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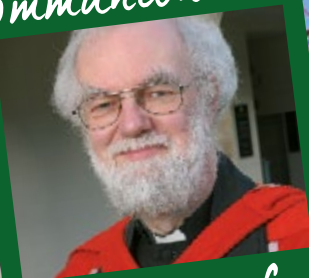
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VISION AND ENGAGEMENT: A FAITHFUL FUTURE

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is good news of new life for the human race; it is also good news for the whole of creation.

Now that the general election has taken place it's important that we take stock of the shape of the society that we want to see. Any serious reflection on our life in England confronts us with the demands of a wider range of issues.

The future of the Union of our nation, the number of people who come to live here, and the departure of people from here, for good reason and for destructive ones are obvious issues.

These concerns remind us that we are inescapably part of a global society which urgently needs to find a way to live in peace, with respect for the use of the earth's resources that are God's gift to us.

The feast of Pentecost is a celebration that commits Christians to addressing this breadth of vision and engagement. The gospel of hope and of life is spoken by the apostles with one voice in all the languages of the earth's nations.

This is the context in which we launch our strategy for the next five years. Witnessing to Christian Faith in Sussex is our vocation; action is our agenda; love is our style; apostolic hope is our mode of delivery; prayer and worship is how we are energised; scripture and the tradition guide and direct us.

But above all, Jesus Christ is our companion, our teacher, our life. We seek to *know, love, follow Jesus*.

+Martin

Bishop of Chichester



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A TOUGH CHALLENGE FOR TED

The community in Little Horsted came together last month with their intrepid furry friends to undertake the 'Tough Teddy Challenge' in a bid to raise funds for the Church Restoration Fund. The Bears first had to zip wire from the tower before undertaking, with a little human help, the assault course.

St. Michael and All Angels church in Little Horsted is seeking to install an 'air source heat pump' to efficiently run

their heating and enable them to make the church building a more comfortable venue for use by the wider community. The PCC has a vision for the building to be used by as many as possible from young children with their carers to the elderly. The church and the school are the only two community buildings in the village and work on the church is estimated to cost approximately £100,000 for the heating installation, rewiring and lighting.



THE STOLE THAT STOLE THE SHOW



Guild members from St Peter's church presented Bishop Richard with a personalised red Pentecostal stole. The stole, which had taken hours to design and make, was presented to Bishop Richard when he visited the church as part of his Lenten South Coast Prayer Pilgrimage. It bears the Saving Cross of Christ, the Dove representing the Holy Spirit and the Pentecostal Flames, described by St. Luke in Acts,

chapter two. On the reverse side are the bishop's initials RJ and a small embroidered Harley Davison motor bike. A delighted Bishop Richard promised to wear his new stole on Pentecost Sunday at the launch of the Diocesan Strategy and on "every conceivable occasion thereafter." Fr David said thanks were due to the highly creative and talented Broderers, pictured here with the bishop at the Presentation.

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ORDINATIONS 2015

This year's Ordination of Priests services will see a total of 12 candidates being ordained priest in four venues across Sussex. Please pray for them and the parishes to which they will continue to serve.

In Uckfield 2nd June 7.30pm

Christian Mitchell – Uckfield, Holy Cross
Pauline Ingram – Nutley and Maresfield
Mark Ashworth – Crowborough, All Saints
Joy Collins – Westfield, St. John the Baptist

In St. Mary's Horsham 3rd June 7.30pm

Chris Sutton –Slaugham, St. Mary's
Jimmy Young –, Horsham, St. Mary's
Steve Burston – Worth, Pound Hill and
Maidenbower
Martin Mills –Cowfold, St. Peter's

In All Saints, Hove 4th June 7.30pm

Kate Lawson –Hove, All Saints
Tanya Hockley – Stone Cross with North Langney

In Pagham 6th June 4pm

Jo King – Pagham, St Thomas a Becket
Christine Keyte – Rustington, St Peter and St Paul



DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVERS.

The Revd John Burgess, Curate at Westfield and Guestling is now House for Duty Curate-in-Charge: Beckley and Peasmarsch within the Benefice of Brede with Udimore and Beckley and Peasmarsch

The Revd Rosemary Murrills, from Ely Diocese, has been appointed as Curate: Upper St Leonard's, St John the Evangelist

The Revd Sophie Jelley, Incumbent: Burgess Hill, St Andrew has now Left the diocese for Durham Diocese

The Revd Trevor Smyth, from Exeter Diocese, has been licensed House for Duty Priest in Charge: Bishopstone, St Andrew in the Benefice of East Blatchington and Bishopstone

The Revd Russell Stagg, from London Diocese, has been licensed as Priest in Charge: Roffey, All Saints

The Revd Jonathan (Jonty) Frith Curate: Crowborough, All Saints has left the diocese for Bath & Wells Diocese

Dan Jenkins was appointed to the role of Diocesan Youth Officer. You can read an introduction to Dan on page 19.

On 7 April Revd Canon Rebecca Swyer was appointed as Director of Apostolic Life

On 5 May John Sherlock was appointed to the new role of Strategy and Resources Adviser in the department of Apostolic Life.

In the next issue of Faith in Sussex you can read more about Rebecca and John's new roles and plans for the Newly formed department of Apostolic Life.

ELECTIONS FOR THE GENERAL SYNOD

This year's elections for the General Synod will start in July. The electors in this diocese are broadly speaking the clergy, including those with permission to officiate if they are deanery synod members, and lay members of the deanery synods. In July all electors will be sent a nomination form and some explanatory information, both about the election process and the rewards of being a member of Synod. Any lay person who is 18 or over and on a church electoral roll in the diocese can

stand for election, whether or not they are on a PCC, deanery synod and diocesan synod, and are encouraged to consider standing or encouraging others to do so.

The election rules have been changed such that electors can now opt to receive nomination forms by email rather than by post. So if you are an elector and wish to receive your nomination form by email please copy and complete the message below and email it to us (election@chichester.anglican.org). For any further enquiries please contact Suzy Adeosun on: 01273 425682 or email suzy.adeosun@chichester.anglican.org

NEWS CONTINUED

CHURCH URBAN FUND PROMOTES “FRUGAL LUNCHES” FOR POVERTY SUNDAY

The Church Urban Fund (CUF) is encouraging parishes to take part in activities for Poverty Sunday.

Local churches are being invited to hold a Poverty Sunday Service followed by a “frugal lunch” on June 21, or on another date that suits, to raise funds for CUF.

Church Urban Fund, a charity within the Church of England, helps churches respond to poverty and supports local initiatives to transform deprived communities.

Poverty Sunday is being marked after a report published earlier this year showed the

overwhelming commitment of Church of England parishes to social action.

The vast majority of churches, more than 90%, address at least one social issue in their community, either through organised activities, or informal support, according to the online study by CUF and the Church of England.

A “frugal lunch” involves replacing a normal Sunday lunch with soup or another inexpensive meal, with the savings donated to the Church Urban Fund.

To download your free resources and find out more visit www.povertysunday.org.uk



FEARLESS DEACON BRAVES HEIGHTS FOR CHARITY

On the 7th March Deacon Olivia Werrett from Bexhill abseiled down the 210ft tower of St. Mary Magdalen's Church in Oxford to raise money for charity. Deacon Olivia said she seized upon the challenge to raise funds for Christian Aid. “It is an amazing charity which reaches out to help all people whoever and where-ever they are. Christian Aid brings a vision where people can shape and direct their own lives, for it brings hope and courage, and gives people the confidence to face a brighter future. And it's my privilege to do my bit.”

‘Let us Love – not in word or speech, but in truth and action’ - (1.John 3:18).

Just Giving page has been set up and you can still sponsor Olivia if you follow this link: www.justgiving.com/REVEREND-WERRETT





CLERGY MARRIAGE RETREAT

Nicky and Sila Lee, authors of The Marriage Course, will be hosting a weekend retreat at Wiston House from Friday, November 21st, to Sunday, November 23rd, 2014. The weekend will provide an opportunity for those attending to invest in their own marriage, have time together as a couple and talk about important topics.

There is a bursary fund for any couple who needs it.

For more information on how to book on or for information about future retreats please contact: info@relationshipcentral.org

'KEEP THE FAITH' EQUIPPING EVENTS FOR DIOCESAN STRATEGY

Following the launch of the Diocesan Strategy over the Pentecost weekend, the Resource in partnership with the diocese, is hosting a programme of equipping evenings in Cuckfield, Petworth, Dallington and Hastings. More information about these Keep the Faith equipping evenings can be found on our website.



VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Do you have a few hours spare to help in directing cars and coaches to the car parks at two of the Diocesan Year 6 Leavers Celebrations? Tuesday 7 July at Lancing College Chapel or Tuesday 14 July at Worth Abbey from 9:00am until 2:00pm on both days. If you would like to volunteer please email schools@chichester.anglican.org

CLERGY WALKS

The clergy walks have fast become a popular activity enjoyed by all who have taken part. Dates and locations of all the walks can be found on the diocesan website.



PRAYER FOR THOSE CAUGHT UP IN THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

The church of England has published a prayer for all those caught up in the tragic events surrounding the earthquake in Nepal:

Lord of all compassion

We pray for all of those caught up in the midst of tragedy or disaster.

For those who have lost life and those working to save life

For those who are worried for people they love

For those who will see their loved ones no longer

Lord Have Mercy.

For those in need of the peace that passes all understanding

For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil

For those who cry out to you in fear and in love

Lord Have Mercy.

For those in confusion and those in despair

For those whose tears are yet to dry

For those in need of your unending love

Lord Have Mercy

Amen

DIOCESAN STRATEGY LAUNCH

Pentecost 2015

TO KNOW, LOVE, FOLLOW JESUS

Its nearly here! The Diocesan Strategy launches across Sussex over Pentecost weekend May 23rd and 24th, 2015. By now we hope many parishes will have planned launch events in their locality, either with others locally, or using their own resources. Beacons will be lit across the County to symbolise the light of Christ spreading from place to place. As a picture of our commitment to young people the cue for lighting these will we hope come from our Youth Camp at Plumpton.

There will be a range of materials available to help with the launch. A leaflet has been produced outlining the strategy to be available to every church

member. Special copies of Luke's Gospel will be available for distribution to our friends and contacts with suggestions of how to follow up that interest. These events are just the start.

By the end of 2016 all parishes are asked to complete a detailed audit of the needs of their parish against the three areas of the strategy, Church Growth spiritual and numerical; re-imagining ministry and contributing to the common good. We are also asked to let our local Archdeacon know what the one thing is that they will be focussing on for 2016. These goals are to be SMART, stretching but realistic with the resources God has given us.

