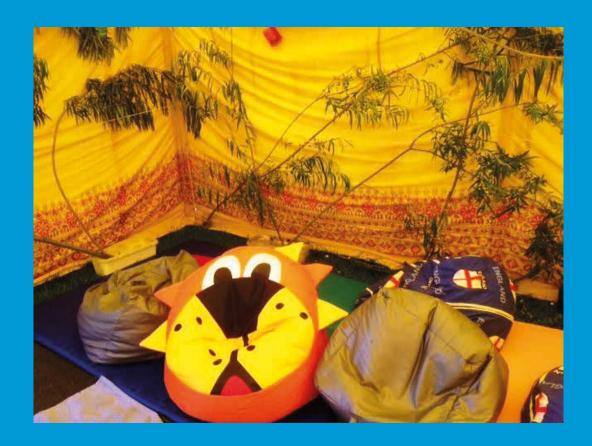
When you next pass Bury CE Primary School, look into the car park and you should see trees with different coloured ribbons floating in the breeze.

Each ribbon represents a prayer written by one of the children. The prayer could be for a friend, a grandpa, a gerbil or world peace. The prayer could be for you.

The children have been learning during '"prayer space week" that we all need prayer and we all need to pray.

Prayer spaces are created in schools to give a place for children - and others - to focus their prayers on different themes. Different creative stimuli can be used to help.

At Bury Primary School, in Pulborough, a team from the church, helped by staff and friends, set up a week-long prayer space area in tents in the field behind the swimming pool.



In the first tent, the "post it zone", children were asked to reflect for a while and then write a short prayer. For each prayer they were given a ribbon in a colour representing the type of prayer - green for a sorry prayer, red for a please prayer. There were also "wow" prayers and thank you prayers. Before they went back to class, the children tied their ribbons to one of the four fruit trees donated by New Place Nurseries.

Zone two was the prayer tent where the children were encouraged to reflect on their prayers and widen them. In an atmosphere calmed by music and visual aids such as bubble tubes, lava lamps, candle lighting and comfortable cushions, children could spend a quiet few moments considering forgiving others and being forgiven, telling God their worries and letting them go. They considered the beauty of creation and the love of God.

Zone three was the craft area where the children could make paper chain prayers, draw and cut

out pictures of themselves and list the gifts they had been given by God. They could write prayers for the world or for their family. A massive pair of hands entitled "He's got the whole world in his hands" was there for children to write their own names on as a symbol of belonging to God.

On the final day, pupils and parents met Father David for collective worship. The children explained and re-enacted what they had learnt and felt about the week. It was an outside assembly for an important reason - tied to the back of the stage were three helium-filled golden balloons. Each represented a class in school with the names of each pupil attached. These were prayer balloons symbolising all the children's prayers and when released by Father David, they raced heavenward.

CLERGY CONFERENCE 2014

thy hingdom come

The Chichester Diocesan Clergy conference is just days away with talks, seminars and activity to stimulate and inspire all the clergy. A cast of motivating speakers has been arranged and each will deliver keynote sessions in their field of work with the theme Thy Kingdom Come.

The conference, at Kent University from September 8 to 11, will open with Canon Dr Christina Baxter CBE, former principal of St. John's College Nottingham and Chairwoman of the House of Laity on General Synod. Dr Baxter was the closing speaker at the last diocesan clergy conference and will be reflecting on developments in the Church of England and this diocese over the intervening years.

Camila Batmanghelidjh CBE was nominated in 2013 by BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour as one of the top 100 most powerful women in the UK. She is the founder of Kids Company, a charity which cares for 17,000 vulnerable children and young people in London, and her theme will be Thy Kingdom Come for children and young people.

Philip Blond is a political philosopher, theologian and founder of the ResPublica think-tank focusing on developing practical solutions to socio-economic and cultural problems in the UK. His theme will be Thy Kingdom Come in society.

Mike Ovey is the principal of Oak Hill Theological College who was ordained in this diocese and specialises in trinitarian theology, soteriology and apologetics. The theme for his talk will be Thy Kingdom Come in the Church. In addition there will be a range of seminars including Fresh Expressions.

In addition there will be morning devotions led by The Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Birmingham Cathedral, who was one of the first women to be ordained in the Church of England and who has served on the College Council of the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, and been religious affairs editor at BBC Radio Leeds for four years.

Each day there will be a conference Eucharist with the Wednesday service in Canterbury Cathedral. The Bishops will preach at these services with Bishop Martin speaking about serving the common good, Bishop Mark on the theme of re-imagining ministry and Bishop Richard on growth, both spiritually

and numerically. Bishop Martin will be revealing the summary results of the consultations and inviting contributions to the next stage in discerning the Diocesan strategy. Working groups will be addressing these key themes over the autumn.

If you would like to support the diocesan clergy you may like to use this prayer:

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love. that all who hear it mav be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross. and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

HOPE 14



REMEMBRANCE, MISSION AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Coastal towns across East and West Sussex played a special part in the Great War -Eastbourne, for example, was home to the largest convalescent camp in the country and treated 150.000 soldiers. Memorials in churches and workplaces across Chichester Diocese record the names of the thousands who died in the conflict.

Throughout the next four years, communities will be marking centenary events from the First World War and special resources have been prepared to help churches connect with local communities at these remembrance moments.

Many churches and the cathedral started their commemorations on 4 August with lights out and a candlelit vigil marking the time when war was declared 100 years ago.

As part of the Hope14 year of mission, HOPE and HOPE's partners have prepared the 'Greater Love' resources to help churches mark the centenary of World War 1.

School children in many cities, towns and villages will receive a specially-produced John's Gospel from local churches. The Gospel is a replica of one of 43 million scripture booklets given away to troops, their families, prisoners and refugees during the Great War.

HOPE's Director Roy Crowne says: 'This year, as communities are gathering to mark the centenary of the First World War, let's bring the church to the heart of these remembrance moments. Let's be prepared to serve our communities and speak in Jesus' name. At this significant time in history, let's point to the "greater love" Jesus has for us, and let's pray that people will meet with God in a new way as they pause to reflect.'

HOPE'S GREATER LOVE RESOURCES CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE www.hopetogether.org.uk/ greaterlove

SILENT NIGHT CAROL SERVICES

Looking ahead to Christmas, HOPE is working with Sports Chaplaincy UK to stage Silent Night Carol Services.

On Christmas Eve 1914, the fighting stopped and enemies ventured into No Man's Land to talk and exchange gifts. Some even played football. British soldier, Albert Moren, who was in the frontline trenches wrote home about hearing Silent Night sung during the truce: 'It was a beautiful moonlit night, frost on the ground, white almost everywhere ... And then they sang "Stille Nacht" -"Silent Night". I shall never forget it. It was one of the highlights of my life.'

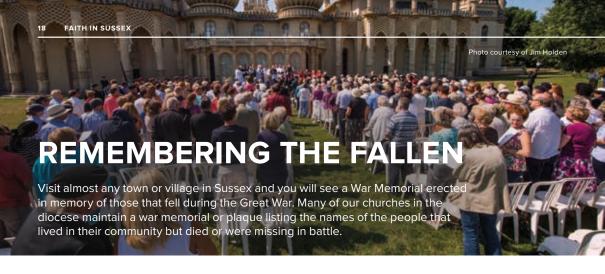
This year a version of the carol Silent Night, specially adapted for Hope14's Greater Love initiative, will be sung in sports stadia, churches and wherever people sing Christmas carols.

