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MERCY NOT SACRIFICE...

Mindfulness is a quality not easily sustained in an age of fast-moving communication. We prize speed of access to information above the duration of time in which to reflect upon the data received.

But in a counter-cultural way, the two minute silence of Remembrance Day is a powerful statement about our desire to recover a sense of mindfulness. It brings the benefits of time for recollection, valuing past experience and its lessons.

In ceremonial terms this is played out at the Cenotaph when the massed ranks of troops are called to attention. That very term “attention” is a statement about the embodiment of mindfulness.

The Church’s season of Advent, following November’s early days of remembering, similarly calls us to attention as Christians.

Our commitment to the kingdom of God and the reign of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, demands similar discipline. “Be alert, keep alert” is the command of Jesus, who invites us to be mindful of the virtues on which the kingdom is built.

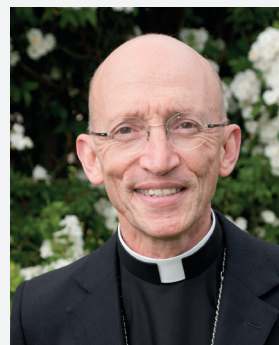
These virtues are expressions of what we believe to be true about the God of mercy. Our discipline is one of learning what “mercy not sacrifice” means, especially in our dealings with the weak, the poor and the vulnerable.

This Advent, in partnership with Bishop Richard Moth, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, I shall be marking the start of 2016 as the Year of Mercy.

May it be a time of challenge and schooling in unity and renewed attention to the world’s hurts, in which we learn more deeply how to know, love, follow Jesus.

+Martin

Bishop of Chichester



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THE VENERABLE PHILIP JONES RETIRES AS ARCHDEACON OF HASTINGS



The Venerable Philip Jones, Archdeacon of Hastings, is to retire as Archdeacon and will become Priest-in-charge of Slindon, Eartham and Madehurst. Archdeacon Jones said: "After nearly eleven years, I feel it is right to return to parish ministry and I look forward to the challenges that will bring, as well as to spending some quality time with my wife and family, especially our first grandchild."

Bishop Richard thanked Philip for his wise counsel and said he was extremely grateful that he will remain in the diocese in this next phase of his ministry. He added "I have so much to be personally thankful to him for, not just as Archdeacon but in former times as a Rural Dean and neighbouring Vicar."

HOVE FOODBANK TO FEATURE ON LOCAL RADIO

BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey will be running a piece about the Foodbank at Hangleton and West Blatchington on 16th - 19th November. It will be broadcast on the Allison Ferns show in the afternoons.

BBC presenter Allison visited the Foodbank in September and was able to interview Bishop Richard who was visiting the foodbank that day. She also interviewed some of the clients, the volunteers, representatives from Moneyadviceplus and the Library Service (who both attend the Foodbank fortnightly to offer free advice and to support the clients).

The foodbank was launched in November last year after a need was realised by members of the local churches.



Photo caption: Bishop Richard being interviewed by Allison Ferns from BBC Radio Sussex.

CHURCHLIVE BROADCASTS COFE SERVICES ACROSS THE WORLD

In a unique partnership with Twitter the Church of England is using mobile technology to live stream church services across the globe. The first church to be featured was The Point Anglican church in Burgess Hill, West Sussex. The initiative is called

Church Live and uses the Periscope app. You can find out more www.churchofengland.org

'LORD IN YOUR MERCY' ADVENT REFLECTIONS

On each day throughout Advent we will be bringing you a personal reflection from someone in the diocese. We asked you to write about what Lord in your mercy meant to you and we got a very positive response. We will publish one a day throughout Advent on the diocesan website and on Facebook and Twitter and we encourage you to like and share them, or even add your own. You can use the Twitter hashtag #lordinyourmercy

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THE 2015 REAL ADVENT CALENDAR LAUNCHES

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is hoping to donate £15,000 from sales of its 2015 Real Advent Calendar to help fund a baby clinic in Kenya and support overseas farmers through Traidcraft Exchange.

The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson said: "The 2015 Real Advent Calendar provides an opportunity for families to spend a month discovering the Christmas story, having fun and thinking about those less fortunate. I'd highly recommend it as an opportunity to go deeper into the meaning of the Christmas story together."

However, it is not just the charitable donation that makes The Real Advent Calendar unique. This year it includes a 32-page Christmas story/activity booklet illustrated by Sophie Allsopp and designed to be used every day in Advent.

The calendar also comes with 24 Fairtrade Belgian chocolates! By buying this Advent calendar children, parents and Godparents can share the Christmas story throughout December.'

How to buy

The Real Advent Calendar costs £3.99. Churches, schools and groups can buy directly from The Meaningful Chocolate Company by visiting our special website at www.realadvent.co.uk and take advantage of a free delivery offer.



CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY MARKED

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, joined the community of St Symphorian, Worthing, to celebrate 100 years since the dedication of the church on Sunday (11 October)

Special music, readings and prayers were chosen to mark this hugely significant day in the life of the parish.

Dr Warner said: "When the church was dedicated at the start of the last century, Britain was a very different place in so many ways. As well as thanking God for the past Century we will also be dedicating this weekend's celebration to ask for God's blessing on the parish as it seeks to meet new challenges and opportunities in the contemporary world in which we live."

Parish priest, Ben Eadon, said it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the life of the church. He said: "Marking one hundred years since this church was dedicated is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the life of the Church in this part of Worthing."

In particular, it's an opportunity to look forward to the future of St Symphorian's in helping people discover the joy of faith in Jesus Christ, and how we continue and develop our life of serving the people and the needs of our parish."

The church plays an active role in the local community offering a wide range of social events as well as regular services. A community café also offers valuable outreach and the chance for local people to reach together.



Bishop Martin with parish priest, Ben Eadon and Priest –in-Charge Revd Canon Fr Keith Richards

NEW RURAL DEANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner has appointed the Revd James Russell to serve as the next Rural Dean of Chichester and the Revd David Gillard as Rural Dean of Eastbourne.

A full list of Diocesan appointments and clergy moves from July can be found on the diocesan website.

PARISH RESOURCES FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27 JANUARY 2016

Parishes are being encouraged to support this commemorative event. It could be as simple as having a display in the church with booklets available for reading and prayer.

Resources for parishes and further information can be found on the website <http://hmd.org.uk>

BISHOP AND BIKERS ATTEND PATRONAL FESTIVAL

To mark its Patronal weekend in July the parish of St Thomas, Groombridge put on a Patronal Fayre and invited the bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson.

The event raised over £500 towards the new organ fund. The show attracted people not only from the village but also from further afield in Kent and Sussex.

A patronal festival is the festival of a patron saint, especially the saint to whom a church is dedicated.



Bishop Richard and Rev Sharon Francis, Parish Priest, with a couple of motorcycle riders visiting the show

BISHOPS ISSUE REFUGEE STATEMENT

In a joint ecumenical initiative the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner and the Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton Diocese, Bishop Moth, recently issued a joint statement in response to the Syrian refugee crisis.

All three diocesan Bishops have outlined further plans in responding to the needs of refugees. You can read the full text of this statement on the diocesan website: www.chichester.anglican.org or email: communications@chichester.anglican for a copy of the statement.

MISSION MERCY - WALSINGHAM CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE

The next Walsingham Children's pilgrimage takes place on 26 – 28 February 2016 and is led by Mary Nagel and Fr Mark Gilbert. Join in with young people from all over Britain – there's lots to discover and explore in Walsingham.

More information and how to book can be found on their website: www.sswshchichester.weebly.com.

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ARCHBISHOP'S ST ANSELM COMMUNITY LAUNCHED

Young Christians from around the world are invited to spend 'a year in God's time' at Lambeth Palace. The radical new initiative was launched in September by Archbishop Justin Welby. Tom Limebear from St Peter's church in Brighton was one of over 30 young people across the world invited to be part of the first St Anselm Community at Lambeth Palace for one year. Tom will be speaking on the church of England podcast and a forthcoming issue Faith in Sussex about the experience.



Tom is pictured second from the left

REFLECTIONS

SHOREHAM

AIR CRASH

The community is still reeling from the Shoreham Airshow disaster on August 22, when a vintage Hawker Hunter jet crashed into the A27 killing 11 men. We spoke to some of the Church family who responded to the tragedy, not only on the day but in the hours, days and weeks that followed.