Resources for all these activities will be available via the diocesan web site. We intend to drive forward with the strategy over the next five years at both a central and local level. The launch is not the end but we pray a new beginning as we seek the Lord's help to make new disciples in Sussex.

The next step will come around Michaelmas when Bishop Martin gives us his charge drawn from reflections on the visitations that took place across the diocese over the last 2 years. There will be more information about events to communicate the charge in the next magazine.



PRAYER PILGRIMAGE

Forty one parishes along the south coast from Rye to Shoreham Beach; nearly 1000 people joining in prayer for the diocesan strategy and for the life of their parishes. These were just a few of the statistics from Bishop Richard's recent prayer pilgrimage along the south coast.

Instigated as part of the prayer for the launch of the diocesan strategy on the weekend of Pentecost, he visited every parish that meets the sea in East Sussex, praying in each church building for about half an hour with the parishioners who gathered. The pilgrimage started with the morning service in Rye on Sunday 22nd and finished on Friday afternoon at Shoreham.

Bishop Richard said he was delighted that so many folk turned up to pray in each venue, even in the middle of the week. "In most places we used a simple order of prayer, written originally by Andrew Mayes, Diocesan Spirituality advisor. It took us through a journey of offering ourselves to God, meditating on the scripture, repenting for our failings to obey God's call and then intercessions for the life of the parish and diocese. It was particularly appropriate that the middle of the week was the Feast of the Annunciation, where we remembered Mary's complete availability to God, a model and exemplar of Christian discipleship. If our strategy is to be fruitful that model of availability is something we will all need to re-cultivate." As well as the prayer for the strategy

written by Anthony Cane another prayer that emerged across the week was, 'Lord, please use me today to share your love with someone who doesn't know you yet.'

In the midst of all the planning and complexities of a strategy for an organisation as large as ours it seemed to strike a chord with a number of people. Bishop Richard said, "A simple prayer like that, offered to God each day, could have a radical transforming effect on the life and fortunes of local churches across Sussex. It seems to me to be a prayer after God's heart. Just think what the Spirit did with 12 disciples who made themselves completely available to God at Pentecost. There are 30,000 or so of us – quite a head start!"

A PRAYER FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE DIOCESAN STRATEGY

*O God of grace and new life,
we pray for your diocese of Chichester;
that in times of challenge and change,
your people may grow in holiness,
and discern your calling to each and to all.*

*Equip and enable us in witnessing to Christ,
working for the common good,
and transforming our parishes
in the service of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

CREATIVE IDEAS TO **LIGHT** THE BEACON WAY

'GLOW' AT MAY CAMP

May Camp will be buzzing this year as they prepare for another bumper weekend of activities. There will be a Q&A session hosted by our new Diocesan Youth Officer, Dan Jenkins and Bishop Richard with a focus on the diocesan strategy rollout. There promises to be a bit of sparkle as exciting celebrations are unveiled to mark the Pentecost launch of the diocesan strategy.

THE BIG CHURCH DAY OUT AT WISTON

On Sunday Bishop Richard will join BCDO. He will be interviewed by Pete Greig on the main stage towards the end of the evening to pray for the diocese and strategy with the crowd. At around 9.30pm a beacon will be lit on Chanctonbury Ring to conclude the strategy weekend celebrations. Further details from Philip Jones, Archdeacon of Hastings.

BEACON EVENTS FOR PENTECOST

A list of all the parishes with a confirmed beacon or celebratory event to launch the diocesan strategy for growth will be posted on the diocesan website.

Information about previously registered beacon sites are available from the Archdeacon

You can get in touch with Archdeacon Philip by email: archhastings@chichester.anglican.org

Lighting beacons across the diocese to mark the launch of the new diocesan strategy has been taken up by scores of parishes across Sussex. The archdeacon of Hastings, Philip Jones has been busy urging parishes to engage with the enterprise to mark the launch at Pentecost of the Diocesan Vision Strategy 2015 – 2020 and parishes have responded with events and activities to mark the occasion.

The Archdeacon said he was really encouraged by the creative ideas coming up from a number of parishes and deaneries, including BBQs, a barn dance and processions, all with an evangelistic edge.

“The idea to light beacons, at as many sites as possible, is to create a sense that we are all linked-up and connected with the aim of making it an event to remember as well as putting down a marker for the meaning and excitement of Pentecost and the launch of the diocesan strategy.”

WHERE WILL THE BISHOPS BE?

All three Bishops will be out and about across the diocese taking part in celebration events. Bishop Richard will be spending time at May Camp celebrating the launch of the strategy on Saturday and is guest at the Big Church Day Out at Wiston in West Sussex on Sunday ahead of lighting a beacon at Chanctonbury Ring.

FURTHER EVENTS THIS YEAR

The process to formulate the strategy has so far comprised the visitation, the consultations and groups formulating different aspects of the whole. The strategy will be launched at Pentecost and Bishop Martin is working on a distillation of the findings from the visitations. These will inform a Bishop's charge which he will be delivering around Michaelmas.

PENTECOST PRAYER VIGIL WEST WITTERING BEACH BEACON SATURDAY 23RD MAY

Join us in 'God's acre' as we pray the Spirits blessing on the launch of the Diocesan Vision Strategy. Gather at the Beacon 8.45pm, silent prayer vigil begins with the lighting of the Beacon at 9pm.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION SATURDAY 23 MAY ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDON

Worship & BBQ from 5.30pm
Email findon.rectory@btinternet.com for tickets.

HOVE DEANERY EVENT SHOREHAM FORT, SHOREHAM BEACH SATURDAY 23 MAY 2015

Arrival from 8.30pm, beacon lit at 9pm
Shoreham Fort is clearly signposted as you come onto Shoreham Beach. www.shorehamfort.co.uk

BIG BBQ SATURDAY 23 MAY 2015

An open invitation for the villagers to come along for a free BBQ. The Parish of Forest Row, serving the villages of Forest Row & Ashurst Wood

LIGHTING THE BEACON SATURDAY 23 MAY 2015 THE PARISHES OF WARBLETON, BODLE GREEN AND DALLINGTON

Dallington Recreation Ground, Sugar Field. From 9.15pm. This event is free of charge and all are welcome. ~Contact Bobbie Steel if you plan to go. 01435 830811 or jandbsteel@btinternet.com



A VERY MODERN CRUSADER

Father Lawrence MacLean



Global warming and sustainability are high on the Church of England agenda. We met the priest appointed to advise on these issues for the diocesan buildings here in Chichester – and found a man on a mission in more ways than one.

Father Lawrence MacLean – or Lawrence from Florence as many fondly know him – is clear about the task ahead.

“We have to plan for our churches not just for the next five or ten years but for the next 50 to 100 years,” he said. “And you have to make the building work for you, not you work for the building.”

Lawrence is the new vicar of St Barnabas in Hove and is also priest in charge at St Andrew’s, Hove. On top of that, he is diocesan development officer for property sustainability issues and adviser for fundraising.

He said: “It all ties in and it all comes down to mission. The most important things for any building are heat, light and

“Our buildings have to be self-sustaining, they have to be eco-friendly but they could also be creating energy.”

toilets and if you want people to come to it, you must have those. That’s your starting point

and it’s all linked with mission and evangelism – people won’t come to the church if it is not comfortable.

Lawrence has always been interested in restoring old buildings, including vicarages and churches, but his passion for sustainability really took off when he moved to Italy in 2002.

He had been asked to go Florence – hence the nickname – to work in the parish of St Mark’s, which needed management and leadership.

The English church was the ground floor of a converted palazzo and the upper floor was split into nine apartments.

Lawrence oversaw the restoration of the whole building, including the transformation of the apartments into holiday lets to bring in much-needed income.

He said: “When you are a clergyman in the Diocese of Europe you have to run your church and community like a business. It made me see that we needed to rethink how we operate in England because of the ever-diminishing funds some clergy have for their churches.

“The building is your asset and we need to make it work for us – which brings me back to being sustainable. If we make our churches self-sustaining and eco-friendly – and then get them creating energy as well, that puts us in a strong position. That might be through the use of solar panels on the roof, underfloor heating and so on.”

Now Lawrence is restoring the vicarage at St Barnabas

and spreading the word about sustainability through the diocese. He said: “If we can make the parishes sustainable, we can plan for the future. I believe we can save the diocese many thousands of pounds on energy and I want us to be leaders of sustainable development.”

Saving money goes hand in hand with fundraising. During Lawrence’s ten years in Italy he helped raise thousands of euros to help orphaned and impoverished children in India.

He did this largely by setting up St Mark’s Opera, which performed in the church after which it was named – and still does so today. Opera fans boost proceeds from the ticket sales further by donating their “spiccioli” – spare change – on the way out.

Lawrence said: “The whole opera experience linked in with

helping children in Third World countries. It continues to be very important to us and last year we built a church in Malawi.

“Now I am diocesan adviser for fundraising here in Chichester – and all these things work together.”

Can Lawrence have the same success here as in Florence? His wife Jacqueline, a careers management expert who has since retrained as a Bowen therapist, is certain of it.

“He’s not a normal priest,” she laughs. “He has always had incredible vision – he just has this great skill and ability to inspire.”

Interview by Kate Parkin

AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE

The MacLean’s youngest child Benjamin, now 15, is a former head boy and senior chorister at Westminster Abbey.

The youngster sang at Prince William’s wedding and has also performed at No 10 Downing Street and for US President Barack Obama.

Modesty and the natural reticence of a teenage boy meant his parents knew little of this until they saw him on a BBC2 documentary about the choir.

They did, however, watch him perform in the Sistine Chapel for the Pope in 2012. The MacLeans had

just returned to England from Florence when the choir was invited to sing in Rome – and so they flew straight back to Italy for the historic occasion.

Benjamin is now a music scholar at Sherborne School in Dorset. His sister Flossie, 24, works for British Airways cabin crew and lives with Lawrence and Jacqueline.

They have two other children, Laura, 28, an actress, and James, 26, who works for an ethical web design company.

NEARLY £1M GRANTED FROM ROOF REPAIR FUND

Eighteen parishes out of a total of fifty six applications across the diocese are to receive grants for urgent repairs to their church roofs, gutters and drains in the first round of awards from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund.

Beth Hale, Diocesan Advisory Committee Secretary, welcomed the news. She said: "The total number of applications from this diocese was impressive given the very tight eight week time frame and the fact that Christmas fell half way through, so we were delighted to hear that nearly a third of bids put forward were successful with a collective sum of nearly £1 million."

There could be good news for parishes in a 'second round' of applications later in 2015. The fund has been increased to a total of £55 million, which means £25 million will be allocated to a "second round" of applications later in 2015. The deadlines for this second round have not yet been announced, but more information will be available at www.lpowroof.com in due course.