The Silent Night Carol Services resource pack is being prepared to include:

- a How-to guide prepared by sports chaplains
- a Carol Service programme with the words of the
- · music scores for Silent Night
- video clips to use at events

Pilot carol services have been held in several sports stadia over the last two years with the help of sports chaplains, local school choirs and Salvation Army bands. The tried-and-tested formula includes the club's players or manager reading some of the familiar Bible passages about the nativity story.

Find out more at www.hopetogether.org.uk



Church Services of commemoration have been taking place across Sussex and these will continue over the next four years. We report on some of the activities in this issue.

BISHOP LED CEREMONY TO MARK WW1

The Bishop of Chichester, attended a special ceremony in Brighton to commemorate the centenary of World War One.

The event, organised in line with national commemorations of WW1, took place on the East Lawns of the Royal Pavilion on Sunday 3rd August, in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex and the Mayor of Brighton & Hove and was led by The Bishop of Chichester.

All Faith groups in the city were represented at the service to reflect the profound impact of the Great War on all communities.

HUNDREDS ATTEND WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

A Service to Dedicate the War Memorial at St Michael & All Angels in Bexhill took place on Sunday June 1. Hundreds of people attended including the Mayor of Bexhill, Cllr. Brian Kentfield, the MP for Bexhill & Battle, Greg. Barker, as well as local councillors, Charles Clarke and Simon Elford. Members of the Bexhill Team Clergy, Fr David Reynish, Deacon Olivia Werrett and Fr Peter Shaw were also present, as was the Archdeacon of Hastings, The Venerable Philip Jones.

Fr Stephen Huggins, the Team Vicar, welcomed Commander Jens Schaadt, the German Naval Exchange Officer at HMS Collingwood in Fareham. In his sermon Fr Stephen spoke of ordinary people, living ordinary lives, in Bexhill, and sometimes being called to do extraordinary things. He said: "We all pledged ourselves to the cause of justice and peace, and for the relief of want and suffering."

The War Memorial had come to St Michael's from St Andrew's Church in Bexhill which sadly closed two years ago. It contains some 37 names, including those of 20 servicemen from the First World War, followed by a further 12 from the Second World War, together with the names of 5 civilians who died as a result of enemy action over the town.

DEAN EMERITUS TO UNVEIL PRIEZ WAR MEMORIAL

A War Memorial planned for Priez, in France, to commemorate the sacrifice of the 7,302 members of The Royal Sussex Regiment who gave their lives in the Great War can now go ahead thanks the generosity of so many individuals and organisations.

The memorial will be unveiled and dedicated in the village of Priez on 10th September this year – the 100th Anniversary of the first casualties suffered by the Regiment in the Great War.

The Dedication of the Memorial will be performed by the Very Reverend Nicholas Frayling, Dean Emeritus of Chichester.

Robin Mcnish, a trustee of the Royal Sussex Regiment Memorial Fund, invites readers to attend if they are in the vicinity of Priez on 10th September this year. The Ceremony will start at 10.30 a.m., and associated activity will continue until about midday.

Any surplus funds from the Appeal will be devoted to Benevolence in support of disabled Old Comrades of the Regiment, and their dependants.

STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

O friends rejoice

BY NEVILLE MANNING

Some of the best hymns are an expression of the life of the person who wrote them and this is certainly so in the case of George Bell's Christ Is The King.

As many readers will know, George Kennedy Bell was Bishop of Chichester for a long time – from 1929 to1958. As a young curate he served in a slum parish in Leeds where he first learnt about social engagement from the example of the Methodists. A period as chaplain to Archbishop Randall Davidson of Canterbury was followed by a few years as Dean of Canterbury, where he initiated a festival of the arts.

His time at Chichester included the dark days of World War Two, during which he became an ally of the Confessing Church in Germany - Christians opposed to Hitler and the Nazis - and supported refugees from that country. His criticism of the British government for saturation bombing of German cities may have contributed to him not being chosen as Archbishop of Canterbury after the early wartime death of William Temple. He also became a committed advocate of the cause of

Christian unity and the work of The Ecumenical Movement, which led to the setting up of The World Council of Churches and its British counterpart.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH ONE VOICE MAKE ALL MEN KNOW HE IS YOUR CHOICE

Several of those causes dear to Bell's heart are reflected in his hymn, which was written for the Songs of Praise hymnbook in 1931 but was revised for IOO Hymns For Today in 1969.

It was set to a tune by Melchior Vulpius, harmonised by Henry G Ley, and is now to be found in at least 19 hymnals. Running through the whole hymn is Bell's embracing of the unity of all Christians, for example "Brothers and sisters with one voice make all men know he is your choice" and "the whole church at last be one"

That unity is something to be used for Christ's Kingdom, of which the church is called to be a sign, instrument and channel throughout the world and in the interests of justice and peace "so shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun".

At a time when our Chichester Diocese is praying and consulting together regarding future strategy under the headings of "Church growth", "re-imagining ministry" and "contributing to the common good", George Bell's hymn has something to say about all those themes. I can imagine the good bishop nodding with approval as the diocese looks to the future along these lines.

BRING HOME THE HARVEST

Churches are urged to get behind this year's Bring Home The Harvest campaign for British Food Fortnight, which aims to bring together communities from across the UK to help rekindle the age-old tradition of celebrating the harvest.

Mark Betson, Diocesan Rural Officer, said: "This is a perfect opportunity for our churches to involve the wider community and to be part of a very special national project. This year there is a challenge to find the most imaginative and inclusive harvest celebration, a fun social media campaign using #HarvestFever and the National Harvest Service for children.

"Also the Church of England has set up a special section through the "A church near you" website to highlight all the local harvest celebrations in churches and church communities. Find a harvest near you via www.aharvestnearyou.com."

Remember to add your church celebration, harvest service or supper and any other events to the calendar on www.achurchnearyou.com, remembering to include the word "harvest". The rest will happen automatically.

Food fortnight runs from September 20 to October 5. To find out how you can take part, download promotional material, sign up for monthly updates on the latest British food news and find details of what is happening near you, visit www. lovebritishfood.co.uk or email info@lovebritishfood.co.uk.

We want to hear from you - please let us know about activities and celebrations you are planning by emailing your photos and information to communications@chichester. anglican.org and info@lovebritishfood.co.uk.

"That we be mindful of the needs of others" is how a well-known grace ends. In the season of plenty as the harvest is gathered in and we think of all things "foodful", let us also remember the work of food banks and organisations such as the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership which help make our food go that bit further, especially for those suffering food poverty.



As we approach British Food Fortnight Revd Dr Mark Betson, Diocesan Rural Officer writes

"We have such a wonderful resource in many of our rural parishes through the work of local businesses producing fantastic food and drink. Peter O'Connell from our Henfield parish shares his experience after a morning with Dark Star Brewery in Small Dole. I had a similar time to Peter with our parish brewery Kissinggate in Lower Beeding. You can read a little more about both brewery's below. Not only do they provide employment in rural areas they also teach skills and enable creativity to flourish. It is amazing the talent we have on our own doorstep and it is important that we should celebrate it."



The number of small breweries has grown dramatically in recent years, not least here in Sussex.