"The impact of the Shoreham Airshow crash is huge and will be felt by many for a very, very long time."

These are the words of emergency chaplain Rev Steven Terry and they are echoed by many of his chaplain colleagues, laity and clergy, involved in the Church's response to the horror of that hot, sunny summer Saturday.

The Venerable Martin Lloyd Williams, Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, with oversight for Shoreham, has just brought the group together because he thought there was a need for an informal debrief to allow them to talk about their feelings and emotions.

He thanked everyone for their part in supporting the "troops

on the ground" in the immediate aftermath and for their continued work and support to the families of victims and the wider community of Shoreham.

The Archdeacon said: "Ministry unfolds in unexpected ways. Keeping churches open had an impact on the volunteers. They ensured books of condolence were made accessible and that candles were available for people who needed to be somewhere, to connect, to find answers, to reflect on what had happened."

St Mary de Haura, Shoreham's town centre church, was the focal point of much media attention in the days after the crash.

Vicar Ann Waizeneker told how she returned from holiday on the Monday to find herself straight

in front of a camera. She said: "How do you prepare for such an event? You just pray for God's guidance to find the right words."

She found members of the Press were respectful at all times, a sentiment repeated by all who came into contact with the media over the following weeks.

She said: "People came and lit candles. So many candles were being lit that we found more space for them and created a cross shape of candles but people just wanted to light their candles with the other lit candles - some sort of symbolic gesture."

The following Sunday, 25 first responders asked to go to her church. She said: "They did not want any fuss. They wanted to be able to come and just be there in a quiet way."



Father Jonathan Baldwin, chaplain to Gatwick Airport, was called to attend the base set up for first responders at the Brighton and Hove Albion's football training ground in Lancing. He said: "Myself and another colleague, Rev Daniel Smith, were picked up by police car and driven to the base. We were just there to listen, make tea and hand round biscuits. I spoke to someone who was first on the scene as I could see he was troubled. I just said to him, 'I am here to listen when you need'.

"What really struck me was when the police 'silver commander' arrived. His first concern was his troops. He knew who had been first on the scene by name and he was making sure they were OK, that they got the right support."

Rev Martin Morgan is Vicar of Rottingdean where the funeral for victim Maurice Abrahams took place. He said: "The police care. They also recognise the crucial role the church plays and one said to me that in situations like this, if the church was not here it would be missed.

"We live in a harsh society but this disaster showed how people care. The bridge of flowers in Shoreham was astonishing. I saw it as a reflection of people's deeper spiritual need. The bridge was very sacramental, a visible sign of an inner grace."

Other chaplains attended Worthing Hospital where they supported medical staff and relatives.

Francis Pole co-ordinates the only chaplaincy service in an NHS trust. He said: "We have 37 chaplains and it is growing. It

is such an important provision. This crash highlighted for me the growing problem and impact of cuts to the emergency services.

Rev Rachel Bennett, a hospital Chaplain on call, spoke about the man brought in who kept repeating, 'I'm ok, I'm ok,' but it transpired that he just managed to jump into bushes as the plane crashed where he'd stood and people next to him were gone

A memorial service will take place at Lancing College on 19 November when special prayers will be said for the 11 who died, their families and friends.

Archdeacon Martin said: "Much public grief and raw emotion is still coming to the surface. All churches across the Diocese of Chichester will be holding everyone affected by the crash in their prayers."



OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

THE BISHOPS CHARGE 2015

During the last week of September and the first three weeks of October, Bishop Martin has visited each of the four archdeaconries to deliver his Charge to all licensed clergy in the Diocese.

The Charge events formally marked the end of the Visitation process which Bishop Martin undertook in 2013 – 2014. The Visitation had involved all incumbents completing a detailed questionnaire (The Articles of Inquiry) which asked questions about their ministerial life and the life of their

parishes. The questionnaires were followed up with visits to all the deaneries, during which Bishop Martin had face to face meetings with 215 clergy and 30 sequestrators (where parishes were undergoing a vacancy). The questionnaires and the one to one meetings provided Bishop Martin with a snapshot of where the Diocese is, identifying its strengths and areas for further development.

The Bishop's Charge was an opportunity for Bishop Martin to reflect upon all that he saw and heard during his Visitation and

in the light of it, to sum up his findings and to outline his vision for the future of the Diocese. In particular, he used the Charge as a way of giving substance to the Diocesan Strategy (which was launched at Pentecost 2015) and in practical ways to show how the Diocesan Strategy will be implemented. While practical in terms of what needs to be done, the Charge was also deeply theological and centred on Christ. The title of the Charge was 'Our Life in Christ' because it is our life in Christ which has to be heart of all that we do and are as a Diocese.

THE CHARGE WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS:

1. THE NATURE OF CHURCH

Here Bishop Martin focused on the centrality of Christ for our life as Christians. He reflected on Christ's 'Charge' to Peter – 'Do you love me? Feed my sheep' – and how our lives must be an ever deeper response to that question of Jesus. He also showed how the Charge fed into the Diocesan Strategy and the importance for parishes to identify one aspect of their life (as it relates to the Diocesan Strategy) to which they will be committed to accomplishing well.

2. GROWTH IN HOLINESS AND IN NUMBERS

Here Bishop Martin reminded the clergy of their promise at their ordination to be 'diligent in prayer'. Prayer and the growth in personal holiness has to be at the heart of our ministries if we are to return to our roots in the mystery of Christ and attract others to Christian faith. In particular, he asked how we can make our worship more attractive and exciting so that it has the potential to become transformative. Bishop Martin designated 2018 as a 'Year of Prayer' where the Diocese will focus on spiritual formation and development.

3. RE-IMAGINING MINISTRY

Here Bishop Martin called for us

to be imaginative in the way in which we exercise ministry in a fast-moving and changing world. In particular, he encouraged the development of new patterns of lay ministry within the Diocese and looked at how already lay people are involved in ministry as primary evangelists. The launch of a new Ministerial Development Review (MDR) for licensed clergy will be an important opportunity for reflecting on their ministry and how it might be re-invigorated and renewed. However, he emphasised that if we are to reimagine ministry we need to be grounded in Christ and in his teaching which takes us back to being rooted in Scripture. To this end, he designated 2017 as a 'Year of the Bible' in which we focus on how the stories of God interact with us.

4. CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMON GOOD

Here Bishop Martin reflected on some of the major issues confronting the world at the moment – the care of the earth

and its resources; the current migrant crisis and the search for peace among us – and how Christians are called to respond. All of us are dependent upon God's mercy and grace, and in receiving mercy and grace so we called to be merciful and gracious in return. Bishop Martin designated 2016 as a 'Year of Mercy'. This year will be marked by the opening of a door in Chichester Cathedral on 6 December. The use of door is symbolic as the means by which people are let in to receive mercy and grace. But also the door is the means by which people are sent out in faith and joy and hope and to share that with others.

This is a brief summary of the Charge. At the end of October there will be available on the website 4 pdf files which can be downloaded and will cover in considerably more detail the 4 sections outlined above.

The Charge calls for exciting new developments and change and is next stage for the Diocese as it lives out the call to know, love and follow Jesus.



Left to right: Rev Paul Mundy with Rev James Hollingsworth and Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, the Ven Martin Lloyd Williams attended the Brighton Charge event at Woodingdean.

DIOCESAN STRATEGY

As Autumn comes round, Bishop Richard reflects on the prioritisation process he would like local churches to undertake

Autumn has come with a burst of 'Diocesan Strategy' activity, with yet more to come before the year is out. The Harvest Appeal was launched, the 'Season of Invitation' training sessions took place, the Readers had their Annual Conference and Bishop Martin has addressed clergy across the diocese at the four 'charge' events.

In case there is any lingering confusion about what the Bishops and Archdeacons are hoping local churches might do to participate in the Diocesan Strategy, it might be worth clarifying. We are simply inviting

parishes to choose 'one thing' that will be their priority project for 2016. It can be from any of the three strands of the strategy.