The increased amount of first-round funding will go toward additional awards for those who have already applied. However, those who applied to the first round and are unsuccessful will not automatically be considered



for the second round, and will need to reapply when it opens later in the year.

Details of the requirements for the second round are yet to be confirmed, but they are likely to be similar to those for the first round. Letters of support will, therefore, probably be required from both the Archdeacon and the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC).

To assist the Archdeacon and DAC in the preparation of their letters of support, parishes should supply photos, an outline specification, details of the extent of the proposed work, the relevant section of the latest quinquennial inspection report outlining the need, and, if possible, a cost estimate.

PARISH	ARCHDEACON	AMOUNT
Bolney, St Mary	Horsham	£16,300
Brede, St George	Hastings	£67,400
Donnington, St George	Chichester	£74,600
Eastbourne, St Saviour	Hastings	£98,200
Eridge, Holy Trinity	Hastings	£36,300
Hadlow Down, St Mark	Hastings	£60,300
Heathfield All Saints	Hastings	£14,000
Lancing, St James the Less	Chichester	£46,200
Mountfield, All Saints	Hastings	£19,000
Newhaven, St Michael	Brighton & Lewes	£35,700
Oving, St Andrew	Chichester	£72,700
Petworth, St Mary	Horsham	£77,200
Plumpton, St Michael	Brighton & Lewes	£80,300
Preston, St John	Brighton & Lewes	£29,000
Sidlesham, St Mary	Chichester	£15,400
Sompting, St Mary the Virgin	Chichester	£23,800
South Malling, St Michael	Brighton & Lewes	£10,300
West Thorney, St Nicholas	Chichester	£51,100
Total amount for the diocese		£827,800

The information can be emailed to the Archdeacon and DAC Secretary. If the application for a grant is successful, a faculty will be required for the work and parishes should indicate when they would anticipate submitting their application to the DAC for formal advice."

The deadline for the second round is expected to be tight, just as it was for the first round. Please begin work on your applications as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time to prepare them, to undertake any necessary survey work or costing, and for the DAC and Archdeacon to consider the proposals. Beth Hale urges caution:

- » There will only be £25m up for grabs this time round, so there is no guarantee of success. However, if there is a genuine need, it is still worth applying (on the principle "if you don't ask, you don't get")
- » At the time of writing the article there is no definite timetable for the next round, beyond a general reference to "later this year" – for work to be done in 2016
- » The CBC will be the main link between dioceses and the National Heritage Memorial Fund. I will liaise with the CBC and will ensure that information on the application process is forwarded to the parishes without delay.

CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY: STILL OFFERING COFFEE AND SUPPORT AFTER 23 YEARS

Deacon Olivia Werrett is an associate vicar in the Benefice of Bexhill, East Sussex. She has been running an outreach group in her home for women and families for nearly a quarter of a century. Here she tells the story of Open House.

It all began at Christmas 1992 as an outreach group for women and families. The original idea came to me when I stood in the playground one very cold morning and thought how there was nowhere we could go and have coffee.

My next thought was that I could open my house for it. I just as quickly took a backward step from that point – I could no sooner open my door to people than I could fly.

But of course, once an idea like that occurs and God thinks it a good plan too, He won't let go. I struggled and argued with Him for a long while because in those days I lacked self-confidence. I finally did say to God that I would give it a try – but only once as He would see it could never, ever work. I got the distinct impression He laughed at that.

An amazing number of people attended that first session – and a wonderful group from St Michael's and the Mothers' Union came to my home and helped to provide the welcome, food and conversation. That one-time-only-event kept going, on and on and on, and just over 22 years later, Open House is still open.

From the beginning, there has been a constant membership of highly individual women and we have steadily grown in mutual trust and regard as we have supported each other and all those who have come through the door.

So what have we done? All sorts of women have arrived, married, single, separated, anyone who has been encouraged and brought by one or other of us, nearly all unchurched.

Most of the women have brought many different problems and situations with them and they have been guided and helped through them - all types of family things, children's education, health and marital issues, you name it and we've addressed it. There has only ever been one rule – everything we say within these four walls stays here for it is all strictly confidential.

We have monthly meetings and also meals out or similar activities a couple of times a year. Twice a year we gather for extra-nice refreshments – in the summer it is usually a party in one of our gardens and in winter it is back at Open House.

Nowadays we have a lower attendance but we all keep our eyes open for problems in our area to see where and how we can help so Open House has spread and is even more widely effective. Church in the community, church in the neighbourhood - that is who and what we are and we are just quietly getting on with it.



ST BARTZ

A BEACON FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

by Ali Campbell, Youth and children's ministry consultant

ST BARTZ has been opening its doors as a residential retreat centre since 2003. It is set in its own grounds, surrounded by farmland, and is an ideal place to take your youth group for a weekend or week away in the heart of the Sussex countryside.

Surprisingly, a significant number of our bookings are from outside the diocese. Groups travel from all over the South East and further afield to rest, retreat and refresh at our centre nestled in Spithurst, near the village of Barcombe and just north of Lewes.

It has everything your church or group might need for a time away, including:

- » Accommodation for 24 young people
- » Three leaders' rooms
- » Day conference facilities for up to 60 people
- » A well-equipped kitchen for self catering
- » A large recreation area and a quiet room
- » A garden and parking
- » Disabled facilities

St Bartz is usually booked for weekends throughout the year and we have provisional bookings well into 2016. This is great but we are keen to see this fantastic facility used more during the week.

We have plans to encourage schools to make use of St Bartz as a base for field trips and work outside school and are also developing relationships with the wider voluntary sector across Sussex. Many smaller charities and youth organisations do not have a facility of this kind which is both affordable and within easy reach.

We would also love to see more churches from the diocese use the centre. It is ideal for parochial church council away days, church days, vision evenings and much more.

We now have a projector and screen for watching presentations and films and recently acquired wi-fi. The St Bartz website has been modernised with a video tour, devotional material and all the information needed to make a booking.

Visit it at www.stbartz.org.uk and also our Facebook fan page www.facebook.com/stbartzretreat
You can "like" us to keep up with the latest developments and pray for our centre.

THE VOICE OF YOUTH

On May 1, we welcomed a new youth officer to Chichester Diocese. Dan Jenkins, who is taking on a role once held by his father Clive Jenkins, Vicar of Wisborough Green, told us about himself and his plans.



It's strange to think that my dad used to hold this exact position 25 years ago. I was just a toddler following him around at May Camp and wanting to play football with the grown-ups.

I'm a little taller now and less excited about playing football with grown-ups. I live in Worthing with my wife Beccy and our dog Evie.

I play a few instruments and I love to worship. I also enjoy cooking, keeping our small garden under control and coffee. Beccy and I roast our own coffee and even sell a little at local markets and online through social media.

I studied youth and community work with applied theology at Oxford Brookes University and have worked with young people in a variety of contexts including a church plant with the Salvation Army in Cornwall, a free church in Yapton, an Anglican café church in Worthing and, most recently, as youth development worker at Horsham Matters on behalf of the parish councils in the south west of Horsham District.

I'm excited about the challenge of this new role and building on the great work that has gone before me. There's a foundation of good youth work practice and networks that I hope to be able to support and resource. The diocese is huge and the task is daunting but I hope to link with as many parishes as possible and begin to develop some effective relationships with both youth workers and churches where employing a youth worker is not an option but engaging with young people is vital.

I believe May Camp is a jewel in the crown of what the diocese offers for young people. It allows us to be really intentional about discipling young people without exposing them to the big event experience which can still have its impact when they're later into their teens. It's an opportunity for youth leaders to develop relationships and deal with questions and conversations they just wouldn't have the opportunity for otherwise. There is a very high quality of worship and teaching and it's reaching unchurched young people from across the whole diocese. I've been involved with May Camp for the past few years and I can't wait to get more stuck in.

I will be looking to start a new youth council and would love to see young people involved from every deanery. The Diocesan Strategy mentions specifically the increased participation of young people in church life and decision making. I hope this can be a way to invest in the young people with the understanding they need to be able to make informed decisions as well as giving them the voice to have their say.

The encounter gap year has meant numerous young people deeply engaged in church life and leadership. I hope this will continue to develop leadership potential in young people and encourage them to explore their options in terms of future vocations and employment. It would be great to join with an educational establishment to award gap year students with a recognised youth work qualification at the end of their year out for God.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can and if you're not booked on to May Camp for this year yet, there's still time.

Dan Jenkins will be licensed by Bishop Martin during the morning May Camp session on Saturday 23 May between 9.45-11am

DIOCESAN MISSION FUND NEWS

The Chichester Diocesan Mission Fund was created to support mission initiatives in our area, focusing on those that deepen faith and increase commitment to worship.

At the last grant allocation meeting earlier this year Rev Canon Martin Onions, Interim fund chairman, handed over the role of Chairperson to Archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor.

The meeting heard update reports from Scaynes Hill, Patcham and Hosanna Broadwater and considered applications from Wadhurst, St. John's Burgess Hill, St. Matthews Worthing, St Cuthman's Whitehawk, St Luke's Brighton and St Georges Kemp Town

Archdeacon Fiona invites parishes seeking support for mission initiatives to apply for a grant from the diocesan mission fund. She said: "We want to allocate grants to a wide variety of churches across the whole diocese so please be encouraged to apply. The application form and guidelines can be found on the diocesan website."

The mission fund has supported many excellent initiatives over the years. Here are two recent success stories.

Andy Bousfield, minister at Ascension Church Westdene, tells us about the first Love Patcham festival held in September 2014.

The Love Patcham festival was a resounding success. We wanted to show to the Patcham community that the churches are here for them all and to show that God loves them all.

The Festival was promoted by the five churches in Patcham from the C of E, Methodist, Elim Pentecostal and Catholic denominations, and it

proved that combined, we are a force for God to be reckoned with. We involved many local businesses, organizations as well as individuals.

We had a mix of stage acts some of which were promoting faith, and a 'tea with vicars' event for gospel conversations. With all the events free, the children of all ages were able to join in all the exciting stall opportunities, games and challenges. Over 1000 people came which we were astounded by, including the MP Caroline Lucas. The hosting school and a couple of local businesses want to be more involved next year now they realise what we are about.

We were grateful for the grant of £1,500 which was more than matched by church donations and income from the event. We were humbled by the generosity of so many.

Plans are now well underway for an even larger event this year on 12 September 2015.



Lisa Barnett is the Vicar at St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill. She reports on the increased youth activity at the church thanks to the mission grant which enabled them to invest in resources for their youth group, and increase the hours of their youth and children's worker, Emily Ludgate.