In Partridge Green we have the Dark Star brewery and, slightly closer to Henfield, there's the Downlands Brewery in Small Dole with its own range of specialist beers.

Small Dole lies within the parish of St Peter's Church in Henfield and curate Peter O'Connell spent a morning at the brewery



Teamwork: Peter and Widdi dig malt out of the mash tun

learning the basics of making beer.

Downlands only started in 2010 and was on an almost experimental scale before brewing for the first time with its newly built equipment in August 2012.

The team still has only three members - Widdi, Dave and Ianand together they brew to meet the growing demand for their beers. The Shepherd and Dog in Fulking always has their beer on tap if you want to taste it for yourself.

Peter enjoyed his morning's work at Downlands. He said: "The beer-making process is clearly the best bit - the clearing up is the hard work that follows. All the malt and the hops have to be removed before the equipment can be used again but in the process they have become hot and heavy from all the water. When it comes to shovelling them out it is useful to have some unskilled labour such as a local curate."

KISSINGATE BREWERY

Kissingate Brewery is nestled in the nearby wooded valley of Church Lane Farm Estate. The Pole Barn has been home to our local brewery for just over two years now and sits proudly at the top of the estate lane.

Kissingate have a short history and have been brewing on the estate for little over four years. However, during this time the brewery has amassed more awards than any other brewery in the Counties of East and West Sussex.

Kissingate is not only known for brewing award winning beers, they are well known for their hospitality too and host many events throughout the year. Proprietors, Gary and Bunny, are passionate about providing a warm welcome to all who venture down to the brewery.

Kissingate's 'Octoberfest' Saturday 25th October 11am – 9pm

The Black Swan Morris Dancers and Alex Bondonno, blue grass banjo player and vocalist will provide entertainment. There will be at least 12 Kissingate beers on stillage. Also available will be local cider and a selection of soft drinks for the drivers. There will be a big BBQ for the hungry and Bunny's legendary savouries and cakes will adorn the tables too.

Children and pets welcome. Lower Beeding residents will receive a free pint of beer on arrival. Just mention 'Lower Beeding resident' to claim your beer! www.kissingate.co.uk



The Bishop of Chichester has consecrated a graveyard extension at St Wulfran's Church in Ovingdean.

St Wulfran's views its beautiful addition not just as a new space for spiritual growth and reflection but also as a genuine opportunity to contribute to the common good of the members of the whole village community, regardless of their faith.

Churchwarden Camilla Tilden-Smith said reaching this stage had not always been easy.

She said: "Few churches have the good fortune of St Wulfran's to have an acre of land next door they can buy at a reasonable price from the local council. It is a beautiful meadow with a view of the sea, on the foothills of the South Downs National Park. A very special place to be shared by all ages.

"But the road to this historic event had its bumpy moments. There had been significant concerns in this small village about the impact of a burial ground of such a scale and the priest and churchwardens put in many hours of patient engagement with anxious neighbours, reassuring them about burial policy and the steps that would be taken to enhance the landscape of the new churchyard.

"Because of this careful preparation, planning consent was secured quite easily and the main objectors all came to the consecration.

"The Bishop presided over a wonderfully spiritual and symbolic service that started in the church and then became a formal procession into the centre of the field. The act of consecration was very moving, with the Bishop walking the full extent of the area to be consecrated and kneeling at each corner, where he placed the sign of the cross in the grass."

We still use the term God's Acre to describe churchyards and a few days after the consecration, the St Wulfran's churchwardens attended an imaginative and resourceful one-day conference at Haywards Heath on "Caring for God's Acre".

This emphasised the rich potential of our churchyards, not just for quiet reflection on the lives of the deceased but for encouraging wildflowers and wildlife, offering opportunities for educational projects and community social activities.

"We've had great support from everyone including our PCC and Church Family and other allotment holders on our site"

SUCCESSFUL GROWTH FOR CHURCH ALLOTMENT PROJECT

Julie Churcher is a member of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Rustington. She is a keen horticulturalist and has successfully obtained the tenancy of an Allotment in Rustington for the Church. A project, she hopes, will involve all the Church family.

One of the aims of the project is to grow flowers for use in Church which are normally hard to source or too expensive to buy. "We want to grow flowers and fruit and vegetables for sale after the main service on Sunday." said Julie. "The produce is sold by donation after our Sunday service and at Coffee Break on

a Wednesday. We sell out every time and now receive orders in advance. The proceeds will be used to create a patio, shed and composting area and to purchase plants for the next season."

The project has been met with enthusiasm by the Parish Council. "We've had great support from everyone including our PCC and Church Family and other allotment holders on our site. I want to involve everyone including our Junior Church and Youth Group as one of the aims is to teach the children how to grow and cook food, and to appreciate God's bounty. It's an exciting project and I would love to see Church Allotments expanding."















Pictured with Bishop Mark: Readers licensed last year

Six new lay readers will be licensed by the Bishop this month. As we await this "exciting day in the life of the diocese", reader Carol Shepherd tells us about her first year in the role.

Readers are lay people called by God who are trained to lead worship, preach and teach about Jesus and the Christian faith.

They are also involved in a variety of other roles, for example, pastoral work, leading house groups, baptism and confirmation preparation, school assemblies and officiating at funerals.

These theologically trained lay people are a major, vital, valuable and skilled resource. Ruth Sowerby, Discipleship and Ministry course leader, said: "September 20 will be an exciting day in the life of our diocese. After three years of demanding and challenging theological study, six new readers will be licensed by Bishop Richard to exercise this ministry in their parishes and in the wider Church."

At the same time, Carol Shepherd will mark her first anniversary as a lay reader and she said: "What a year. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment. Being able to put into practice some things I have learnt and some that come naturally has been worth all the three years of training.

"I left school with no qualifications and started the course when I was 64 years old. It was hard and challenging but I made it."

Carol lives in the close-knit rural village of Barns Green. She said: "Within the first month of my licensing, three elderly people died and because I knew them all very well I was asked if I could take the funeral services. That wasn't possible as I haven't yet had the training but I was able to be very involved and able to do the eulogy and follow-up visits. This side of ministry is something I feel drawn towards."

She also enjoys working in schools and was recently asked to visit one to talk about her role. She said: "Question and answer time was very encouraging."

Her advice to those in training to become a reader is "stick with it", even when you think you can't possibly finish the course, and enjoy your placement churches.

She said: "Mine was to All Saints High Anglican Church and has a very special place in my heart. It was a complete eye opener as to how different services can be within the Anglican family and I learnt much from them.

"I can honestly say there have been no downs in my first year. Challenges yes, but with prayer and seeking help of other members of the Church family, I can honestly say all the training was worth it. I might not remember all the historical 'stuff' but the important thing is to remember it is Jesus we are taking to the people. It is all about Him and not about how well we are doing."

THE SIX NEW READERS ARE:

Paul Abnett: St Barnabas, Bexhill
Peter Armstrong: Holy Trinity, Hastings
Pam Edwards: The Ascension.

Priscilla Mills: St Mary the Virgin, Ticehurst
Vicky Peattie: St Mary the Virgin, Willingdon
Elizabeth Tyrrell Rogate with Terwick and

Please pray for them, for the parishes in which they are to serve and give thanks for their obedience to God's call in their lives.