Some energetic churches may already have programmed several projects for next year, and that is terrific. But if your parish has not yet identified any priorities for 2016 then we encourage you to find at least 'one thing'. To help with this, a small team of facilitators has been assembled, and if you would like to be put in touch with somebody who might help with an awayday or any other kind of gathering, then put in your



request to John Sherlock (john.sherlock@chichester.anglican.org) and he will try and find the right person.

If you would prefer to do this 'in-house' then you may find the resources library – easily accessible at www.chichester.anglican.org/strategy – to be useful. If you need any help finding appropriate resources, or have any further suggestions to add to the library, do contact John Sherlock. Soon we'll have a flow chart to make clearer the process of audit or assessment, from which you might derive your priorities.

When your Archdeacon next visits a parish, he or she will ask about priorities for 2016. Each local church needs to have, at minimum, 'one thing' identified. The archdeacons are going to start asking in Advent.

Although clear and strategic thinking may be helpful, it will never be a substitute for prayer. Only by underpinning every plan with prayer will we have any hope of finding out what God may have in store for our part of the world.



Youth Café at St Peter's Brighton



Revds Phil Moon, Tim Peskett and Ann Waizenecker



The Revds Alison Bowman, Mark Gilbert and Archie Coates

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL WELCOMES NEW HONORARY CANONS

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, and the Dean of Chichester, Revd Stephen Waine welcomed six new Honorary Canons into Chichester Cathedral. The installations took place in the context of Evensong at two services in the past few weeks. Revds Phil Moon, Tim Peskett and Ann Waizenecker were installed on 19 September. The Revds Alison Bowman, Mark Gilbert and Archie Coates were installed on Sunday 11 October.

The Revd Phil Moon is the Vicar of Bishop Hannington, Hove.

The Revd Tim Peskett is the Incumbent at St. George's Whyke, Chichester.

The Revd Ann Waizenecker is the Vicar of the United Benefice of St Mary de Haura with the Church of the Good Shepherd, Shoreham Beach, Hove deanery. She is also Deputy Chair of the Diocesan European Ecumenical Committee and a member of Diocesan Synod.

The Revd Alison Bowman is Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Preston, Brighton and Assistant Rural Dean, Brighton. She is an Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, a member of Diocesan Synod and surrogate for marriages.

The Revd Mark Gilbert is Priest in Charge of Petworth Benefice.

The Revd Archie Coates is Vicar of St Peter's Brighton, a church plant from Holy Trinity Brompton. St Peter's has itself planted within the Diocese, St Cuthman's Whitehawk, Sussex University Campus, and Holy Trinity Hastings.

The title "Canon" is usually offered to a priest or lay person in recognition of particular service to the Diocese or wider church. With these appointments, Bishop Martin has recognised the contribution each has made to the apostolic life of the Diocese. The award is marked by a special service in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese.

A REAL CELEBRATION OF READER MINISTRY

Six new Readers were licensed into the diocesan family at Chichester Cathedral and the happy occasion was attended by family, friends and colleagues.

Warden of Readers, Fr Paul Rampton said it felt very much an occasion in which the whole diocese was involved, with the presence of Bishops Richard and Mark, the Dean and Archdeacon Fiona.

Fr Paul added: "A large number of families, friends and groups from the new Readers' parishes formed the congregation and Readers from throughout the diocese came to support their new colleagues and renew their own commitment to their ministries.

Deacon Rachel, chaplain at Worthing and Southlands Hospital, acted as Deacon at the Eucharist and the Bishop of Chichester's Senior Chaplain, Revd Stephen Ferns, guided everyone through the liturgy.

For the new Readers the service represented the culmination of three years of study at foundation degree level bringing together academic work and reflection on their practical assignments and placements.



GENERAL SYNOD ELECTION RESULTS 2015

THE FOLLOWING WERE DULY ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE
DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER ON GENERAL SYNOD

HOUSE OF CLERGY



THE REVEREND
JOHN CHITHAM



THE REVEREND CANON
MARK GILBERT



THE VENERABLE
FIONA WINDSOR



THE REVEREND CANON
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THE REVEREND CANON
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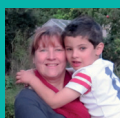
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DIANE KUTAR



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WILLIAMS



MARY NAGEL



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WWW.CHICHESTER.ANGLICAN.ORG/GENERALSYNOD

The inauguration of the next General Synod takes place on 23-25 November in London. Other dates as follows:

Dates 2016

15-19 February London 2016
8-12 July York 2016
21-23 November (Contingency) London

Dates 2017

13-17 February London 2017
7-11 July York 2017
20-22 November (Contingency) London

Dates 2018

5-9 February London 2018
6-10 July York 2018
19-21 November (Contingency) London

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Diocesan Synod - Elections to Boards, Councils and Committees

As we went to print the voting was due to take place at Diocesan Synod on 7 November. Please check the Diocesan website for the latest news. www.chichester.anglican.org



It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the newly elected General Synod members. My hope is that the debates and discussions within the General Synod will inform our Diocesan Strategy as we seek to grow numerically and spiritually, as we creatively re-imagine ministry and as we work for the Common Good. The new Synod will be inaugurated on Tuesday 24 November and its first session will include such important issues as Global Warming and the Church's response to the migrant crisis. I ask that you would hold the work of the new Synod and all its members in your prayers.

+Martin

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A FINE OCCASION

FOR THE FANTASTIC FSW

CHICHESTER Cathedral was overflowing as more than 400 people joined to celebrate 125 years of service in the diocese by Family Support Work.

The congregation was led by the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex Susan Pyper and included civic leaders from across Sussex.

The Precentor Canon Tim Schofield conducted the service and the Bidding Prayer was read by the Bishop of Horsham, Right Rev Mark Sowerby.

Prayers were read by past and present staff and trustees and the singing was supported by Lancing College Choir and afterwards there was a reception in the Bishop's Garden in glorious sunshine.

The Bishop of Chichester, Right Rev Martin Warner, preached to the congregation and his words built on his earlier address at FSW's annual meeting. He encouraged the association to go out and work for the common good across the diocese and to reach out to every family that needed support.

At the annual meeting, the Bishop reminded the FSW of the importance of its work and the great potential it has for doing good. He said FSW was seen as a key partner, able to reach out to families regardless of their faith or lack of it.

FSW's work, with great support from the Church, opens the door for a family to find Christ as the service supports them with the practical challenges of their situation.

The annual meeting was held in the Great Kitchen, part of the Bishop's Palace, and he remarked on the appropriateness of the venue. For centuries, the heart of the home has been the kitchen, a place where food, warmth and togetherness are generated, building a sense of wellbeing within the family.

This is so important for FSW, which has been running a food bank for at least 35 years, and its workers, who focus on building the abilities of a family to survive and thrive.

Bishop Martin said he recognised the need for current changes which will strengthen FSW's governance and make the

organisation more robust. In the current climate it is important that FSW has strong safeguarding and financial management to ensure its services continue.

During the annual meeting, FSW appointed two new vice-presidents. Father Paul Doick, trustee, presented Margaret French, vice-chairwoman of Hove Deanery Committee, with her title.

Margaret joined FSW as a volunteer on the adoption panel in 1960 while she was working at Chailey Heritage School in East Sussex. Since then she has been a stalwart, quietly going around Hove Deanery encouraging and cajoling individuals and churches into maintaining their support for FSW.

The other vice president was Rodney Pratt, who has stepped down as chairman of FSW after many years of committed service.



HOPE & INSPIRATION

THE STORY BEHIND THE NEW ALTAR CLOTH AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

by Paul Milton, British Dyslexia Association Ambassador for Arts

SUNDAY, JULY 12

is one of those days I will always remember. On this day I presented my latest piece of artwork – the altar cloth and lectern frontals for St Mary's Church, Balcombe.

I was approached earlier in the year to design and make the items for Pentecost.

Pentecost is the Greek name for Shavuot, "the feast of weeks", and is occasionally referred to by Christians as the "birthday of the church". It is the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and followers of Jesus Christ. It is also known as Whitsun, the seventh Sunday after Easter.

This was partly why I wanted the cloth to be perfect for St Mary's. Their faith means a lot to them and they allowed me in to witness that. I wanted the cloth to be perfect as a sign of respect.

When I was asked to do the work I felt honoured and privileged. What I did not realise was that I was to gain much more than a commission - I was to gain new

friends and the knowledge and meaning of life and what truly matters.