We are really encouraged by the youth ministry at our church. The youth club is growing, the young people are obviously enjoying it, and we are building strong relationships with them, which is such a vital foundation in youth work. We're learning that a lot of youth work is trial and error. You have to be flexible to see what works, but having a committed team of leaders who work well together is really key, and it's been great to see that team growing.

We wanted to provide opportunities for individual achievement, impacting on the level of self-esteem in the young people, and to involve youth group members in our community and church initiatives.'

We've been able to get new equipment for the youth group, which has been a blessing. The Xbox 360, the Wii, the table tennis and the snooker/pool table is used every week by the group.



In 2014 we held a youth group party to celebrate the new youth group's first birthday. We invited the youth group's families to join us and the wider church family to see what we do each week. It was a great evening with nibbles and birthday cake. The evening built the excitement for younger children, who were saying, "I can't wait to be old enough to come to youth group" and we even got extra offers of help from a few of the parents.

THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

We recognise that some of our church children who are school age 6 and above have now outgrown Sunday School, and so we are going to start a Sunday discipleship group - meeting after the morning service - and we are hoping that other young people from the youth group may begin to come along to this too.

In order to provide an engaging focus on faith in the regular youth group programme, Ali Campbell, from The Resource, encouraged us to make use of a 'think night' and a 'mystery guest night' each term. We will also work on building relationships in school with the current year 5s, ready to welcome them to the group in September 2015.

IS YOUR CHURCH USING THIS VITAL WEBSITE?



'A Church Near You' is a national website run by the Church of England which lists every church in our Diocese. It is a resource that research shows is very popular.

All churches can have their own page on 'A Church Near You' but not all church pages are completed with up to date information. Some have no information or limited details while others are regularly updated by enthusiastic contributors.

ALL the churches in our Diocese should be encouraged to proactively manage their 'A Church Near You' page and list the very latest services and upcoming events as well as up to date contact information.

The responsibility to own a page and maintain it is down to each church. If you haven't taken ownership of your parish page on 'A Church Near You' why not do it now?

It is simple to register on the site (www.achurchnearyou.com) and 'take over' your parish page. You can then add information about your church mission work and activities, normal services, special services, events and fundraisers.

You can also add your website address and social media links if you have them. It is a simple task and you don't need to be a computer whizz to update it!

Best of all it's a completely FREE resource - so there is no reason not to give it a go!

Bishop Richard says: "Our churches should be as welcoming as possible and now the welcome can start as early as the first online click to find a local church.

"Information that is up to date and relevant and with a few words of welcome could make all the difference to some people choosing to attend a church event or service or not.

"I encourage all parishes not already using A Church Near You to do so. If you are using it but you haven't updated your details for a while, please revisit your pages now and make a commitment to keep it up updated regularly in future."



MA IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

An exciting new MA in Christian Ministry is being offered by the University of Chichester in conjunction with the ministry team of the diocese. The MA builds on the University's expertise in public and practical theology and aims to resource and develop Christian priests, deacons and readers so that they can serve local churches more effectively.

The course is suitable for clergy and laity. It recognizes that there is an increasing diversity in Christian ministry and so local church leaders need to renew and develop their theological and pastoral skills, knowledge and understanding. Modules are specifically designed to enable critical reflection on local church practice.

The curriculum includes a diverse range of modules which will enhance students' theological, liturgical, spiritual and pastoral ability. The modules emphasise the importance of the practical and local context as a springboard for theological reflection.

Canon Rebecca Swyer says, 'I am delighted that we have developed this new MA which responds to the local needs of clergy and readers, building on

the expertise of the university. I am happy to recommend it to those seeking to improve their ministerial practice and grow as pastors and theologians'.

The MA is studied part-time by following a two year taught module programme followed by a one year dissertation module. Teaching is delivered in blocks lasting 3 days, normally a Tuesday to Thursday. Students may either visit the university daily or if they live further away accommodation can be arranged. Forthcoming teaching dates are:

- » Tuesday August 25th – Thursday August 27th 2015
- » Tuesday January 12th – Thursday January 14th 2016
- » Tuesday May 10th – Thursday May 12th 2016

At the beginning of the course students explore critically the foundational ideas of what is meant by practical and public theology. This provides a substantial platform for subsequent theological engagement with the local ministerial context. Further core modules are a practical theology project, spirituality, and ritual

and liturgy. Students may then undertake advanced study in central ministerial areas such as biblical studies, ethics, pluralism and diversity, and missiology.

The modules are assessed through a variety of tasks including essays, book reviews, case studies, research project reports, and presentations. The final dissertation is 15,000 words.

Those applying for the course will normally have a good first degree in Theology and Religious Studies or a related subject. Admission is also possible for those with substantial ministerial experience.

A reduced fee is available for those recommended for the degree by the diocese.

For further information please contact Dr Graeme Smith, Head of Department of Theology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, (g.smith@chi.ac.uk, tel: 01243 816191). You can also visit the web site at www.chi.ac.uk/departments-theology-religious-studies/postgraduate

NEWS FROM DIOCESAN OVERSEAS COUNCIL

THANK YOU!

Bishop Mark praises response to appeals

Heartfelt thanks to all individuals, schools and parishes who generously supported our Diocesan Harvest Appeal and the bishops' Adventide Ebola Emergency Appeal.

In the light of the Ebola crisis, the DOC decided that while we committed to the training of key personnel in our link dioceses, any funds raised over our £15,000 target would go towards Ebola relief in the affected dioceses. It is with great joy we can announce our combined efforts raised £29,900.

The Adventide Ebola Emergency Appeal, too, was a success. As a diocesan family we raised £35,000.

You will see on these pages how our partner dioceses are spending some of these funds. Ebola has hit them hard and it will be a long time before normality is regained. In the meantime, the churches are struggling to pay salaries, address issues of "food security" and continue to lead in Ebola-prevention awareness training and pastoral care.

Remember that while fundraising and giving will provide much-needed resources, our prayers, too, are vital and greatly appreciated. May the life of the Risen Lord continue to empower us all in His service.

A VISIT FROM KENYA

Bishop Stephen Kabora, from the Kenyan diocese of Nyaharuru, and his wife Mama Eunice spent time with clergy and parishioners in Chichester Diocese at the invitation of Bishop Martin. Members of the parishes of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate and Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint told us more:

Mary Wardell, St Mary's, Barnham

"Bishop Stephen's visit was to discover how English parishes operated and to reinforce the links between the two dioceses, which began many years ago with the support of the late Canon Gillian Cossar.

"She worked most of her adult life in the CMS missionary society in Nakuru, now the diocese of Nyaharuru, but also had a home in Barnham. The

latter part of her life was spent in England where she focused on raising money for the theological training of new priests in Nakuru. In return, our parish hosted at least one trainee priest from Kenya.

"Suffragan Bishop Mark and his wife Ruth visited Nyaharuru two years ago. They met members of Mothers' Union branches and saw the positive work of mission and evangelisation happening at grass roots level.

"We hope links should be not only maintained but strengthened. One area under discussion is how the parish of Aldingbourne, Barnham and Eastergate might support the building of an Anglican secondary school in Kenya for children orphaned by Aids. Work started in 2013, thanks to a legacy from Gillian Cosser, and fundraising continues in Nyaharuru to allow work to progress. It is planned for completion in the next year and we hope to be able to support the fundraising.

"Bishop Stephen and his wife were taken on a tour of the parish churches of St Mary the Virgin, Barnham, St. George's, Eastergate and St Mary's, Aldingbourne, where they were guests of honour at a lunch provided by the Mother's Union. They returned to Kenya with some insight into the challenges parishes in the Church of England face as part of their Christian witness and ministry. We hope reciprocal visits will go ahead soon."

Revd Jane Willis, Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint

"The parish is considering establishing a Kenyan link so we were delighted to host Bishop Stephen and his wife Mama Eunice on their first visit to the UK. I was thrilled at how the good folk of Holy Trinity leapt to the challenge, offering wonderful hospitality.

"Our aim is to identify a parish or group of parishes in Nyaharuru with whom we can form a mutually enriching companionship link. Having linked churches, we would then hope to link as many organisations as possible within our parishes.

"We spent a happy morning at St Lawrence CE Primary, which is so enthusiastic about a link. We attended assemblies and spent time with the Year 3 classes who are doing projects on Africa. The children had some excellent questions and it was wonderful to see pictures of Nyahururu displayed around the school.

"Mama Eunice was keen to see our village shops, particularly our community charity shop as there are no charity shops in Kenya. The couple heard how the shop is run entirely by volunteers and makes a considerable amount of money for the community. Bishop Stephen is fundraising for a new cathedral and is now inspired to open a charity shop in his area.

"Mothers' Union invited Bishop Stephen and Mama Eunice to meetings at Church House in Hove and at Holy Trinity. It was fascinating hearing of the vibrant MU in Kenya with 450,000 members – a highly valued role in the community.

"Plans are now afoot for a return visit, during which we hope to identify a parish or group of parishes for our companion link."

CHURCHES RESPONSE TO EBOLA - SUPPORTED BY US

Us (formerly known as USPG) was among the first agencies to support the Anglican churches in West Africa following the outbreak of Ebola last year.

A grant sent by Us – including £2,000 from the Diocese of Chichester – helped fund distribution of sanitation kits, food, clothes and other essential items to communities in need. The church has also distributed sanitation kits to medical staff and clinics.

Davidson Solanki, Us International Programme Manager for West Africa, said: "The churches in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea are hurt and bruised due to the impact of Ebola. However they remain determined to serve communities and be salt and light in this difficult situation."

The Diocesan Overseas Council has approved the following grants:

Diocese of Bo - £7,000 for the Mothers' Union micro-credit programme to help farmers buy seed, tools and other materials for the planting season. This project addresses the real issues on the ground in the current crisis while paving the way to the normalisation of life.

Diocese of Liberia - £7,000 to help pay salary arrears for teaching staff at its church schools. The DOC appreciates the diocese's debts threaten to cripple its ministry with children and its role in stabilising and bringing normality back to Liberian society.



STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS

BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU

BY NEVILLE MANNING

Hymns, like so many things, sometimes begin in strange and unexpected ways.

One day in 1976, Richard Gillard wrote a few words on a scrap of paper: "I will hold the Christ light for you in the night time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear."

Some six months later in Auckland, New Zealand, he took that scrap of paper out of his guitar case and developed the words into the hymn we know as Brother, sister, let me serve you. He also composed the music to which it is sung, The Servant Song. In 2001, it featured in a Remembrance Sunday Songs of Praise broadcast from York Minster. Today it is found in at least 27 hymnals.