The readers licensing will take place at Chichester Cathedral on 20 September 2014.

CHURCH IN SOCIETY

DEANERIES BACK DRAFT ENVIRONMENT POLICY

There is still time to have your say on the Chichester Diocese Environment Policy

The diocesan synod agreed last year that the policy should be further developed and presented to diocesan synod in November

Revd Angela Martin, a member of the diocesan environment action group, has been presenting the draft at deanery synods to encourage them to give their views and further shape the policy before it is aired at synod.

She said: "The action group is keen for every deanery across the diocese to have its say. We value all suggestions. It's not all about saving money when we care for creation. There are other ideas such as seed banks in the churchyard."

Graham Parr, churchwarden of St Peter ad Vincula, Wisborough Green, welcomed the draft policy and said his church had saved money by acting on sound environmental

He said: "We have been in the dark, quite literally, because of the difficulties of having to keep changing our 69 halogen spotlights. We've replaced all 200-watt bulbs with 25-watt LED ones and are using just an eighth of the electricity. This has meant a huge reduction in our bill, from around £3,400 to around £425. We expect at least an 80 per cent saving on our electricity consumption and thus our carbon footprint will also fall significantly."

To give your opinion of the draft, email Mark Betson, chairman of the Diocesan Environment Action Group at m betson@botmail.co.uk



CHANGING ROLES

The Church in Society role is changing. David Farey, Diocesan Church in Society Adviser, has held the position since November 2011 but is soon returning to parish ministry.

Responsibility will devolve to a diocesan committee under the chairmanship of Bishop Mark, who thanked David for his dedicated work.

He said: "We are grateful for all that David has brought to this role. We now have a greater understanding of the range of work that Church in Society covers and recognise the need to resource it effectively. This new development will incorporate a wider range of expertise and aims to encourage parishes to engage more effectively."

Further details of the changes will be revealed throughout the autumn



It was Chichester's turn to hold the biennial Feuerstein Conference this year. We hosted 20 German ministers during a busy four-day programme which gave Catholics, Lutherans and Reformed pastors and trainees a taste of Anglican diocesan life and ministerial training.

The conference started in the Bishop's Palace on Monday with a talk by Chancellor Anthony Cane, a tour of the cathedral and evensong.

The party then moved to Hove, where they began to discuss the theme of the week "what is Church?". A wide range of confessions was represented and it was stimulating to hear about our differences and similarities in emphasis and training experience.

A trip to Brighton enabled the group to compare and contrast how things were done at St Peter's, where they heard from Reverend Archie Coates followed by Fr David Clues at St Bartholomew's across the road. Evensong at the Chapel Royal was followed by a taste of Brighton - a fish and chip supper on the seafront.

The Catholic seminarians were led by the Assistant Bishop of Bamberg. Before a rural Church session on Wednesday at Woodmancote, Mass was said in German, attended by the current deacon of the Roman Catholic parish, on the site where two protestants were executed in the reign of Queen Mary, 1556, for refusing to say Mass in Latin.

This seemed symbolic of how we have moved on. Indeed, there was a close collegiality and friendship throughout the week,

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both between the Anglicans and the Germans and among the German party themselves, who have few opportunities to meet at home.

Although led by experienced pastors, many of the group were seminarians and trainee minsters. The session on Wednesday evening and a lecture from Bishop Geoffrey Rowell, former Bishop of Europe, allowed them to meet

curates in the final stages of Anglican ministerial training and formation.

Despite the difficulties of ferrying our German guests across the diocese, the group met at St Richard's, Haywards Heath, the following day. Although there are still significant theological differences, we had a sense of being in "partial communion" with one another and are united as Christians by virtue of our baptism. The conference ended with a moving service where we renewed our baptismal vows with each other and delegates of different denominations signed one another with the water of baptism before we made our farewells

The Feuerstein Conference reconvenes in 2016 in Germany, where it will be hosted by the Catholic group.

Canon Rebecca Swyer, Diocesan Ministerial Development Officer, led the Anglican contingent. She said: "The conference is primarily a time for participants to meet people from different denominations and learn about living, thinking, praying and worshipping in our respective churches. In doing so, it reminds us that the Church is much bigger than the Church of England and fuels the desire to strive for greater unity."

OVERSEASFOCUS

with Revd Canon Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes
Diocesan World Mission Officer

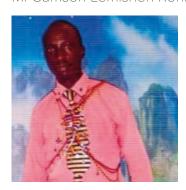
As part of our ongoing focus on our diocesan companion links and our evolving role and participation in world mission we introduce you to Mr Samson Lemishen Ronko a serving Evangelist in the Diocese of Kericho, Kenya.

Moving into the digital age we announce our new online options to make giving to this year's Diocesan Harvest Appeal a much easier process.



MEET THE SAINTS:

Mr Samson Lemishen Ronko



The Diocesan Overseas Council met in the summer and were delighted to approve a bursary to fund a 3 year training programme at Carlile College, Nairobi for Samson Lemishen Ronko who is serving as an Evangelist in the Diocese of Kericho. Kenva.

Samson has written to tell us something of his life story, his journey with Christ and his growing sense of vocation.

I was born in 1993 in Olendeem village in Narok county in the Rift Valley province of Kenya. I grew up in a Christian family. My father is a Lay Reader and my mother is a member of the Mothers Union. My parents encouraged Sunday school attendance as a child and in my primary school years I joined the Christian Union group which helped me grow in the knowledge of God. I gave my life to Christ in Class Six in 2002.

My local church realised my passion for praise and worship and they chose me as a choir master.

At high school I was elected an outreach mission coordinator of which I dedicated Sunday services to preaching and leading worship services in prison and praying with the prisoners. The school administration also appointed me to be the leader of the

Hospital Christian fellowship whereby I participated in evangelizing, praying and leading patients services a role I played until I completed my studies in 2009, after which, I served in my home parish as a youth leader for one year.

The following year I was appointed as an evangelist in the nearby parish in the Diocese of Kericho. I have witnessed the local church growing from a membership of 16 to 57 and now has an active youth department. I have been engaged with leading and preaching at Sunday services and home fellowships as well as pastoral visitations. I have been on a pastoral programme for the pre-school started by the church to help school age children access basic education.



The parish priest and the Diocesan Bishop have offered me support and guidance whenever I needed. This year the church has begun the process of constructing a permanent worship structure. In my 3 years service as an Evangelist I have witnessed the hand of God saving and healing many people and as a result of this my faith has increased.

I have the call and passion to serve fully in the ordained ministry and I have prayed that I join a theological institution to enable me build my capacity more in the knowledge of the word of God so that I become effective in service.

THE DIOCESAN HARVEST APPEAL FOR 2014/15



The Appeal 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.

There are lots of ways to donate, please use the method most convenient to you:

- 1 If your local church or school is participating, they'll welcome your donation!
- 2 Go online to: chichester.anglican.org/appeal where you'll find we offer a range of giving options
- You can download a GIFT FORM from the web address above
- Alternatively, simply call our appeals team on 01273 421021 and they'll be able to help you (during office hours)



70 YEARS OF MINISTRY AND STILL GOING STRONG

John Perry knew from the age of 14 that he was destined for ordination. Now in his nineties, he has just clocked up 70 years as a priest, a rare achievement. We look back over his life and career.