The altar cloth was designed and handmade by me. I did a few preliminary drawings but I had a general idea in my head of what I wanted it to look like.

My inspiration for the altar cloth and lectern frontals came from the church itself. I wanted the cloth to reflect the heritage of the church and I used images from the windows – the star constellation and a triangle with a circled stone structure in a blue and gold frame.

The bird on the front of the main altar cloth is a cross between an eagle and a dove, representing strength and peace embodied in one. The church has a brass eagle and I wanted the bird on the cloth to reflect that, along with the peaceful dove.

The original cloth was sadly destroyed but I was able to save part of it and incorporate it into the new one – a bit of old and new like the phoenix rising from the ashes.

I also took inspiration from the Knights of the Round Table, Camelot, King Arthur and the mythical sword Excalibur.

Much of my design happened by coincidence and just felt right, like a nudge in the right direction.

I believe in karma and that everything in life has a natural progression and way of levelling things out and everything happens for a reason. Sometimes in life you can't force things to happen, you have to leave it to nature and natural progression.

I hope members of St Mary's enjoy my cloth as much I enjoyed making it.



THE VOICE OF YOUTH

MORE than 300 young people from across the diocese came together for worship and teaching at May Camp 2015 #GLOW.

The annual event was held at Plumpton Racecourse over the weekend of Pentecost and was a great opportunity to take part in the diocesan strategy launch.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, was invited as part of his launch tour and he enjoyed witnessing so many young Christians sharing and celebrating their faith.

He said: "I loved seeing the event led by young Christians James and Kizzy, who were inspirational.

"Glowing was the theme and Plumpton Racecourse certainly glowed with the presence of Jesus Christ.

"And, like a sacramental sign, I got something glowing to take away with me - a very bright yellow hoodie. The deal is that I need a collection of selfies with other clergy in order to qualify for a return to May Camp next year. Clergy, you have been warned."

A new sponsorship scheme is planned for May Camp 2016.

Dan Jenkins, diocesan youth officer, said: "No other diocese is running anything of this scale across the rest of the country and plans are under way to make May Camp 2016 #THRIVE even bigger and better.

"May Camp is about discipleship, teaching, growing young people and investing in the local church. In line with our diocesan strategy, could this be the one big thing your church gets involved in next year?"

Sponsoring a young person at May Camp costs £25 and you can register online via the website www.maycamp.org. Select "sponsor a young person".

You will receive the name of the person you are sponsoring - for safeguarding reasons only the first name is given - and they will then send you a personalised postcard over the weekend about their experience, what they learned and how they met with God.

One of the leaders, Lucy from Burgess Hill, said: "My highlight was seeing some of the young people experience God for the first time and I was most surprised by how much you could do on no sleep."

Dan Jenkins is heading up a core team of 12 to pull off this great event again next year.

He said: "We are hoping to host more than 400 young people and we will be looking at what it means to live life to the full, answering questions such as 'how can we achieve our best?'

and 'how can we thrive with God?'.

"This year we're looking for people, like you, to sponsor a young person. The biggest challenge for our team is working to make the event break even. It costs more to run the event than we collect in ticket sales. Could you sponsor a young person?"

The new youth and children website is now live and you can see it youth.chichester.anglican.org. Select "May Camp" and then "media" to see promotional videos of the weekend or search may camp promo on YouTube.

If you would like to be involved next year, email dan.jenkins@chichester.anglican.org to find out about other groups near you that are attending and how you can link up.

If you are bringing a group for the first time you can get a ten per cent discount by using the promotional code 'NEWGROUP' when you book online.

Online booking can be found on the youth website under May Camp or by visiting www.maycamp.org. The early booking rate is available until January 31.





COMMENTS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE AFTER THE LATEST WEEKEND INCLUDED:

- » The thing that surprised me about the weekend was how good the worship was
- » We learnt that God loves us and he can do anything
- » Everyone so happy and enjoying themselves
- » God wants us to shine and to spread his word
- » Being a Christian is all the time, not just at church
- » I was overwhelmed with joy on the Sunday! Best weekend ever!
- » The weekend was delicious, interesting and awesome
- » Can we come back next year?

STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS BY NEVILLE MANNING

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH

Keep Silence

One of the many values of hymns, particularly some of the older ones, is that they connect us with our shared Christian heritage across the centuries.

This feature is certainly true of the hymn we think about in this issue, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence".

Its origin lies in The Liturgy of St James, one of various ancient liturgies in the Greek Orthodox Church, in this case from the 4th century Syrian Church, and in which it would have been used at the Offertory.

John Mason Neale, one time priest in our diocese, and Dr Richard Littledale, a distinguished liturgical scholar, translated this liturgy into English.

Then Gerald Moultrie, translator and writer of several hymns who was once chaplain of Shrewsbury College, worded part of it into the hymn "Let all mortal flesh keep silence".

It was set to the tune Picardy, a French folk melody harmonised as a hymn tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Dr Percy Dearmer reworded part of the hymn for his publication Songs of Praise but the version

most of us sing is the earlier one.

The original liturgical words used in the hymn may have been prompted by the prophet Habakkuk: "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!"

"KING OF KINGS,
YET BORN OF
MARY, AS OF OLD
ON EARTH HE
STOOD".

In the opening verse there is a sense of profound awe in the presence of the living Lord: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand."

It reminds us of the awesomeness which Moses experienced at the burning bush, the holy majesty of God that Isaiah glimpsed in the temple and the sense that the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews has when he says: "We offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12 v28/29).

That same awesome sense is there also in the final verse as

cherubim "veil their faces to the Presence".

In days when worship in some of our churches is rather more laid back and relaxed than it was for some of us in the past, we may need to make sure the awesomeness and majesty of worship is never lost.

The late Archbishop Michael Ramsey used to warn against people tripping to the altar a little too casually.

The second verse dwells on the mystery and wonder of the Incarnation (God coming among us in a human life, that of Jesus Christ, a life on which we feed as we share the gifts of bread and wine at the Eucharist): "King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood".

The third verse changes to the biblical theme of light piercing into the darkness and dispersing it, reminiscent of St John's words about the light shining in the darkness and the darkness not overcoming it: "As the Light of light descendeth ...as the darkness clears away."

If we are led to worship with that renewed sense of the awesome love of God then the ancient liturgy on which this hymn is based will be serving its purpose.

DIOCESAN MISSION FUND NEWS

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

The Mission Fund has supported many excellent initiatives over the years and is chaired by the Archdeacon of Horsham, the Venerable Fiona Windsor. The committee met recently and confirmed grants had been allocated to:

- » St Cuthmans , Whitehawk for a Children's & Youth Worker
- » St Andrews, Crawley for a Youth Director
- » All Saints, Danehill for a Youth Worker
- » Lewes Prison- To fund a course to try to break the cycle of re-offending and make prisoners aware of the effects of crime on their victims

We will bring you updates on these projects in the near future but in the meantime we hear from two churches St Lukes's Prestonville and St Georges, Kemp town who have both been awarded funds for a children/youth worker for 3 years.

ST LUKE'S, PRESTONVILLE

The new youth worker, Emily Cartmell was appointed to St Luke's in July and one of the first things Emily was able to do was run a Holiday Club during the summer for children aged 5-10.

Other initiatives include a new website created specifically for young people: www.stlukesyouthandchildren.com.

St Luke's now runs regular groups during the week, including Oasis parents and toddler group and Sunday Morning classes.

For years 6,7 & 8 a Friday Games Night was introduced and continues to attract a large number

of young people from the local area. A new initiative has now been introduced for Friday's for 11-14's to ask BIG questions over Hot Chocolate and to engage with Christianity in a relevant way.

ST GEORGES, KEMP TOWN

Only a few months ago, Debbie was appointed as the new children's and families worker at St Georges, Kemp Town. Firstly she has set off to build on the existing groups already in the church family such as toddler group, messy church, brownies and holiday club.

She is also hoping to create a stronger link with local schools and nurseries to develop relationships through visits, assemblies and school services.

There are many hopes to make St Georges a place where families will want to come and be part of through the children's space, all age services, young followers etc.

The aim over the next 3 years is to develop, integrate and link all the areas of Mission so that St Georges truly becomes a family church where all are welcomed and feel at home.