The opening verse, which is repeated at the end, clearly has in mind the biblical picture of the Son of God taking the form of a servant, as in St Paul's letter to the Philippians (2 v5-11) and John's account of Jesus washing disciples' feet at the Last Supper. The start and end of the hymn are about taking on that Christ-shaped servant role in our hearts and lives: "Brother, sister, let me

serve you, let me be as Christ to you."

The second verse makes it clear servanthood is not simply one person doing good to the other but is about shared experienced and mutual support in life's pilgrimage:

"WE ARE HERE
TO HELP EACH
OTHER WALK THE
MILE AND BEAR
THE LOAD".

The third verse, the original words of the hymn, clearly has in the background the many occasions when Christ said to his disciples "do not fear" as we hold out our hand to someone who is fearful: "I will hold the Christ light for you in the night time of your fear." The fourth verse follows on with the thought of a servant role involving the sharing of both the joys and sorrows of life, no doubt drawing on the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Romans 12 v15).

The penultimate verse speaks of the hope of life together in heaven when the shared role of servants one to another finds its fruition in perfect harmony "born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony".

Brother, sister is one of those hymns, often sung on occasions such as Maundy Thursday, which have the capacity to touch us at a very deep level, engaging both mind and heart. Note just two of many comments on the hymn on various websites: "The song actually penetrates the deepest depths of my soul and touches it so sweetly" and "It gives me the actual strength to move forward in service to my Lord and to others".

No doubt for us in this diocese and in each of our congregations, the role of a servant must be a key to all that we do. Bishop Stephen Cottrell suggested at a clergy day some time ago that a fundamental question we all need to ask is "how may we serve our community?". To grow in discipleship must always mean growing in the way of service. As the late Martin Luther King used to say: "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

A UNIQUE CHAPLAINCY

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR 999 CREWS IN TIMES OF NEED

by Rev Francis Pole

Senior chaplain, South East Coast
Ambulance Service



OUR Lord's final instruction to his disciples was to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them ..." (Matt.28.19), coupled with the assurance (v.20) "And surely I am with you, always ..."

Our response to this has traditionally come about largely in and through the parishes up and down the country but, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, this diocese is seeking to develop a new strategy to reach people.

An essential part of this three-pronged initiative (re-imagining ministry) is to be found in chaplaincy.

Chaplaincy has been defined as a clergyman or woman working in a secular environment. Such a role is not a replacement of parochial ministry – rather an extension of it.

It is showing God's love in nooks and crannies. It's about getting into those places the Church cannot necessarily reach. It means rubbing shoulders with people, the majority of who nowadays have little or no connection with a church, and showing God's love and care for them. It means demonstrating that however awful a situation might be, God, through His Holy Spirit, is there.

The Institute of Psychiatry, in an article in 2000 and following research by the University of Aberdeen, indicated that front-line ambulance staff have insufficient support, often leading to burn-out.

I heard about the report a few years after publication and it was this that motivated me to inaugurate chaplaincy to the ambulance service straight away. After all, there had been chaplaincies to the police and fire services already.

The truth is that, while the figures for reported crime may be down, the emergency services face dreadful situations such as serious road accidents and the deaths of children. Each takes its toll on frontline staff and crews who are, of course, fully human with their own sets of emotions.

Worse, perhaps, has been an increase in people from the age of 11, yes 11, to 80 taking their own lives, often in horrible ways. It is there that a chaplain can stand alongside the crews and, in some cases, the families, showing God's love and support in these dreadful situations.

Essentially the chaplaincy is multi-faith - we have Buddhist monks among our number - but in the South East Coast Ambulance Service area, which stretches from Dover to Farnborough, there are 35 chaplains from the mainstream Christian churches. Most are ordained, although some hold other official positions within their churches. Our sole aim is to be there when staff need us and we have a dedicated phone line which is answered personally by one of the senior team 24/7.

Our chaplaincy is unique in the UK. The fact the team received the Chief Executive's Highly Commended Team of the Year title was encouragement and acknowledgement that we are on the right lines in demonstrating God's love to all in the ambulance service, regardless of rank or status.

I believe passionately that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost on our Diocesan Strategy will encourage more people, both ordained and lay, to seek those areas in the diocese where, hitherto, traditional forms of ministry have been unable to reach, which is why re-imagining ministry is so vital.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

NEW HOME AT SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

The Church has served the annual South of England Show at Ardingly for many years, looking after lost children, providing activities for young people and serving refreshments. This year we will be setting up in a new spot known as the Sanctuary.

Rev Mark Betson, diocesan rural officer, said: "This year we've been given a great opportunity to engage with visitors in a new way. The show's chief executive Iain Nicol has taken a 'no bar to families' approach and hopes planned reductions on the entrance fee for families will encourage more to go along and enjoy all the show has to offer.

"The Sanctuary will provide a safe space for accompanied children to play and parents and carers to rest. It will house the lost people post and there will be a buggy park for parents with babies and toddlers. We will have Forest Schools activities for children of all ages to engage with as well as always having tea, coffee and squash available. All of our ministry will be grounded in prayer for the people who visit us and for all who are involved in the show.

Bishop Mark will be judging the stands at Regional Food this year and offering a blessing for

all the food produced. He said: "It is always a pleasure to visit the South of England Show and I am always impressed with the quality and variety that local food producers represent. There are meat products, high quality chocolate, oils, mushrooms, beers and a growing number of wines amongst my memories of recent years.

"Supporting our local food industry is good for the local economy, for employment as well as for our palates. As in previous years, I shall be going along to encourage and support our food producers and to learn a little bit more about the production of some of our great local delicacies.

"Exhibitors will be students from our agricultural colleges who represent the future for agriculture and food production in our region and beyond. Also exhibiting will be our farmers and craftsmen as well as those businesses that support and resource our agriculture and food production."

The show takes place on June 11, 12 and 13. If you would like to volunteer to help, email Communications@chichester.anglican.org

'The Nature of God's Acre', written by The Reverend Dr Mark Betson and wildlife expert Miles King, explores how parishes value nature in their churchyards and how the presence of wildlife affects the spirituality of these ancient, hallowed places.

One hundred and seventy-five people from twenty-six communities contributed to the book and there are sections on every Sussex parish which took part, including some magical personal accounts of parishioner's experiences of the nature of their churchyards and of the spiritual importance to them personally.

Copies of 'The Nature of God's Acre' cost £5 and available from the Cloisters Shop, Chichester Cathedral, Books Alive, Hove www.booksalive.co.uk



WHAT ARE FOREST SCHOOLS?

Forest Schools offer learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees and sits within and compliments the wider context of outdoor and woodland education. You can find out more about this unique learning approach on their website: www.forestschoollassociation.org



PROTECTING THE PAST

Heritage crime is defined as “any offence which harms the value of England’s heritage assets and their settings to this and future generations” and its effects go far beyond just the physical scars which are left. PCSO Daryl Holter has the responsibility of investigating and preventing crimes for all of the listed properties belonging to the diocese of Chichester. He spoke to us about the work which he does in protecting the heritage of our county and our nation.

Unfortunately several cases of heritage crime were reported throughout 2014 and without the work of Wildlife and Heritage Officers such as Daryl their effect can be lasting and very significant. One of the latest cases of Heritage crime was the needless vandalism of a 12th century church of vital importance to the local community. Daryl was called in by the parish priest who discovered that the church had been targeted in a vandalism attack and there was paint thrown at the main entrance

lobby and door. Despite going down every potential avenue the perpetrator was never discovered.

As well as the physical scars of the paint attack, another impact is that on the community. PCSO Daryl Holter explains: “The effect this action had on the parishioners was of great shock and upset. The church is seen as a hub of the community it serves. The job for me was not only to detect a crime but to support a community.” After a fruitless investigation the case has now been put into filing and is ready to be further investigated after new evidence is hopefully discovered.”

The work of wildlife and heritage officers is not just limited to crime against churches however but also includes the saving of national buried treasures. The removal of artefacts from the land of listed buildings is not only a crime but also removes them from their proper place in time and context, potentially removing some important pieces of our national story. While working with English Heritage and Kent police Daryl was able to procure a sentence for an offender who stole multiple artefacts. With this successful sentence the items were also recovered and fines imposed upon the guilty party.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Daryl has urged the public to band together and look after the national story protected by the heritage of our nation. According to Daryl the only method to achieve this is to come together as a community to prevent these crimes reoccurring. “There is a great importance on working together and encouraging the reporting of crime.” These heritage crimes continue to destroy the story and history of our land and by banding together these crimes can be prevented.

PETER TIDE

ORDINATIONS

The Sixteen men and woman on these pages will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 27 June in the Cathedral and will begin their public ministry in various churches in the Diocese of Chichester, across East and West Sussex and the City of Brighton and Hove. The ceremony will place a seal on the calling they have received from God to serve the Church. We asked them to share a little of themselves so that we might call them, their families and parishes to mind in prayer ahead of their ordination service.

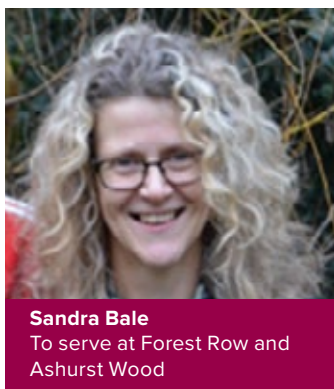


Jill Alderton
To serve in Crawley Downs

Jill Alderton grew up in East Grinstead. She and her husband, Mark have lived and worshipped (at St Andrew's) in Crawley for 31 years. They have two adult sons. They enjoy country walking and cycling.

"It was after I was involved in leading all-age worship, that people suggested I consider Reader training. I started exploring this, but it never felt right; things fell into place when someone suggested ordination, after which the call was confirmed in many ways from different people," says Jill.

She added: "From considering Reader ministry God has brought me to a point where I

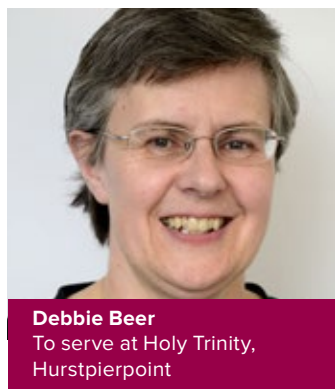


Sandra Bale
To serve at Forest Row and Ashurst Wood

am very open about where and to what sort of ministry he may be leading me in the long term. Meanwhile, I am looking forward to joining my new Church family as their self-supporting Curate and their various initiatives to reach out to the village."

Sandra Bale. "Some say that there is a bible verse or character that resonates with us or helps us to understand ourselves. My character is Jonah! Not because I have ever angered sailors or because I like sitting inside a big fish, but like Jonah, I have spent a long time getting to the right place!