In 1938, John Perry went to see his bishop, Dr Headlam of Gloucester, to seek sponsorship from the diocese to enable him to follow his calling. It was granted and, in September that year, he went to Leeds University to read Latin, Greek and ancient history, followed by two years of theology at the College of Resurrection Mirfield.

He chose to begin his ministry in London's East End rather than returning to the Diocese of Gloucester and ended up serving in Poplar.

Clive Everett-Allen, vicar of St Swithun's in East Grinstead where John has been a popular and important figure for many years, said: "If you want a flavour of that sort of ministry, then watching the BBC series Call The Midwife would give a pretty accurate impression. John's wife Rita was a midwife in the East End when they met." John and Rita married in 1946. Rita had set up the small maternity unit of Poplar hospital where she delivered many babies. The couple were thrilled to find a bit of housing between two bombed properties a few hundred yards from what was then entrance to the Blackwall Tunnel

During the war and in the days after it, John's church, All Saints, provided leadership for young people. He ran a gym for teenagers, refereed countless inter-club football matches on the Hackney marshes (with little knowledge of the game) and trained SPY (South Poplar Youth) club members, boys and girls, for the annual inter-club athletic meeting at Victoria Park.

There is still a SPY reunion every year where John meets 80-yearolds who were in their early teens in his day. Many remain



"The commitment and freshness of his faith in his nineties is wonderful to behold"

regular church members. On his days off, John managed to fit in an occasional game of his beloved rugger with the police at Hendon.

In 1950, John, by now a father of two, became vicar of St Peter's in Hackney, which later became a church for many new arrivals from the West Indies.

He conducted many weddings for those who, once they had earned enough, were joined by their airlfriends. On one occasion, a couple went to him in preparation for their wedding and the bride-to-be said the one thing she would miss would be not having bridesmaids. "How many would you like?" John enquired. "Oh, just two little girls," she said. And John replied: "I've got a couple upstairs who might do." Daughters Claire and Hilary were brought from their beds, introduced and gladly accepted.

John later served as vicar of St Dunstan with St Catherine in Feltham, a large sprawl of housing near Heathrow, and during this era he was also relief chaplain at Feltham Borstal where duties included a daily visit to those in the punishment block.

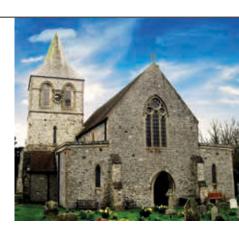
In the 1970s he became Archdeacon of Middlesex, a role he held for seven years until he resigned and moved to Canterbury Diocese.

Four years after that, he resigned once again, this time to begin his next adventure – retirement – in East Grinstead.

John was widowed in 2008 but is kept on his toes by his many friends, eight children, 23 grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren.

Clive said: "Our beloved John, has, of course, continued his ministry in his retirement and has been a wonderful help and support in the parish. The commitment and freshness of his faith in his nineties is wonderful to behold. Many congratulations to you, John."

FUNDRAISING TO SAVE HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE



An appeal to raise £212,000 to restore St Nicolas Church in Pevensey for its 800th anniversary is under way.

The church will reach the landmark in 2016, when the area will also be celebrating the 950th anniversary of the landing of William of Normandy to fight and win the Battle of Hastings.

The **Project 16** appeal was launched by Earl De La Warr, who has strong links to Pevensey, and deputy churchwarden George Stephens spoke about the history of the church, which was built on the site of a Saxon priory and is the oldest building in Pevensey still in use for its original purpose.

It has been used for Christian worship continuously over eight centuries and has many original features, even though it was built before the births of St Francis of Assisi and Copernicus, 500 years before the Baroque period, 400 years before Shakespeare, 300 years before the Renaissance and even before St Paul's Cathedral.

George reminded the audience at the launch of the reference in the Magna Carta of 1215, drafted by Archbishop Stephen Langton and the most powerful barons of England and sealed under oath by King John at Runnymede, that "the church shall be free, keep its privileges in their fullness and entirety for us and our heirs for ever".

Project 16 is the second part of a scheme started in 2006 which, at a cost of £235,000, secured the building's structure. Now sections of the church boundary wall are to be rebuilt in the traditional Sussex style of flint and boulder, the electrics will be updated and a modern audio system will be installed

Treasurer Simon Sargent said the £212,000 estimated restoration cost was a huge sum for a small parish whose annual income of £60,000 was barely sufficient to meet normal running costs.

He said: "Extra funds are needed but it would be unrealistic to expect too much of the local community, which contributed generously to the restoration in 2006. The Project 16 team has considered many possible sources, including an appeal to churches in the USA because of Earl De La Warr's historic family connections.

"We are applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund but the process is complex and the chances of success partly depend on how many other worthy causes apply at the same time. We are also approaching numerous other charitable trusts known to fund projects such as ours.

"Money will be raised locally through concerts and other special events. In addition, The Friends of St Nicolas Church is being launched, with annual membership at £20 (£30 for couples) and life membership at £200 (£300 for couples). Members will be kept in touch with church activities and will play a vital part in supporting our beautiful, historic church as it enters its ninth century as a place of worship."



George Stephens, Project Co-ordinator (on the left) with the Earl De La Warr who introduced proceedings.

MAKE MORE OF MULTIMEDIA

Churches are increasingly embracing the possibilities of music and film and the power of technologies such as the internet and computer projection in their worship and ministry. For many, however, understanding copyright and what is possible without infringing the law can be a significant stumbling block.

Christian Copyright Licensing International Limited (CCLI) exists to support and resource the church in this area. It offers licences that enable churches to push ahead with their ministry and outreach objectives confident that they are covered. The following information will guide you through some of the licensing requirements:

PLAYING AND PERFORMING MUSIC

Music is an integral part of many church activities, including youth clubs, coffee mornings, social and outreach events. As agents for PRS for Music and PPL, CCLI offers two licences that cover the use/performance of music on church premises. The PRS for Music Church Licence permits live concerts/ recitals and covers music in films. When playing commercial music recordings such as CDs or MP3s, a PPL Church Licence is required is well because each licence protects different rights within that recorded work. Both PRS and PPL currently waive the need for a licence for music played during regular services, weddings/ funerals so their licences are only required for wider church activities.

SHOWING FILMS

Using films or film scenes in youth clubs, social and outreach events or to illustrate sermons can bring teaching to life and engage those outside the church in a culturally relevant context. CCLI's Church Video Licence is the best way of obtaining permission to use films and film scenes from most of the top producers and studios. Remember you will also require the PRS for Music Church Licence if showing films outside your regular services. Caution should be taken when using YouTube videos in a public context as YouTube is intended only for personal, non-commercial use.



CHURCH WEBSITES

If you publish photographs, poems, songs, videos and other creative works online, always ensure you have permission from the copyright owner or an agency acting on their behalf. This includes the liturgy and sermons from meetings you make available online.

FIND OUT MORE

Even where CCLI can't offer a licence, its team can offer expert advice and guidance to ensure you will be acting legally and that copyright owners are being fairly rewarded for the use of their work. CCLI also provides resources and applications to help churches source authorised content such as music sheets or film clips.

For more details about copyright in the church, visit ccli.co.uk/churches or call 01323 436100.