Application forms and other information relating to the Mission Fund grants process can be found on the diocesan Website: www.chichester.anglican.org/mission-fund-grants

FOOD SECURITY UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF BO

The food security problems in the Bo Diocese stem from the quarantine restrictions during the worst of the Ebola epidemic through the winter and spring of 2014/5 when the population of mostly subsistence farmers were unable to harvest their crop

This led to food shortages and big price increases in basic commodities. Worse still with the abandoned harvest came the loss of the seed to plant the next crop leading to fallow fields and greater hardship in what is a mainly rural society.

In April 2015, the Diocesan Overseas Council (DOC) made a grant of £7,000 to the Bo diocesan Mother's Union to purchase and distribute seed and agricultural equipment and in their August monitoring report the Mothers' Union (MU) Representative, Katumu Lamin, has shown the work of the MU pictorially with the local farming community to help them with their replanting of mainly rapid growing crops such as ground nuts, beans and other vegetables and maize, some of which is already being harvested. They visited four districts (Pujehun/Kenema, Moyamba, Kailahun and Bo and the 20 towns and villages in which they had previously handed out farming materials and the results were encouraging.

Musu Jabaty (pictured) is a typical example of the people they met. She lost seven members of her family to Ebola (her eldest son, her husband and five grandchildren in Baiima town). 'She was devastated and lonely, and realized the church was

her only hope and the MU members embraced her. They are working together, counselling her and now she really feel now she belongs.' The MU do not simply offer material aid. Practical help and counselling go hand in hand with their visits.

The Mothers Union listed a number of urgent challenges in their report. They are encountering a much greater demand for their help from communities as yet unreached, but do not have the resources to meet that demand. They receive many requests for storage spaces and drying floors although the latter demand will reduce for this year as the rainy season comes to an end. They have no independent transport which would allow them the freedom to visit communities as the demand arose. The monitoring activity alone cost the MU £450 of the £7,000 grant.

The Mothers Union were chosen to be the recipients of the DOC grant because of their proven record of distributing food aid and pastoral care to rural communities during the worst of the Ebola crisis. They have the network to take on the job, they know the people, and above all they really care about them. They urgently need further support and they deserve it.

THE DIOCESAN HARVEST APPEAL FOR 2015/16

Would your school or parish like a visit from a West African Bishop?

The Rt. Revd. Jacques Boston, Bishop of Guinea; and the Rt. Revd. Emmanuel Tucker, Bishop of Bo (Sierra Leone) are coming to the UK in February 2016. They will be attending the bishops' course at Canterbury cathedral and then will stay on for two weeks in order to visit the Diocese of Chichester.

Fr Ian Hutchinson-Cervantes is co-ordinating the visit and wants to make the most of

their time here. He said "At present we hope they will be with us for the two weeks from the 8th of February 2016.

In order that people can meet the Bishops and learn more about their dioceses and life and mission in their context we need to plan a suitable programme. It would be helpful to hear from parishes and schools across the diocese who wish to make the most of this opportunity.

If you, your parish or school would like to help us support the work of the Bo diocesan Mothers' Union, please, donate via our Diocesan Harvest Appeal.

Details of how to do so can be found on our website:
www.chichester.anglican.org



The children of St Wilfrid's CE Primary School in Haywards Heath welcomed bishop Dibo from Cameroon in 2014



Musu Jabaty lost seven members of her family to Ebola.

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Pilgrimage To Paris

AROUND 30 PILGRIMS WILL BE TAKING PART IN
PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS PASSING THROUGH THE
DIOCESE ON THEIR WAY TO NEWHAVEN TO
CATCH THE FERRY TO FRANCE.

The group leave London on Friday 13 November, visiting various places of interest and meeting local communities on the way to Brighton and Newhaven on the south coast. After catching the ferry from Newhaven to Dieppe, they will continue from there to Paris along the beautiful Avenue Verte

In Paris they will join with pilgrims from across Europe, attend a hand-in of campaign petitions to Cristiana Figueres

(Executive Secretary of UNFCCC) and an interfaith gathering on Saturday 28 November and participate in a mass mobilisation in Paris on Sunday 29 November.

Pilgrimage2Paris is an act of solidarity with those most affected by climate change, the poorest and most vulnerable communities around the world.

Your church can support the pilgrims as they pass through.

The group will hit Sussex travelling through Crawley, Burgess Hill, Brighton and Newhaven before jumping on a ferry to Dieppe, and it would be great to see people from our local churches and the wider community including church schools line the route at times and support those walking.

You can find out more on the Pilgrimage2Paris website <http://pilgrimage2paris.org>.



uk including the online article 'Walking for the stranger' by Ruth Valerio, Churches & Theology Director for A Rocha UK.

Three of our Churches are already supporting the pilgrims by offering overnight hospitality. St John's Burgess Hill is one of those churches.

Priest Fr Kevin O'Brien said: "We are delighted to host the Pilgrimage2Paris. There is

so much of their journey that resonates with our concerns and prayers, especially the duty to care for a created world that we must hand on to countless generations yet to come. Christians are at times obliged to speak unpalatable truths to power, to do so within the humble and profound context of a pilgrimage feels particularly apt."

Other churches offering overnight hospitality are:

St Barnabas (Pound Hill - near Crawley), Brighthelm URC (Brighton) and St Michael's (Newhaven)

Members of Diocesan senior staff will be meeting the pilgrims at Newhaven on 17 November.





MORE FAMILIES TO ENJOY A BREAK 'AWAY FROM IT ALL.'

The Chichester branch of the Mothers' Union will be able to help more disadvantaged children enjoy a family break thanks to money raised by children in our church schools across the county.

The annual Diocesan primary school Leavers Celebrations held across the diocese in June and July raised a magnificent £5,000 from the offertory collection from the schools

attending which was presented to the Mothers Union project 'Away from it all'.

Two of the schools held events to raise the money for the collection. Pupils in year six at St John the Baptist, Findon, hold a different fund raising event each year. This year they held a coffee morning and All Saints, Horsham raised £275.00 from a collection at the end of their end of year production of Robin Hood.

The Mothers Union are very grateful for the very generous donations which help so many disadvantaged families across Sussex enjoy a family break at its luxury caravan in Winchelsea.

In the picture: Orla Light aged 11 and George Martin aged 10 from St John the Baptist school, Findon met with members of Mothers' Union to present them with the money.



At the last Mothers' Union Diocesan Council Meeting for this triennial which took place on Saturday, 17th October a farewell was said to the outgoing President, Chris Emson who retired after five faithful years of service. Kathryn Anderson, formerly Action and Outreach Co-ordinator for the Chichester branch of the Mothers' Union took up the post. Katherine will be talking to Faith in Sussex in the New Year about the expectations and challenges of her new role.



Among them will be Emma Ham-Riche, currently Branch Leader at the branch of St Nicolas & St Mary, Shoreham-by-Sea and Chair of Brighton District Mothers' Union.

Emma will co-ordinate the Fundraising and Communications Unit in the Diocese, as well as serving on the central Fundraising and Communications Committee, based at Mary Sumner House in London. Emma says, "Mothers' Union is currently reviewing 'what membership is', aimed at producing a more enticing prospect for potential members as well as an improved experience for existing members, so I'm looking forward to raising the profile of Mothers' Union within the Diocese to encourage new members to join."

Mothers' Union in Chichester Diocese is on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/chichestermu>) and Twitter (@MUCHichester). More information about Mothers' Union in the Diocese can be found on the website: <http://www.chichestermu.org>

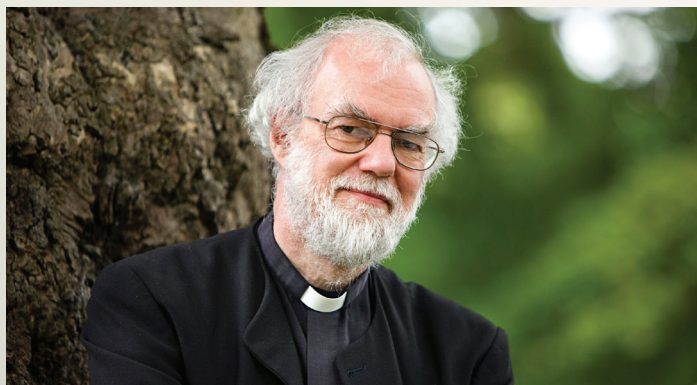
Emma is pictured with Lynne Tembey, Mothers' Union Worldwide President, during her visit to Chichester Diocese in September 2014.