"My journey to faith began in the run up to my marriage to Richard



Debbie Beer
To serve at Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint

25 years ago and my vocational discernment between 2002 and 2012 was punctuated with long periods of inactivity, doubt and even rebellion. However, I now stand on the brink of an exciting new stage in my life with my study almost over and ordination beckoning.

"The steadfast love of God has indeed sustained me and I am delighted to be serving my title post along with my secular work as a Pharmacist. My husband Richard and my children Natalie and Matthew have been a huge support. Thank you."

Debbie Beer is originally from West London before moving to Burgess Hill. Since 2001 she

has worshipped at St Andrew's Church, where she came to a personal faith in her mid-forties after a long journey of spiritual searching.

She said: "It was during a two-year period of family crisis – divorce, illness and bereavement – that the "cross" first began to make sense to me. After my confirmation I had a strong sense that God wanted more and during a lay ministry course ordination was suggested.

"This took me well out of my comfort zone but the calling was confirmed in various ways and eventually I came to let go into a much deeper trust and joy in God."

"Although hard work, I believe juggling these commitments keeps me in touch with the challenges faced by many in our communities."

Hugh Bourne. "I'm Hugh, married to Ali and we have two young boys.

"I first came to Chichester Diocese in 2005 to study Internet Computing at Sussex University. After a number of years worshipping and serving at Bishop Hannington Church, Hove, I pursued a call to full-time

parish ministry.

"We've spent the last 3 years, together learning and growing at Oak Hill College, feeling both well equipped yet unprepared for the challenges ahead. We look forward to serving and hoping to share not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well."

Gerry Burgess. "Steve (my husband) and I have lived in Mid Sussex all our married lives; our two adult children grew up here and I taught in East Grinstead until a few years ago. I grew up in a Christian home, and have always been actively involved in our church. However, after I'd reached a crisis point about ten years ago, God wonderfully renewed my faith in Him.

"God then drew me away from teaching, which I loved, with his ever more insistent call to 'stop Blackberrying' (doing too many 'useful' things) and walk in the way he was leading me.

"I was initially surprised to find he was leading me towards ordained ministry, which I'd always thought was for other people, and in my experience, almost always men!

"After many years in village

churches and the varied experiences provided by my training, I am excited to find God calling me to continue learning and sharing his welcoming love in my curacy."

David Crook has lived in Horsham for the past 21 years. After university first time round, in the 1980s, David worked as a secondary school teacher in the Midlands and then, for almost 20 years, in universities, training history teachers, leading Masters' courses, researching and writing. After beginning to discern a vocation in 2011 he joined Westcott House, Cambridge two years later as a weekly boarder.

The discipline of the Daily Office, the learning experience of being Westcott Sacristan, together with placements in Ifield Parish and the Gatwick Airport Chaplaincy have helped to define David's journey from private Christian to public Christian over the past two years.

He enjoys watching football, cricket and rugby and collects vintage radios, an interest which is not shared (or understood) by anyone else in the family.



Hugh Bourne
To serve in All Saints
Lindfield



Gerry Burgess
To serve at Gossops Green,
Crawley



David Crook
To serve at Easebourne,
Lodsworth and Selham



Jamie Gater

To serve at Ifield parish,
Crawley

Jamie Gater. “I suppose, after I became a Christian at 17, serving God in some special way was always at the back of my mind. When I came to Chichester to study music which has had a profound effect on me.

“This stayed with me as I trained as a teacher, got married and moved to Bognor Regis, where we found a supportive and loving church family at St Wilfrid’s. It was here, that I was able to use my musical training and teaching skills and ordination was suggested as a possible way forward for me.

“It was then that I began the formal process, and soon found myself moving my wife Naomi, and year old Son Jonah to St Stephen’s House in Oxford. Music has again played an important role there.

“With ordination now so close, in many ways it is difficult to articulate the range of feelings experienced as the preparations for this new kind of life reach a climax, but overall, I have a sense of real excitement.”

Sean Gilbert. “I’m Sean Gilbert, a 25 year old from West Sussex. I have lived in Chichester area all my life due to my father being a priest in this Diocese.



Sean Gilbert

To serve at Christ Church,
St. Leonards-on-sea

“As my Grandfather is a priest as well you could say I have a very ‘churchy’ background. However, in 2009 I had a Gap Year where I spent two months with Scripture Union, an evangelical organisation, in Madagascar working at a Christian centre.

“Coming from an Anglo-Catholic background I was totally out of my comfort zone, but it was in this context where I was called by God to be a priest while reading Isaiah 41:8-10. From there I read Religious Studies at Kent University and in 2012 I was accepted for ordination training at St. Stephen’s House.

“After finishing three years formation I soon start in my title with bated breath.”

David Howland. “As part of a church-going family, I was surrounded by and grew up in the Christian faith and have always been actively involved in various lay ministries. I first felt a calling to ordained ministry about 25 years ago but pushed it aside. However, that was not the end of the story, God came calling again and after some significant challenges, I was accepted for training and the discovery of gifts the Lord has given me of which I was previously unaware. I look



David Howland

To serve at Horsted Keynes

forward to using all that God has given me in his service as I join his mission and ministry in the Diocese.

“I am married to Sarah and we celebrate our silver wedding anniversary in October and we have two lovely children, Oliver (twelve) and Charlotte (seven).

“After an initial career in banking, I was made redundant for the second time six years ago but as part of listening and being more attentive to God, I changed career and am now enjoying working at a church primary school in Sydenham as the School Business Manager.”

James Isaacs. “Am married to Monica who hails from Brazil and we have a 10 month old daughter, Rebecca. Monica worked for the charity Tear Fund before Rebecca interrupted proceedings and loves a good Brazilian barbeque! Although we have lived in London for nearly a decade, I grew up in East Grinstead, so this will be a joyous return to Sussex for me. After becoming a Christian whilst studying geography at university in Exeter, I worked as a Sports Agent in London for a couple of years.



James Isaacs

To serve at Hailsham Parish Church

"I then worked at All Souls Church, Langham Place before being sent to study theology at Oak Hill College, where we have been for the past three years.

"It is a privilege to be set aside for full time gospel work and I am looking forward to getting stuck into parish life, as I look to get to know people well and help them grow in their walk with Jesus."

Nicol Kinrade. "I'm originally from Croydon, and before moving to Cambridge to train at Westcott House, I spent 8 years living in the village of Bury, West Sussex. As part of a group of four rural churches, I was a Reader and the Akela for the Cub Scout Pack, and outside of church I was a volunteer Magistrate and director for the local am-dram group's pantomimes.

"My journey to ordination has taken a rather varied and scenic route. I was brought up in the Church of England, and was confirmed at university. After studying as a museum curator, and working for the Tower of London and the RAF Museum, I met my husband, Paul, and we moved to New York for a couple of years.



Nicol Kinrade

To serve at Ditchling, streat and West Meston

"On our return we moved to Sussex, where I had the time and space to really think about who I was, who God was calling me to be. Through the amazing churches of Bury with Houghton, Coldwaltham and Hardham, I was able to explore my faith and start to name that deep call I felt within me. I trained first as a Reader which has given me a lot of experience."

Sarah Manouch. "I was born in Chichester and have lived there all my life. I worship at Chichester St Paul's, serving on the PCC and Deanery Synod I have also been privileged to be a Lay Minister of Communion.

"After leaving school I worked for 25 years in the pensions industry, whilst also volunteering for The Red Cross, British Heart Foundation and Age UK, although not consecutively! I have always enjoyed meeting people and helping out and my time in the Age UK and Heart Foundation shops gave me the chance to do both.

"Redundancy gave me the opportunity to open myself up to what I had been deliberately ignoring, the call to Ordained Ministry. During the discernment process I volunteered for the church and then worked for the



Sarah Manouch

To serve at West Wittering

charity Lifecentre. My current job in the Christian bookshop in Chichester started 1 week after I began ordination training.

"My only regret is that neither of my parents lived to see this day as my Mother died 3 months before my selection conference."

Ben Sear. "I grew up in a Christian home in Sussex, but the turning point in my life came at the age of 16.

"My life began to change and God was so generous in answering my questions and prayers. As time has gone on I have become more and more convinced that the Christian reality is true and makes most sense of the world.

"I feel that God is calling me to the particular role of leading, feeding and praying with God's people in full-time ministry.

"I love playing tennis, astronomy, reading sci-fi and cooking (especially on barbeques). My wife (Claudia) and I got married last summer and share a mutual love for the cinema, Monopoly Deal and steak. We are very much looking forward to moving to and getting to know people in the parish."



Ben Sear
To serve at Patcham

Adam Ransom. “Although I was baptised as a baby I didn’t have any real engagement with the Christian faith until a few weeks before my eighteenth birthday when a chance reading of a Gideon’s New Testament changed my life in an instant. All of a sudden God was all to real to me and it was from this encounter that a sense of vocation to ordained ministry began to grow.

“It took another seven years before I eventually approached Fr. John Wall at St. Andrew’s, Moulsecomb, and asked to explore my calling. During those seven years I completed a BA degree in Theology through Chichester University and lived for a while in Cornwall, working as a Crematorium technician.

“Having spent two years training at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, I am looking forward to returning to Sussex, to ordination and to being able to begin to live out my vocation in the parish.”

Sara-Jane Stevens. “My journey to ordination has been a long one. Like many of my colleagues in theological training, it turns out that I had a lot of living and learning to do first! The call to be ordained first came when I



Adam Ransom
To serve at Christ Church with St. Philip, Eastbourne

was very young and over the following years I attempted to discover how this might come about, by exploring different vocations and types of Christian ministry. In 2011, I completed the inspiring CPAS course ‘Growing Leaders’ and quickly found myself accepted to study for ordination.

“Since 2012 I have been studying part-time with the South East Theological Institute for Theological Education (where several of our candidates this year have studied) towards a degree in Theology for Christian Ministry. During this time I have continued to work for Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service, so clocking-up nearly sixteen years in their control room. Life has been inspirational, exciting, hectic and humbling over the past three years and I fully expect that will continue in Worthing!”

Christine Spencer. I joined my local parish church as a chorister and spent the next 10 years singing and learning. This desire to understand and develop more, did not leave me, and fortunately still hasn’t!

“I was both a registered general nurse and laterally a paediatric nurse with care of



Sara-Jane Stevens
To serve in the community of St Matthew’s, Worthing

the sick and pre-term infant as a specialisation.