Philip Jones, Archdeacon of Hastings, writes: "In partnership with CCLI, parishes have recently been sent a pack which includes a Church Copyright Health Check. It is particularly important that church members, PCC authorised persons and others understand the requirements and comply with them. Archdeacon Douglas and I encourage you to review the current situation of each of your churches in terms of its management and use of copyright by completing the health check."

DIOCESAN MISSION FUND NEWS

WATCH OUT GLASTONBURY

A parish in Hangleton, East Sussex, has just held its first music and arts festival, thanks to a £3,000 grant from the Mission Fund.

Fr Keith Perkinton, vicar of St Helen's and St Richard's, said: "It didn't offer the camping, mud and rain of Glastonbury but it did provide great music, fantastic artwork, a superb atmosphere and lovely food and drink including a plentiful supply of real ale.

Events included a folk and comedy evening compered by Fr Andrew Perry, from the parish of Portslade and Mile Oak, a fish and chip supper with entertainment supplied by Shenanigan's Irish band, and art workshops where children of all ages were involved in

Fr Keith said: "The Mission Fund grant was absolutely critical in helping us to acquire the creative skills to communicate our message which was essentially 'come, bring your creative gifts and join us as we celebrate the joy of faith and have a good time'.







"We wanted to build links within the community and get to know our community better. We simply put out a message asking local artists and musicians to get in touch if they were interested in a music and arts festival. The response was very positive and the event was a great success.

"It was organised by a small group of people from the churches of St Helen and St Richard and members of the community in the Hangleton and Knoll area. All had a passion for the arts and performance but very little or no experience of planning festivals, which made the whole thing a bit of a risk."

The grant allowed the parish, which is in the Hove Deanery group of parishes, to prepare publicity material for its inaugural festival from June 6 to 8.

creating large flames for display in the church to complement the special Pentecost Sunday service

There was standing room only for the Hangleton Youth Band concert and, later, a full church with Bishop Martin visiting to conduct the confirmation service supported by Angel Voices and Brass Fusion.

Brass Fusion entertained with a short concert in the meadow ahead of lunchtime jazz followed by a hog roast and tunes from the Jo Kimber Trio.

The weekend was packed with music of all kinds and was closed by Richard Baker's Class Brass Big Band with a rousing collection of toe tapping numbers.

"Now the challenge is not only to look forward to next year's event but to make it bigger and better. We hope to repeat the success of this year while at the same time including some new ideas such as using the church building more in the week before. We are also considering holding the children's art event on the weekend before the festival and then using all the work produced for the art exhibition of the festival. We would be very interested to hear from you with any ideas and suggestions."

The date has already been set and next year's festival will be over the weekend of June 19 to 21.

DIOCESAN MISSION FUND UPDATE

showed how a grant from the Mission Fund enabled them to build links

apply for a grant.

FAREWELL TO VALUED MEMBERS

by Mission Fund acting chairman Revd Martin Onions

We are very sorry to be losing two very valued members of the committee.

Richard Jackson, who was the mission and renewal officer and is now of course Bishop of Lewes. Richard's heart has always been to encourage mission in its widest context and we were blessed with the wealth of knowledge and experience he brought to the table but know that in his new role he will be very much at the forefront of the ongoing mission of the church within the diocese. He has wonderful vision and a strategic mind and I am sure that you, like me, are looking forward to the years to come as we continue to move forward as God's people in this area.

Angela Sibson was able, with a true compassion for people to ask what, at times, were quite difficult questions but questions that made sure the limited resources we have were used to their fullest potential. Her concern was that projects had been thought through clearly that they might be sustainable into the future. She came with wide experience and had invaluable experience to share.

Both will be missed immensely and we thank them for their commitment to and encouragement of mission in the parishes of our diocese.

Current members of the Mission Fund Group are:

Canon Martin Onions The Rev Steve Daughtery The Rev John Eldridge

Rural Dean of Uckfield (acting chairman) Lewes and Seaford Deanery Worthing Deanery, nominated by the chairman of the House of Clergy

Scilla Le Pla, Reader

Midhurst Deanery, nominated by the chairman of the House of Laity

The Rev Angela Martin Capt Gordon Banks Ruth James

East Grinstead Deanery Diocesan Evangelist (non-voting)

Further details and the application form can be found on the diocesan website – put Mission Fund in the search panel. Applications should be sent to martin.onions@tiscali.co.uk.

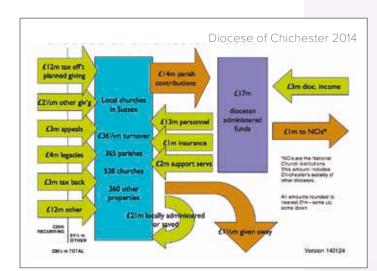
Rotherfield Deanery

MONEY MATTERS



WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY GO?

The diocesan budget is a complex document – understandable to many but incomprehensible to some! Here is a more pictorial flowchart showing where money flows in the diocese. It's reproduced in the 'Growing Local Church Income' booklet which you can obtain by emailing John Sherlock (or you can download it from the website: www.chichester.anglican.org/money). Of course the figures are rounded!



ARE WE GENEROUS IN SUSSEX?

Here is a chart reproduced from the Church of England's Finance Summary for 2011. The chart is titled 'Map showing weekly average per subscriber 2011'. The darker the purple, the more generous the churchgoer towards his/her local church. Generosity seldom follows wealth. Of course there are some deprived parts of Sussex, but there are also some very materially comfortable parts. Do we have anything to learn from this map?

HELP AVAILABLE

There's an abundance of resources and useful links on the diocesan website (www. chichester.anglican.org/money), or 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 nearly £170,000 monthly was being remitted to local churches in our diocese through the PGS, including over £32,000 of Gift Aid every month! Some 2200 donors have now signed and sent in direct debit forms, and

the number continues to grow. Cumulatively, as at the beginning of July 2014, over £1.5 million had been remitted to parishes since we introduced the scheme to this diocese in 2012, which includes nearly £300,000 of Gift Aid reclaimed. The latest monthly update is always to be found at www.chichester.anglican.org/pgs.

STOP PRESS: WILL AID

Are you thinking about the Season of Remembrance already? It's when Will Aid operates. See www.chichester. anglican.org/legacies



WILL AID USE YOUR WILL POWER AND MAKE A WILL THIS NOVEMBER

In 2013, the scheme raised over £2 million with 24,000 people making their Will and 70,000 people hearing about what Will Aid does. Ten Church of England Dioceses took part with 73 enquiries citing their church as their source of enquiry.

This year, we're building on the success of 2013, with twenty Dioceses taking part, including Chichester, helping the participating charities benefit, but also people protecting their families by getting a properly drawn up Will.

So, if you are you one of the 6 out of 10 people who have not yet made a Will, why not run a Will Aid Event this November, and invite a good solicitor to visit your Church?

What is Will Aid?

Every November, participating solicitors waive their fee for writing a basic Will. Instead, they invite their clients to make a donation to Will Aid. Each year, thousands of people use the Will Aid scheme. Will Aid is your chance to protect your loved ones and to help charity at the same time.

How can my Parish get involved?

This November, we are encouraging all of our parishioners in the Diocese to approach their congregations and communities and run a Will Aid Event. If you have a solicitor in your congregation – or a member of the congregation as a solicitor friend – ask them to find out more about Will Aid and help your church organise a Will Aid Event.