The MU, a worldwide Christian organisation with four million members in more than 80 countries, aims to share Christ's love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

2016 marks the beginning of a new triennial for the Mothers' Union and a new team of trustees will start working together in Chichester Diocese, under the guidance of a new Diocesan President, Kathryn Anderson.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

SOIL AND SOUL IN SUSSEX



Rowan Williams came to Sussex in the wake of the publication of the encyclical from Pope Francis, 'Laudato Si' which is subtitled 'Care of our common home' and is addressed to 'every person living on this planet.' In it Pope Francis calls us to an ecological conversion, to care for our world and to praise God for the gifts of creation. He also highlights the greatest threats facing us today: climate change, growing global inequality and the destruction of nature and this is also important because of its timing – addressing Congress in the US in advance of the meeting in December in Paris when international leaders will meet to secure a global climate deal.

Whilst the Pope, arriving in the US, the academic, theologian and former Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt Revd Rowan Williams, came to Firle on the South Downs to share his views on Christianity and the Environment last month.

Rowan has spoken out in the past about his fears regarding climate change and has blamed

our western lifestyle for 'pushing the environment towards crisis'. At this talk he drew on the Book of Leviticus and the year of Jubilee to contrast with how we have come to think of the creation as belonging to us. He also spoke of 'wakefulness' – being awake to both situations around us and awake to ourselves, knowing ourselves better. The latter recognising that we need to take actions not because we are forced to or that we expect an outcome, but that they are good things to do in themselves.

The talk was surrounded by excellent musical accompaniment from singers including the choir from Firle and singers from the British Pilgrimage Trust. Rowan took questions at the end and we were treated to some very erudite questioning and thoughtful responses that added significantly to the evening.

Many thanks to The Revd Peter Owen-Jones and the parish of Firle for organising and hosting the event.

CHURCHYARD AND BURIAL GROUND EDUCATION PACK

A new Churchyard and Burial Ground Education pack has been produced with funding from The Heritage Lottery. The pack contains a wealth of activities such as photographs, worksheets, templates and writing frames links to English and Welsh national curricular.

The activities and learning ideas help teachers and youth club leaders including Sunday Schools and Scouting or Guiding groups to use these fascinating places and are based around five themes:

- » Precious Places
- » What's the Story
- » Marvellous Monuments
- » Wonderful Wildlife
- » Art and Architecture

If you want to know more and to involve your parish school or children's activity visit their website www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk and click on Resources and Publications to download.

TURNING POLICY INTO ACTION - ONE WAY TO WORK OUT YOUR STRATEGY.

Words on paper (or on PowerPoint) are fine but they only make a difference when they are put into action. In November 2014 Diocesan Synod committed the Diocese to an environmental policy and now we can see some of the fruits of that in transforming those words into practical outworking with parishes.

At the end of September we held a training day for some of those parishes interested in making the environment part of their mission as a Church. The training was based around the tried and tested environmental toolkit for churches of Eco-Congregation (<http://ew.ecocongregation.org/>) and the new programme which is to be launched in January 2016, Eco Church. We were led during the day by Dr Ruth Valerio, Churches and Theology Director for A Rocha UK (www.arocha.org.uk), who

has been working with Eco-Congregation and is the developer of Eco Church.

To support the parishes represented on the day we had Rev. Steve Daughtery and Fr Paul Seaman with members of their teams from Trinity Churches Lewes and St Mary's East Grinstead. Both churches have gone for and won Eco-Congregation awards. They shared some of the good things and the challenges they faced in winning the awards – and also why they did it. For both it was not a question of doing this or doing something else for the mission of the church: it was that care for the creation needed to be an intrinsic part of everything else they did, worship, hospitality, outreach...

The session ended with a talk from Dr David Greenfield on the exciting developments by the

Diocese in looking at the way we source and purchase our energy (for more information see the Diocesan website and search for 'energy' to look up the 2013-14 energy audit). Finally John Sherlock, Strategy and Resources Advisor for the Diocese, rounded off the talk setting this within the wider Diocesan Strategy. The opportunity from the session was to go away and pick up the strand of the Common Good, which every parish is tasked to do one thing to support as part of the Strategy.

Could making care for the whole creation an integral part of your church's mission be your one thing? If you are interested sign up to know more about the new Eco Church scheme coming in the New Year, see ecochurch.arocha.org.uk.





Always a Pilgrim

Mike Abbott is a reader and churchwarden at St Mary Magdalene and St Denys, Midhurst and is also involved with governance of the church at a local level as lay chairman of Midhurst Deanery Synod. Here he tells us about his experiences walking the medieval pilgrimage route of Camino Santiago.

On a dark morning in September last year, I began walking out of St Jean Pied de Port on the French side of the Pyrenees over the top of the mountains, following the route taken by Napoleon's invading army, and down to Roncesvalles on the Spanish side.

I then continued walking the medieval pilgrimage route of the Camino Santiago, carrying my rucksack every step of the 500 miles.

The journey took me to Pamplona, where Ignatius of Loyola was wounded defending the city, to Logrono, capital of the admirable Rioja wine-making country, and to Burgos where I attended a wonderful performance of Monteverdi's Vespers in the cathedral. Then

it was on to Leon and finally to Santiago de Compostella. The journey took me 30 days of walking, plus three rest days.

In the Middle Ages, the journey to Santiago was one of four great pilgrimages alongside Canterbury, Rome and Jerusalem. To be a pilgrim was to be a peregrinatio, a foreigner, and one who was vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. This partly explains the growth of the Knights Templar, founded in 1129 to defend those journeying to Jerusalem and Santiago in particular.

The Camino is steeped in history, beginning with the story of how the body of St James came to be found, leading to the building of the cathedral and the city named after him.

After Spain was first invaded by the Moors in 711, the name of St James "Matamoros" (literally "Moor slayer") was invoked as an inspiration for the Reconquista of Spain. The Moors were not finally driven out of Spain until 1491.

My journey took me along the longest Roman road in Spain. I walked in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi, who made the same journey in 1213, and stayed at one of the pilgrim hostels – refugios - where he stayed.

I visited the largest Knights Templar church in Spain and attended Mass in French, Spanish and Basque. I said Vespers with Benedictine and Carmelite nuns and chanted with Benedictine monks in a tiny mountaintop church where I was privileged to read the Gospel there too.

It was an intense experience, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

What did I learn? That ordinary people are innately good and generous – the hospitality to walkers was wonderful, from the daily greeting of “buen Camino” to offerings of food and wine from the locals

There were also courageous personal stories.

For example Susan, an American woman in her forties who I met in Burgos. She was walking because she had survived breast cancer - but her mother and two of her five sisters had not. Her father was in a wheelchair and she was the rock upon whom the rest of the family depended. She was walking for herself to have quiet and to recharge.

Then there were the Israeli women who marvelled at being able to keep walking for miles without coming to an impassable boundary or wall. They loved the countryside, the quiet, the absence of rockets.

And there was the English woman who had emigrated to Australia and married a Sikh, thereby encountering opposition from both his family and hers. She gave a kidney for her sick son and then survived pancreatic cancer herself.

I was fortunate to meet such lovely people.

But equally there were men and women who were suffering pain from broken relationships of one sort or another and walking to find themselves. There was a Colombian woman in her thirties who found out her fiancé was having an affair just before they were due to marry. She was walking with her mother for support.

There was a Danish guy who was divorced and feared becoming an alcoholic so on the advice of friends he went on pilgrimage instead.

Then early one cold, dark morning towards the end of the journey, high up in the mountains, I came to La Cruz de Ferro – the cross of iron – a famous pilgrimage site where, over the years, hundreds of thousands of stones are deposited on which people have written messages. They say sorry, seek forgiveness and, the one I remember, “left home looking for love, for there is none here”. A sad reminder that Christ of the Cross shares the pain of our suffering.

The journey felt like being in a boundary-free world of people of almost every nation – for example a Canadian woman travelling with her Columbian partner and studying for a Masters in Holland and lots of Christians from South Korea.