“I channelled my calling into becoming a nurse assuming that I would probably become a nun. I began to take on roles in my local parish, becoming a member of the PCC, the safe-guarding officer and a lay Minister of Communion. I also participated in the Bishop’s Certificate in the quest for more knowledge. However, the thirst for a greater understanding didn’t abate and I spoke to my wise parish priest and began the journey through the discernment process in the Chichester Diocese.

“It is a real joy to be able to remain in the Chichester Diocese and I am looking forward to serving my title parish.”



Christine Spencer
To serve in the parish of St Mary’s Storrington

THE HOLY MILE AND DISCO DANCING

A group of excited youngsters have just returned from our latest successful children's pilgrimage to Walsingham in Norfolk. Here, two of them tell us about their experience.

HANNAH CARMICHAEL, 11,
from St Richard's Aldwick

After a long but exciting six-hour journey on the minibus, we finally arrived in Walsingham. First we went to the holy shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham to pray and find out a little bit of the history of Walsingham and about what Mary said to Richeldis.

On Saturday we woke up early as we were too excited to sleep in. After breakfast we walked the Holy Mile, which was very painful for those of us who chose to walk it barefoot but on the whole it was fun as two of my new friends (who weren't walking barefoot) were very supportive and cheered me on.

When we came back from the Holy Mile we went to the shrine church for a service of cleansing where we received the waters from the Holy Well. Following lunch we changed into our "Spring Your Life" T-shirts for it was time for the bouncy castles, which was so much fun. We made friends with quite a few of the children from other parishes.

We could have fake tattoos and our faces painted. Lots of us did crafts and made gifts for

our friends and family. It was amazing.

After dinner we went back to our rooms and changed into our disco clothes and did our hair as it was time for the disco. We danced for a while and then the DJ announced there was a competition for the best/craziest dancing and the top three would win a big balloon. Even those of us that didn't win didn't care because we had such a fantastic time singing and dancing.

On Sunday we were all very sad to be leaving as we had had a lovely time at Walsingham. First we had the children's Mass in the shrine, then lunch and then we went to the shrine for one last time for a service of Benediction. We sang our theme song, Water Of Life, and said our goodbyes to our friends in the other parishes.

Our time at Walsingham was great fun and I will remember it for the rest of my life. For many of us it was our first time there and, for me, it definitely won't be the last. Walsingham was amazing and everything we did there was wonderful. I can't wait until my next visit.

RUBY FULLER, 11,
from St Martin's Brighton

One of the best things about the children's pilgrimage to Walsingham is getting to visit the Shrine of Our Lady. It is very special to know that someone built that for Mary. You get to light candles for anyone you want to pray for and you feel that you are thinking of them or supporting them wherever they are.

You meet other children from different places and you soon feel at home. The food is delicious - they do great meals which make sure you don't go back with an empty tummy. On the Saturday afternoon you go on bouncy castles and there are many fun arts and crafts activities to do as well.

I'm really glad I took the time to go to Walsingham. It was my second year running and it was the best time yet!

Forthcoming events: Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Monday 26 July to Friday 31
July contact Fr John Eldridge
(01903 247340) Email
frjohn@live.co.uk



STORY OF A SAINT

He came from the North East of England, is probably interred in Ripon Cathedral in North Yorkshire and played a major part in spreading Christianity in pagan Sussex more than a thousand years ago - but what else do you know about the controversial English Saint Wilfrid?

How did he influence the Church, from his own time right up to the present? Why has he been presented as a controversial figure over the centuries and have historians started to give a balanced, rounded and accurate picture of him? It was not long ago they discovered he died on April 24, 710, not in 709.

Now we have a chance to find out more, thanks to Dr Melvyn Walmsley, who worships in St Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

He has been studying the historical record to present an unbiased assessment and presents his findings in a talk called *St Wilfrid: North and South*.

As well as the church in Haywards Heath, there are four Anglican churches in the Chichester Diocese dedicated to St Wilfrid - Bognor, Chichester,

Pevensey Bay and Polegate (or Lower Willingdon). There are also several Church of England schools bearing his name, including the Haywards Heath primary where Melvyn is a foundation governor.

The Roman Catholic diocese of Arundel and Brighton has churches dedicated to St Wilfrid in Burgess Hill, Hailsham and Selsey, where he founded a monastery and the cathedral that was succeeded by Chichester, and three Sussex schools bearing his name. Almost 50 churches in England are dedicated to this Anglo-Saxon saint.

Melvyn used to teach history, has led several Chichester Diocesan adult education courses and is now a professional photographer. He will use his latest images of places associated with St Wilfrid to illustrate his talk.



It evaluates St Wilfrid's role, in the light of the latest historical assessments and archaeological evidence, as:

- » Saint - and how he became one very quickly after his death
- » Evangelist, particularly in Sussex, the Isle of Wight and The Netherlands
- » Founder of monasteries across the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms
- » Bishop of several dioceses
- » Cosmopolitan patron of the arts, architecture and music
- » Promoter of church unity in Britain as an advocate of the liturgy, organisation and teachings of the Roman church.

There is far more to St Wilfrid than the man who, since his death, has been routinely caricatured as an argumentative, arrogant church politician whose saintly status offers hope to all sinners.

You can hear Melvyn's one-hour presentation, which includes time for questions, on:

- » Wednesday, May 27, at 8pm in St Wilfrid's Church, Church Road, Haywards Heath, as a meeting of St Wilfrid's Men's group
- » Monday, June 15, 1.45pm for 2pm in the Centenary Hall, St Wilfrid's Way behind St Wilfrid's Church - turn off Church Road and first right into the Centenary Hall car park.

Admission is free. Melvyn is also happy to present his talk at other venues on request. Contact him at j_walmsley2@sky.com or 01444 440084.

FSW NEWS

The future of Family Support Work's (FSW) family and children's centre has now been decided after planning permission was received earlier this year to revert Knowles Tooth Centre, a grade 2 listed building, back to private dwellings.

The FSW Trust, which closed the centre in 2013 due to underuse, chose this route of action as it offered the charity the best possible outcome to further its important role of supporting families in the community.

Martin Auton-Lloyd, Director of FSW said: "The sale of Knowles tooth will offer a great opportunity for the Association to strengthen its support to children and their families in their own homes and communities to fight for each child to have the right to a great future.

"The continued support of schools and parishes across the diocese is critically important for FSW to build on previous good work. I look forward to establishing new relationships and understanding of our core activities."

The Knowles Tooth centre had been drawing heavily on the charity's reserve fund for a number of years. With the planning permission in place FSW trustees will place the property on the market to sell as a development opportunity with the proceeds from the eventual sale invested in the essential community work that Family Support Work carries out.

MONEY MATTERS



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

REDUCING COSTS THROUGH PARISH BUYING

You can read elsewhere in this magazine about our 'very modern crusader'. One of the things he can help parishes with is smart use of energy.

But there is a whole range of items that churches have to procure – and the cost across the diocese is astronomical. If your local church is not taking advantage of bulk-buying strategies, then you may either be procuring very savvily already or you're not getting the best prices available.

Whether or not you take advantage of any of the deals offered by The Parish Buying Scheme, they may save your church time and money. You can be confident that any Parish Buying supplier has undergone a rigorous selection process to ensure they can meet the specific needs of the Church of England. Each supplier will be monitored to ensure they are meeting service, delivery expectations, and that prices remain very competitive. Where contracts are required you can be assured that they have been professionally reviewed to ensure no nasty surprises!

Where parishes decide not to use the national deals the Buying Guides are a useful resource to highlight areas to be aware of and what to take into consideration when buying.

www.parishbuying.org.uk

INCREASING INCOME THROUGH PARISH GIVING

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS for short) offers donors an efficient, modern system for collecting regular donations. The list of dioceses now using the system includes Chelmsford, Chichester, Exeter, Gloucester, Guildford, Liverpool, Portsmouth and Winchester, with others queuing up to join. Our diocese has more donors signed up than any other diocese in the country!

Some people are suspicious of the direct debit processing system. They needn't be! It is the only payment method with a money back guarantee, and is therefore safer for the donor than standing orders, cheques and cash.

A few years ago the churches in Sussex had, on average, some of the least generous regular givers in the country! Fortunately that's changed, but we can't be complacent.

Giving through the PGS averages nearly £15. Of course money is not the only measure of generosity, and joining the PGS is no guarantee that giving will be generous, but the data does indicate that there is a connection between method and amount.

www.chichester.anglican.org/pgs



Parish Buying

REIMAGINING THE OFFERTORY

Those who attended our regular Parish Income seminars last February heard Dr. John Preston give a fascinating presentation about re-imagining the offertory. The current practice in many churches gives mixed messages. Quoting from 2 Corinthians, he explored the reasons why we have an 'offertory' as part of our regular worship, and its effectiveness both as a representing the giving of our whole selves to God and as a way of collecting money.

The conclusion? An immediate change of practice was not to be recommended, but rather PCCs might deliberate on the effectiveness of the collection bag or plate. What does it say, particularly to those unfamiliar with church ways?

www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/passing-the-bag-or-not

CHANGE OF ROLE

By the time you read this, my role will have broadened to cover more of the programmes and processes needed by local churches. I'm not abandoning the local church stewardship activities, and hope to remain a Trustee of the Parish Giving Scheme until my term is over. But I am really looking forward to helping local churches more. There are so many useful resources available, some generated by local churches and some by larger organisations, and much of my work will be signposting people to what's already there. If just a few local churches feel freshly empowered and enabled by this process, it will all be worthwhile.

www.chichester.anglican.org/resources

WELCOME TO OUR SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

by Father Phil Ritchie,
Vicar of All Saints Church, Hove

Here at All Saints, we have spent the past few years thinking about how we can re-imagine our ministry to reconnect with our community and the city of Brighton and Hove.

Our new Brighton and Hove Centre for Spirituality is part of All Saints and is an inclusive Christian community which welcomes all. In a sense, it has grown organically out of our meditation and Labyrinth communities. We have a Tuesday morning walking meditation with the Labyrinth and a Saturday meditation group that focuses on practices such as Lectio Divina.

We are aware the city has many creative people who are seekers on a spiritual path and we wanted to find ways to connect to them and offer something of the treasures within the Christian spiritual tradition. Our mission has to begin with honest questioning of ourselves about the extent to which we are part of communities that really seek to witness to the Gospel.

As it says on the centre's website: "Our approach to spirituality is open hearted, generous, questioning, rooted in the riches of the past and open to the future. Our centre draws on ancient Christian wisdom alongside contemporary insights from science and psychology.

"Silence and stillness is valued. We also like to sing, to use our imaginations and be creative. Our centre is a place to share our stories and grow community. We want to be part of a better world and are guided by Jesus's greatest teaching: love God with all your heart and love each other as you love yourself."