Christian Stewardship

For nearly 500 years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a Will. Without a Will, your loved ones could face a lot of trouble, work and expense after your death. Gifts in Wills are also an important part of Christian Giving, and are a way to give thanks to God for the gifts of your life and lifetime.

About Will Aid

Will Aid makes a real difference to both the work of the charities involved and to the 250,000 people Will Aid solicitors have helped to make a Will. The money raised from donations is shared between 9 participating charities, including Christian Aid, and is put to use help people to live, build their communities and improve their future in the UK and around the world.

Contact Details

It's so easy to take part in Will Aid. Contact your Diocesan Stewardship Advisor John Sherlock or Tony Cox on 01273 421021 for more information.

Those responsible for caring for our historic churches will be interested to know how new technology could help to transform aspects of their work.

Small unmanned aerial vehicles (SUAV's), commonly called drones, are associated with military use, but they have many peaceful applications including the ability to survey difficult, dangerous or otherwise inaccessible parts of buildings.



Steve Lawrenson, a church member and school governor in the diocese, has been involved in the development of the technology and sees SUAVs producing results quickly, safely, and cheaply. He said: "Work that would have taken days, requiring heavy equipment and planning, is now easily done within a day, with minimal inconvenience or disruption.

'SUAVs are uniquely quick and flexible. They save time and

money on initial survey work that can now be spent on the actual building work.'

SUAV technology is advancing tremendously. Their ability to gather and record a range of information, using a variety of cameras, is unequalled. For those charged with looking after historic buildings the value in viewing all parts of the building safely, easily and cost effectively is obvious.

'It was working on historic buildings that led me to look for a solution to accessibility problems' said Mr Lawrenson, a project manager with over twenty years' experience in construction. 'Initial surveys of big old buildings traditionally need the expense and disruption of scaffolding. I worked on one survey where the road was closed for days. With an SUAV it would have been closed for minutes.'

The use of SUAV's is strictly regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by law commercial operators must be fully trained, licensed and insured.

"The Civil Aviation Authority confirmed us as fully operational from the 6th of August. This means that our insurance covers us fully for commercial work as long as we stay within the terms of our licence." said Steve.

The CAA licence allows SUAV's to operate up to 400 feet above ground level, enough for most historic buildings. 'I used an SUAV to take interior and exterior photos of St Bartholomew's church in Brighton. It's said to be the tallest parish church roof in Europe and we flew the camera to the top of that, so there's plenty of scope to go much higher and stay legal!' he said.

SUAVs can also use a special camera to see whether individual photovoltaic cells (making up solar panels) are working properly without needing to send someone onto the roof. Mr Lawrenson has a strong interest in sustainability issues and has consulted with 20:20, the Government-sponsored carbon reduction scheme.

Philip Jones, Archdeacon of Hastings, was encouraged by the recent developments of SUAVs. He said: "I am in no doubt that this technology will become an important tool in the work of our surveyors and our architects and I look forward to seeing it in action."



September

We have had unprecedented weather lately with everything from lightning strikes to hail storms and near-tropical heat so there is plenty to look out for.

During September, if your roof space has safe access and is boarded, check whether there is evidence of leaks or damage to the roof covering during heavy rain, especially below gutters.

Clear away any plant growth from around the base of the walls and in particular from the drainage channel. Make sure water tanks and exposed water and heating pipes are protected from frost. Any leaks should be repaired.

Also make sure any airbricks or under-floor ventilators are free from obstruction and clean if necessary.

October

In October, check masonry for signs of damage. Report any deeply eroded mortar joints or cracks or signs of movement. Check that snowboards and access walkways are in a good state of repair

Clear leaves and debris from gutters and rainwater pipes regularly and check for any storm damage. Frequent attention may be needed if the building is surrounded by trees or perched on by pigeons.

November

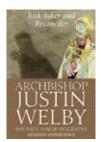
In November, check the flagpole is secure and check the roofs for damage. Debris on the ground from broken or missing slates and tiles indicate there may be a problem.

December

In December, clear parapet and valley gutters of snow to prevent melt water rising above them and causing damp internally. Extra caution is needed in icy conditions.

Gullies beneath rainwater pipes should be cleaned out regularly and drains should be rodded out if they overflow during wet weather. Remove silt and debris and ensure water discharges freely. Make sure fire safety equipment has been serviced.

BOOKS AND REVIEWS



ARCHBISHOP

JUSTIN WELBY -

RISK-TAKER AND

RECONCILER

ANDREW ATHERSTONE

This is an easy book about an easy man with no easy job. I say easy in that he seems hard to faze and we learn he was appointed because he was easy in his own skin which seems rare among clerics. A year into the job he has quite a track record in a settlement for women bishops. charting a way forward re same sex unions and setting forth an agenda for prayer, monasticism, church growth and social engagement. I valued this book not just for presenting Justin Welby but for presenting through him some profound Christian aspiration. The man I called 'easy' is perhaps the best leader God could give us who're 'not easy' since leading the Church of England is as easy as taking your cat for a walk.

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

Darton, Longman & Todd 2014 £18.99 ISBN 978-0-232-53072-8 268pp



TESTIMONY OF REGARD

SEAFORD'S EPITAPHS: INSCRIPTIONS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH DECIPHERED

A volunteer group, the Seaford Monumental Inscriptions Group, has painstakingly mapped and recorded all the surviving inscriptions in their parish church.

The oldest inscription was found to be dating from 1639. but it is believed older bones from plague victims were reburied 'north-east of the chancel', without any marker.

The inscriptions have been collected into a book which will prove indispensable for local and family history. It contains the seeds of some sad stories: the two teenage daughters of the Rector of Heighton who died a fortnight apart in April 1876; the three infant children of Barbara and Edward Hood who all died in October 1800. In contrast there is the euphoric, flag-waving epitaph of the swashbuckling Admiral Walker, who tells us with pride - and on two monuments. one in the churchyard, one in the church - that he fought alongside 'the immortal Nelson!'

Available at £12.95 direct from Rodney Castleden at Rookery Cottage, Blatchington Hill, Seaford BN25 2AJ. For postal delivery, add £3. The book is also available online at Iulu.com



FORGETFUL HEART -

REMEMBERING GOD IN A

DISTRACTED WORLD

LUCY MILLS

Like the seedlings in Jesus' parable that got choked by thorny ground the distractions we encounter crowd in, entangle and 'choke out our abilities to grow in our faith and remember what we have learned about God'. Worry, stress and fear link to this spiritual forgetfulness. So does our need to seek approval from any other than the Lord. Mills chronicles these energydraining things sometimes linked to a refusal to see rest as something constructive. Her analysis moves to a scriptural exposition of the forgetfulness of God's people and the good news of the God who remembers and comes to us in Jesus whose Spirit 'helps us remember who we are...transforms and reshapes us, illuminating the false memories we accumulate in this broken world'. This inspiring book includes a free postcard prompting the daily remembrance of God.

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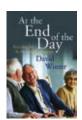
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CATHEDRAL EVENTS



New Organist and Master of the Choristers appointed

Mr Charles Harrison has been appointed as the Cathedral's Organist and Master of the Choristers from September 2014. Charles comes to Chichester having been Assistant Director of Music at Lincoln Cathedral for the past ten years.