Everyone walking had the same objective and was supportive of each other. All that mattered were the basic needs of coping with the weather, finding food and drink and a dormitory bed for the night.

It felt like walking in a wonderful bubble, untroubled by what was happening elsewhere in the world and with time going slowly.

It was an atmosphere like that after Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve when you think that the world just might become a better place.

Finally I learnt to talk to God in prayer, to have a conversation with Him in the quiet, peace and darkness of the early morning. Every day I felt I was talking and walking in the presence of God.

Only once did I feel downcast and alone. It was on the first Sunday at 6.30am in the dark and the rain and I just thought “why I am I doing this?”. A voice in my head said

“you’re being very self-indulgent and squandering the family money”.

I missed my wife and family and my church, deeply. Then I heard in the darkness the sound of church bells striking the hour of seven o’clock, calling the faithful to prayer and I knew I was not alone.

So the experience of pilgrimage strengthened and deepened my faith, for a pilgrimage is both a physical journey to a destination – Santiago de Compostella – but also an inner journey.

It also affirmed my belief in the innate goodness of ordinary people, for we are called to be Christ like (See 2 Peter 1.3-4) and when we stumble and fall, the mercy, compassion and love of Christ sustains us.

As the Benedictines say: “Always we begin again.” For the journey of faith is a continuous one – we are always pilgrims on the way.

OLD CHARITY *New Chapter*

Julian Hadow is the director of Brighton and Hove City Mission which was established in 1849. Julian was appointed to the post last year when Tony Smith, who held the post for 18 years, stood down.



Julian Hadow worked for the London City Mission and overhauled the ministry and building of Bethel Christian Centre in Dagenham over a period of 10 years. Part of the work in London included flattening and rebuilding The Hub youth club making it twice the size to minister to 180 teenagers aged between 12 – 25. Julian then moved down to Sussex to work as the manager of Antifreeze (a homeless charity in Brighton) for the next 5 years where he again re-branded and rebuilt the homeless centre as it stands today.

Julian's passion is to see quality evangelism done to build God's Kingdom, taking old charities with a good heart and making them excellent.

City Mission has consistently been motivated by the very real needs of the city. In response to this the City Mission started the first three ragged schools in Brighton, well before free education was available for everyone.

It went on to start Brighton's free (now council run)

library, and helped rebuild large areas of the Brighton sewage system. The aim of the City Mission has always been to share the gospel with the people of the city, whilst simultaneously finding solutions to the most apparent, current social issues.

In more recent years these ministries have been to reach the most needy and vulnerable in their homes, providing food parcels door to door, collecting and distributing Christmas presents in conjunction with social services, and starting a handful of significant youth clubs dotted across the city.

Looking back, the City Mission has reached significant junctions in its history. As many charities do every 30 or 40 years, it has reached a poignant point where a new start, a refocus on core values and aims, a fresh lick of paint, and new chapter has been needed.

The City Mission is at that point looking back on 166 years of history and wisdom in reaching the city of Brighton and Hove with the love of Christ, and are now focusing on the future.

Julian told us about his vision for the City Mission: "I have been meeting and working with Tony since 2010 on ideas and the future of the City Mission, and its been a long and exciting journey to reach this point 4 years later where he has retired and I can take up the reigns of leadership.

In 2013 I went to see a wise older couple at Momentum in their caravan, we had a time of prayer and they shared a vision they had for me. They saw an old large fishing boat in the harbour; it had the workers, but the leadership were not ready

to let me on-board yet. It was covered in barnacles and needed to be made seaworthy again. In the vision they saw me not as the fisherman, but as the captain of the ship, enabling the team of fisherman to do up the boat and make it once again glide through the waters.

That is my vision that is my passion. I love the vast history of the City Mission, and my role is to make it a ship worthy of fishing in the 21st Century."

The new strapline focuses once again on serving the city, church and Christ and the City Mission currently has 4 teams doing that:

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The Schools Team reaches over 4000 primary aged children each year though faith based assemblies and prayer spaces in over 25 locations across the City. Brighton Food Bank has existed for 15 years, helping individuals and families in times of crisis with food parcels, home start-up packs and fuel aid.

The Rest Homes team visit 20 rest homes across Brighton and Hove to provide Christian services for residents.

The Life Stream team care for women in Brighton and Hove who need support in everyday life issues.

Each of these four teams, whilst maintaining their ministry focus, is taking on a new direction to ensure we are building the Kingdom of God with local churches.

The School team is expanding to set up a training and resource centre in Brighton for Christians in education. They plan to offer training for churches and church workers where appropriate.

The Food Bank are facilitating a faith-based forum for Christian food banks in the area as well as including a wider group for Christians working within social deprivation.

The Rest Homes team is adding a focus and is offering one-to-one pastoral visits to rest homes with local church members.

Life Stream is also reaching out to local churches already specialising in ministry to women to ensure we are working together and we can gradually, where appropriate, then feed our contacts into these churches.

Julian says: "We are so thankful to have many Church of England partners in and around Sussex and that we can serve Christ together."

Julian added: "To ensure this new chapter, serving city, church and Christ, gets off the ground it was vital to address our publicity and branding. We are currently rebranding BHCM launching our new main logo alongside 4 departmental logos. Our publicity and image is aimed to be giving a respectful nod to the past, whilst being current riding the retro feel typography wave coming out of Brighton."

REFRESHING CHANGES AT FLETCHING CHURCH



Rev Canon Lucy Murdoch with Bishop Martin

A huge effort went into raising £170,000 for new facilities and improvements to St Andrew and St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Fletching.



'Project Refresh' oversaw the building of an extension and other changes to create much needed space for all the church community at St Andrew and St Mary the Virgin Parish church, Fletching. The new extension on the North side of the church was clad in sandstone from the quarry at West Hoathly. Among other internal reordering's, five rows of pews on either side of the font were removed; a mini kitchen is now installed in the North-West corner, and a space has been created for social gatherings and children's activities.

Project Director, Churchwarden Peter Wigan, began planning in earnest in October 2012, and building work began in October 201 after gaining the approval of no fewer than 11 different bodies.

Appeal Director, Andrew Wright, began fund raising in 2014 with events including concerts, a garden party, the village fete, sponsored bike rides and mountaineering expeditions.

A charity golf match was hosted by Piltdown Golf Club. Money also came from grants and sponsorships. 'We were overwhelmed by how quickly we were able to raise this very substantial sum' commented Andrew. 'The project became possible only through the generosity of so many parishioners, and the 'Friends of Fletching Church.'

'Project Refresh marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our church' said Priest-in-Charge Rev Canon Lucy Murdoch. 'These facilities already make it possible to welcome more people, whether for meetings or for social events'.

The new facilities were dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester, the Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner, when he led a special service in the Church.



St John's Hollington – a significant step forward

Generous legacies have fully funded renovations to a church that celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2018.

St John's Hollington has started major renovation work, the most significant in 100 years, which will see a smart new surface to the pathways, outside lighting and a glass door. When this stage is completed attention will be given to providing and funding new toilets, a kitchen and further ahead a new hall and church office.

Vicar, Luke Dean said: "The church has been a tremendous asset for generations and we want to continue to use it as effectively as possible, in line with the diocesan strategy, to encourage others to follow Jesus.

On the inside a warm welcome has always been offered. These works will make the outside of the building appear equally inviting."

"This shows great vision from the PCC and demonstrates that significant and sustainable change can take place with the support and advice from the DAC. " Anna-marie Pagano, DAC and Mission & Pastoral Secretary

Roof Fund grants news

The launch of the second round of roof fund grants has been delayed, and will not open in November. Parishes will be informed when the revised date is available and information about the revised guidance as soon as it is available. When the fund is opened the length of time for parishes to apply will be kept the same, moving the closing date beyond February. The latest news will be published on the Listed Places of Worship website www.lpowroof.org.uk



CHURCH MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

As a churchwarden you will be undertaking maintenance checks of your building. Some of the works should only be carried out by a qualified person and this check list below should help you to identify what might need attention

January

THINGS TO DO:

- » Smoke alarms should be regularly tested and cleaned. Remember to replace the batteries too.
- » Parapets and valley gutters need to be cleared of snow to prevent melt water raising above them and causing damp internally. Extra caution is needed in icy conditions.