BOOKS AND REVIEWS



A HIGH ANGLICAN

IDENTITY

LINDA CHRISTIAN

Reading through this book leaves me a little saddened that I did not get to know Fr. Tony Christian better in the brief period after I first met him, for it reveals a man of breadth and depth of learning. Edited by his widow, the book comes with a preface by Bishop Martin which stresses the love of God at the heart of priestly ministry and a Foreword by Bishop Nicholas Reade, formerly Archdeacon of Lewes and Hastings, who knew Tony well. Tony spent a large chunk of his priestly ministry as incumbent of Pevensey and the contents of the book are selections from this time.

Of the five main sections in the first, From the Pulpit, four sermons reveal a good deal of pastoral wisdom. Much as Tony loved appropriate and sometimes elaborate ceremonial, nonetheless he wisely remarks that at Holy

Communion what matters most is not how much or how little ceremonial but that "Christ himself is present feeding us with His own Divine Life". In an All Saints Day sermon, in our celebrity-obsessed culture, there is the observation that Christ's life is not about status and prestige and that "saints who follow in his path are humble, seeking the good of others, and not jostling for recognition and status".

The selection from the Rector's Letters cover some wide-ranging issues seen from a Gospel perspective, including a response to the dreadful assassination of the then MP for Eastbourne, Ian Gow, and to the Christian Faith which sustained Ian and his widow. I suspect that the article from the beginning of the 90s reflects Tony's frustration at the way things were going in the life of many churches.!

The extracts on Theological Themes will make demands on the reader (no bad thing). Included is a very positive affirmation of the Easter story, dealing confidently with the usual alternative explanations for what happened and which just do not hold water,

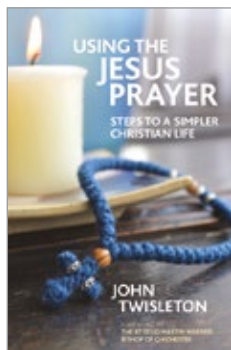
The writings on The Book of Common Prayer reflect something very precious to Fr. Tony. As he expresses his mixed reaction to recent liturgical developments he nonetheless wisely recognises the place for learning from the

worship of other churches and congregations. A contribution on Thomas Cranmer acknowledges both his flaws, such as his initial cowardice in the face of threat, and his strengths, such as a gift for prose and language which writers of modern liturgies sometimes lack.

The section on The Church Militant is taken from Tony's Doctoral thesis on developments in the Church of England, which seemed in danger of being overly managerial and bureaucratic, with the role of parishes being diminished. Not all will agree with every view expressed but these writings prompt us to think deeply about Christian ministry and mission.

The book is beautifully presented with good-sized print. Proceeds from its sale go to restoration work at St. Nicolas Church, Pevensey, in preparation for its 800 anniversary in 2016. Copies are available from the editor Dr. Linda Christian: lindachristian35@yahoo.co.uk Suggested price £5.

Review by Neville Manning, Retired Priest (pictured)



USING THE JESUS PRAYER

JOHN TWISLETON

An inspirational introduction to the Jesus Prayer “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner”, this book is practical and personal.

Here is no dry, theoretical approach to the prayer but one located in the midst of the vicissitudes and joys of daily life and ministry, fulfilling the injunction “to pray without

ceasing”. Fr John writes as a priest with wide experience of the Church and this accessible and readable resource will surely prove to be an encouragement to Christians of all traditions.

The author explores different dimensions of the prayer. He sees how it relates to the conversion of our mindset and mentality and relocates “the mind in the heart”. He shows how it brings worship into the centre of daily life. This prayer leads us to rediscover simplicity and a God-centred focus in our daily living, drawing us towards a Christian life that is not only simpler but certainly deeper, too.

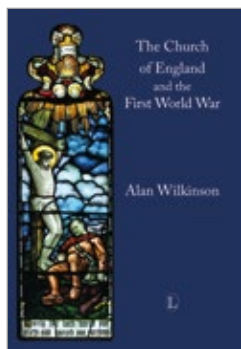
I worry that the “me a sinner” at the end of the prayer might reinforce the individualism and self-preoccupation which plagues western Christianity and our contemporary culture. Fr John goes some way to dispel this fear.

Refreshingly he shows how it can be used at the bus stop, supermarket queue and hospital visit, stating this “form of prayer might ... become a vital instrument keeping you close to God and his heart for the world ... Praying the Jesus Prayer is about being caught up with all things, as well as yourself lifting up all things, into God’s merciful love ... pulling mind, heart, body, neighbourhood, even cosmos together into prayer.”

It would have been good to have read more on the prayer as a tool in intercession and self-offering.

The book is a contemporary appreciation of an ancient resource that points us to the riches of Eastern orthodoxy where we discover its role in theosis and the divinisation of the world. It opens to the reader a prayer that, in Fr John’s words, is both “a gift on offer and a task invited”.

Rev’d Canon Dr Andrew Mayes



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

ALAN WILKINSON

Christian engagement in the horror and moral ambiguity of the First World War is chronicled by Alan Wilkinson, a former Principal of Chichester Theological College now returned from Portsmouth Diocese to his old base in our Cathedral city. This 2014 centenary republication is timely for a work exploring the role in it of the Church of England using a plethora of historical material to create a balanced and fascinating evaluation. He examines the myth this war was fought by ‘lions led by donkeys’ which turns heroes into victims. The church’s pastoral engagement was itself touched

with heroism. It transformed the relationship of the Church of England and English society. Canon Wilkinson’s tour de force makes insightful critique of Christian ministry at a pivotal time in our nation’s history.

Canon John Twisleton, Rector of St Giles, Horsted Keynes

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23rd May 2pm - 4.30pm
Fun for all the family with Chi City Band, Classic cars, Fund Dog Show, Owls About Town, Refreshments. Entry £1 adults, children free. Free parking on site. Held at Slindon College, Top Road, Slindon 01243 814735

FLOWER FESTIVAL - A LIFETIME OF CELEBRATIONS

St. Mary Magdalene church, Lymminster. Arrangements by the Littlehampton Flower Club June 26th 10.00am-5.00pm June 27th 10.00am-5.00pm Sunday 28th June 8.00am and 11.00am normal services All welcome 1.00pm, -4.00pm Flower Festival Viewing In aid of the Church Restoration Fund. (On A284 between Littlehampton and Arundel)

Do check 'A Church Near You' for other flower festivals and fetes:
www.achurchnearyou.com

RETREATS

St. Cuthman's for 2015!

There are some exciting events occurring throughout the year, and we are also pleased to announce a new venture in conjunction with St Beuno's Ignatian Spirituality Centre. This year we will be running two Individually Guided Retreats, one for seven nights and the other for 9 nights, which will be led by directors from St Beuno's. Tel: 01403 741220 or visit the website: www.stcuthmans.org

CLERGY MARRIAGE RETREAT

Nicky and Sila Lee, authors of The Marriage Course, will be hosting a weekend retreat at Wiston House from Friday, November 21st, to Sunday, November 23rd, 2014. The weekend will provide an opportunity for those attending to invest in their own marriage, have time together as a couple and talk about important topics. There is a bursary fund for any couple who needs it.

For more information on how to book on or for information about future retreats please contact: info@relationshipcentral.org

EVENTS

CLERGY FAMILY WALKS

Starting at 2:30pm and usually covering about four miles followed by tea back at a church. Sunday 27 September, St Georges, Crowhurst and Saturday 3 October, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Singleton. Email clergywalks@chichester.anglican.org to RSVP for catering.

The walks and other activities are open to all clergy, their families and friends. A programme can be found on the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org/parish-life/

ECO-CONGREGATION STARTER EVENT

Friday 24 September 2014, 10am – 1pm, Church House, Hove

The diocesan environmental policy encourages parishes to look at how our churches celebrate and safeguard creation. A simple step by step guide for doing this is provided by Eco-congregation (ew.ecocongregation.org) through their audit. A training session on how to get started with this, including stores from those churches in the diocese that have already been successful in winning an Eco-congregation award, is being offered to help parishes get going. Plus participants will get a first glimpse of the new Eco-congregation toolkit available January 2015. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/eco-congregation-workshop-and-seminar-tickets-16785359462

CAN TERMINATION BE RIGHT FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL ?

The Second Stansted Lecture at St Paul's Chapel, Stansted House, in the parish of the Octagon will be given by:

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable, the Lord Carey of Clifton

At 4 pm on Tuesday 15th September - followed by tea in the beautiful setting of Stansted House, the home, for many generations, of the family of the Earl and Countess of Bessborough, now part of the Stansted Park Foundation.

The lecture will focus on caring for the dying in the 21st Century. Can it ever be right to help the terminally ill to die ?

Tickets, inclusive of Refreshments, for the event cost £12 from enquiry@stanstedpark.co.uk or admin@theoctagonparish.org.uk

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Tel 01992 579697

A PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA – IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

6-12 October 2015. Led by Andrew Birks. Staying at the four star Santana Hotel near St Paul's Bay

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CHURCH MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

June

THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

- » Inspect all windows. Check the glazing, putty, lead came and wire ties for signs of damage.
- » Check timberwork for signs of rot including less accessible areas such as floor and roof voids, and under stairs.

THINGS TO DO:

- » Clear any dirt from condensation drainage channels and holes at the base of windows.
- » Remove any vermin from floor and roof voids.

July

THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

- » Look at timber windows, doors, fascias and bargeboards. Check for cracked and rotten wood.

THINGS TO DO:

- » Clear away any plant growth from around the base of the walls and in particular from the drainage channel.
- » Have the lightning system serviced once every five years.
- » If your building has a steeple, consider having it inspected by a steeplejack once every five years.

August

THINGS TO DO:

- » Arrange the annual inspection and service of the boiler and radiators, if not already done – to allow time for any repairs to be undertaken before the cold weather.

September

THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

- » 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.

THINGS TO DO:

- » Clear away any plant growth from around the base of the walls and in particular from the drainage channel.
- » Make sure that water tanks and exposed water and heating pipes are protected from frost. Any leaks should be repaired.
- » Make sure that any airbricks or under floor ventilators are free from obstruction and clean if necessary.



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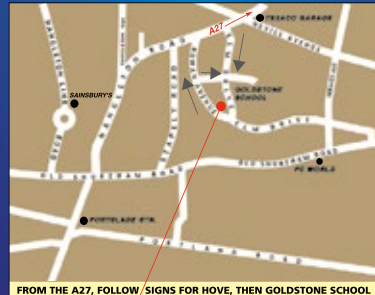


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For further information and to book group tours please contact the Verger, Mr Andrew Howat, on 01273 465949 or ahowat@lancing.org.uk

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