CATHEDRAL LECTURE

At The End Of The Day ENJOYING LIFE IN THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE

David Winter, Christian Writer and Broadcaster, explores the whole business of getting old from his own experience, and drawing upon the stories of older people featured in the Bible. The lecture is at 6.30pm (after Evensong) on Tuesday 7 October in the Cathedral.

David Winter was formerly head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC and is a priest in the Church of England.

All are welcome and admission is free. There is a retiring collection to help cover the costs of the lecture.

Getting older – living well

As a complementary event to the lecture by Revd David Winter on 7 October (based on his book 'At the End of the Day: Life in the Departure Lounge') the Cathedral is offering the opportunity to examine, understand and talk about some of the effects of aging and how we can live a full life, with the necessary help if necessary, and make a continuing contribution to the Communities in which we live.

The event will be held in Vicars' Hall at the Cathedral on Saturday 18 October, 9.30am to 12.30pm. It will input from three different perspectives: medical, pysychological and spiritual. Confirmed speakers at the time of going to press included Verity Knight (a clinical nurse) and Mary Ashwin (a psychotherapist). This event is free, although to guarantee a place on what we anticipate to be a highly popular occasion you asked to register your name with Richard

The message of Mark EXPLORING MARK'S GOSPEL THROUGH

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WORD, IMAGE AND PRAYER

Saturday 22 November 2014, 1.30pm to 5.00pm

Celebrate, explore and learn about the Gospel of Mark, in preparation for the new church year when it is read on most Sundays.

- Professor David Catchpole (Exeter and Sarum College)
- Professor James Dunn (Durham)
- Professor Steve Moyise (Chichester)
- Harriet Neale-Stevens, Rachel Moriarty, Canon Dr Anthony Cane, Revd Irene Smale and Canon Simon Holland

Cost: £6.00 per person (under 18 free). Session titles at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or www. chichestertickets.co.uk, with tickets available in person or by post from the Box Office in the Cathedral Shop. Telephone: 01243 813595. To avoid disappointment, sessions should be chosen in advance.

Mark's Gospel In Live Performance

Extra event on Saturday 15 November at 7.15pm — a powerful one-man performance of Mark's Gospel in the Cathedral nave by the actor Lance Pierson Tickets for the performance are £6.00 and available online at www.chichestertickets.co.uk or from the Box Office in the Cathedral Shop.

CLASSIFIEDS



EVENTS

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Chillies Lane, High Hurstwood, East Sussex, TN22 4AD, Friday/Saturday September 19 - 21 9.30 am - 4.30pm, Sunday 9.30 - 1pm. Harvest Service -11am - 12pm. Admission by Donation. Refreshments available

LABYRINTH PRAYER DAY

St Elisabeth's Church and Community Centre, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne will be open for prayer from 10am to 4pm on Saturday October 25. Light refreshments will be freely available throughout the day. Why not pop in for a while and experience the peace.

Contact Revd Colin Crook at colin. crook@aculang.com

CONCERT

The Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield present: Armonico Consort and soprano, Eloise Irving. A performance of Rachmaninov's Vespers in the church. Sunday October 5 at 2.30pm.

This world-class performance of one of Rachmaninov's greatest choral works is

based on the evensong of the Russian Orthodox Church. Tickets £20 in advance and £24 on the door, are available from FOHTCC@btinternet. com or 01444 454 298 or from Pepperbox and Wealden Stores in Cuckfield.

HARVEST SERVICES

Harvest Festival Services take place throughout September and October.

Find a Harvest Service near you at: www.harvestnearyou.com

ST LAURENCE

A traditional Harvest Festival Service to give thanks for God's goodness at the conclusion of the farming year. The service on October 12 at 6:00pm will be followed by the Annual Harvest Supper at 7:30pm held in the Village Hall. Early booking is recommended. Tickets £6 from the Village Shop.

ST MARGARET'S IN WARNHAM

A Harvest Festival service is to be held in St Margaret's in Warnham on Sunday October 5 at 10:00am followed by the Harvest lunch at 12.30pm

HOLY TRINITY LOWER BEEDING

Join in the celebration at our beautifully decorated church for our Harvest Festival service led by the Sunday School team on Sunday September 28 at 10:00am. All donations will be given towards the work of Family Support Work. www. familysupportwork.org

Find a Harvest Service near you at: www.harvestnearyou.com

TRAINING/COURSES

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

Awakening – A ten session course to deepen our discipleship and formation in Christ. Mondays monthly commencing September 15 from 7.30—9.30 p.m. St Mary's Church, Slaugham, West Sussex RH17 6AG £40.00* Payable to St Mary Slaugham PCC (to cover course notes, refreshments and guest speakers' expenses) Contact: Rev'd Gary Simmons: 01444 400 221, slaugham@btinternet.com Hosted by St Mary's, Slaugham.* If this is prohibitive please still come along and we will cover the cost.

GROW YOUR OWN LEADERS: DEVELOPING LEADERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

James Lawrence, Director of the CPAS Arrow Leadership Programme, will be speaking at the CDEF autumn conference on the why, who and how of leadership development in Churches as well as offering practical ideas.

9.30–14.00, Wednesday 15th October 2014 at Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, BN3 7NH

Free for CDEF members; £5 for nonmembers. Further details at www.chichesterdef.org.uk

VACANCIES

CHILDREN'S/YOUTH WORKER - BOLNEY VILLAGE CHAPEL

Bolney Village Chapel is seeking to appoint a part-time children's/youth worker (approx. 8 hours per week) to start in Sept/Oct 2014. Salary (depending on qualifications and experience) £8 – 11 per hour.

For further details about the post or to express an interest please contact: Rev Simon Allaby t. 01444 881089

e. simon@sixnineteen.co.uk m. 07837 637113

CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' WORKER

Bexhill Parish church of St.Peter is seeking a Full-time Children's & Families' Worker. Salary in the range of £25-30k.

Further information, person specification and job description are available from The Parish Office, St. Peters Church, Church Street, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex. TN40 2HE, 01424 734438 or by email from: info@stpetersbexhill.org.uk These can also be downloaded from: www.stpetersbexhill.org.uk/page28. html



Ramsay Hall at Worthing is one of several Supported Housing retirement complexes run by the Church of England Pensions Board, offering security and peace of mind to retired clergy and their widows or widowers and licensed lay workers.

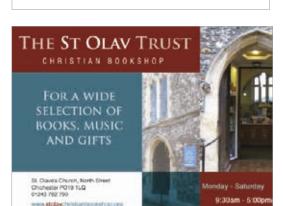
Many of our pensioners need help to pay for their care. Your donation or legacy will help us to continue this much needed work for those who have cared for others in the name of Christ. Please help us in any way you can.

thank you

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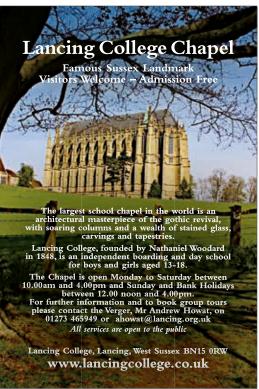


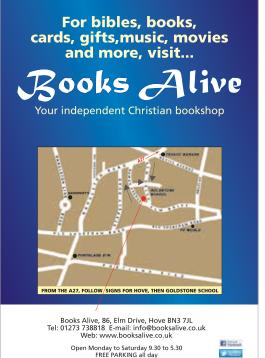




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