February

THINGS TO DO:

- » Make sure that the tower, roofs and windows are bird-proof before nesting starts. Do not disturb bats.
- » Check the condition of any ladders in the tower and ask the tower captain to ensure the bells and bellframe are in good order.

March

THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

- » Check that eaves, gutters and downpipes have not been damaged by frost. Look for cracks and leaks in guttering, gully traps etc and note damaged sections.

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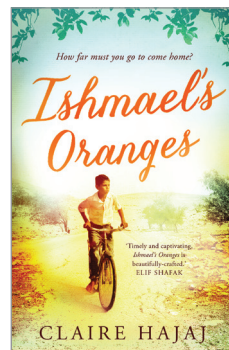
A Short Guide to Surviving 'The Discernment Process'

JULES MIDDLETON

Jules Middleton is a member of The Point Church in Burgess Hill, an Anglican Fresh Expressions church. She became an ordinand training for ministry in the Church of England in 2013. She wrote the guide because she discovered that many people she spoke to who had gone through the process said they, like her, 'had not much of a clue about what was about to happen to them'. She wanted to share her experiences hoping to help others be better prepared.

Lu Gale, Diocesan Director of Ordinands believes the guide is a really useful tool. She said: "Jules has produced a very effective guide, light in tone, using no-nonsense language, which charts the discernment process using her own experiences and others. Often funny, often serious but all of it relevant. She's to be commended for her contribution to what she has brought to the discernment process. The guide is a practical resource to help others and anyone going through the discernment process should be encouraged to read it.

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ISHMAEL'S ORANGES

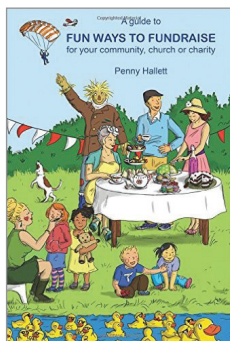
CLAIRE HAJAJ

'How far must you go to come home?' is the haunting strap line on the cover of *Ishmael's Oranges* where home is Israel-Palestine or rather whichever home you claim in either tribe. Salim and Jude meet and marry in 1960s Britain. Salim recalls his childhood family displacement from his Jaffa home and orange grove in the 1948 war, or Israeli settlement. Jude's Jewish faith is heavily qualified. As they fall in love we read 'none of that (ethnic allegiance) matters anymore'. It soon does matter since Salim has a built in allegiance and dynamic for retrieving the home he lost. Once they have a family a battle starts in which the history of Palestine's partition impacts their union. I found in this captivating book an invitation to enter more profoundly the prayer that is so vital for the peace of the world.

Canon John Twisleton, Rector of St Giles, Horsted Keynes 6th August 2015

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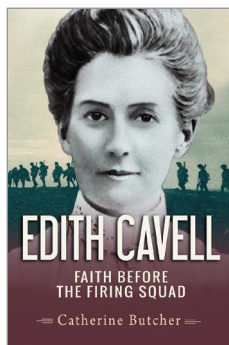
BOOKS AND REVIEWS



A GUIDE TO FUN WAYS TO FUNDRAISE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, CHURCH OR CHARITY

'Every church office and community fundraiser needs a copy of this book! 'Fun ways to fundraise' by Penny doesn't just contain a wealth of sparkling ideas to raise money, it also provides essential advice on how to do it safely and legally. The book contains 200+ ideas for fundraising events and activities as well as guidance for fundraisers on setting objectives, finding sponsorship, getting publicity and the various consents, permits, licences, etc that organisers will need in order to keep everything safe and legal.

The book is available through Amazon, price £7.99 or Kindle (£3.97).



EDITH CAVELL - FAITH BEFORE THE FIRING SQUAD

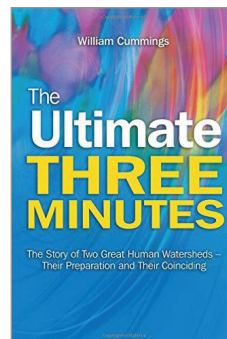
CATHERINE BUTCHER

Born in a Norfolk vicarage, Edith was not especially fond of her father's long and dull sermons. Even so it was her faith which inspired Edith's spectacular loving service as a nurse. The depth of her faith was revealed in her final weeks as she awaited execution. Those who met her were impressed by her calm, even confident, approach to her destiny. Her treasured companion during that time was "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis. It would not have been customary reading in most Norfolk vicarages at the time but the way Edith marked her copy suggests she knew its content well.

Catherine Butcher shows how Edith's faith was woven into the tapestry of her life and how she cannot be understood without it.

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CATHEDRAL NEWS

CATHEDRAL EVENTS

Showing of the film: 'Gospel of John'

Saturday 14th November: 7.00pm
In the Cathedral Nave

Made on location in Morocco, this new film uses the Gospel of John as its script, word for word. Beautifully shot and performed, it draws on the latest scholarship on life in first century Palestine. Tickets £7.00 (including a copy of the Gospel) available on: 01243 813595 or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk



Lunch Concerts at Chichester Cathedral - Autumn 2015

Tuesdays until 17th November: 1.10pm – 2pm
PA admission is free. Bring your sandwiches and come along and enjoy the concert. Coffee provided. All are very welcome.

Gospel Day 2015: 'Journeying with John'

Saturday 21st November: 1.30pm – 5.00pm

An afternoon at Chichester Cathedral to explore and celebrate St John's Gospel through word, prayer and art. Bishop Martin will be amongst the speakers this year. Session titles at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk and to avoid disappointment sessions should be booked in advance. Tickets are available in person or by post from the Box Office in the Cathedral Shop. For further details please call 01243 813595

Textile Encounters: Introduction to Working in Three Dimensions

Saturday 28th November: 10.00am – 4.00pm in Vicars' Hall, Chichester Cathedral

Build simple maquettes to develop ideas for creating three dimensional, structured textiles. A creative and practical day long workshop led by LouLou Morris, a tapestry weaver and textile artist. £35 per person.

Tickets available from Chichester Tickets 01243 813595 or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Fellowship talk

Monday 7th December: 2.30pm

In the year that marks the 70th anniversary of VE Day, Rev David Nason will look back at “songs that won the war”. The Fellowship meets monthly (not in July and August) to hear a talk followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome and a donation of £1 is suggested.

Christmas Tea and Entertainment

in Vicars' Hall, Chichester Cathedral

The Fellowship meets monthly (not July and August) to hear a talk, followed by refreshments. Anyone is welcome. A donation of £1 is suggested. For more information please contact the Cathedral office on 01243 782595 or reception@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Special Services for Advent & Christmas

Saturday 28th November – Advent

5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)

6.00pm Advent Procession

Saturday 5th December

7.30pm BBC Radio Sussex Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

6.00pm Cathedral Carol Service 1

Monday 21st December

6.00pm Cathedral Carol Service 2

Tuesday 22nd December

3.00pm Cathedral Carol Service 3

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service

5.30pm Evensong

11.00pm Midnight Eucharist

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Mattins

11.00am Sung Eucharist

BBC'S 'ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY' SPENDS THE AFTERNOON FILMING AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

BBC's *Escape to the Country* spent an afternoon filming in Chichester Cathedral at the end of September for an episode of the popular TV show. The camera crew, who are travelling with a family looking to relocate to the Chichester area, visited the Cathedral and filmed from areas including the base of the spire and the Cathedral Bell Tower.

Nicky Chapman, the presenter, interviewed the Dean, the Very Reverend Stephen Waine, and asked him about the history of the Cathedral and the role it has traditionally played in people's lives throughout the ages.

She also asked him how that role has changed over the years. Nicky then braved a hundred plus spiral steps up the Cathedral's Bell Tower to meet the Cathedral's Bell Ringers.

The film crew were also keen to feature some of the artworks which the Cathedral is famous for. The episode is due to be broadcast towards the beginning of 2016.



REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON OF **REMEMBRANCE**



JOHN SHERLOCK,
IS THE DIOCESE'S
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RESOURCES ADVISER

THE 'SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE' HAS COME ROUND AGAIN.

At this time of year Christians can offer a hopeful perspective on the 'taboo' topic of death. It's an appropriate season to think about legacies as a means of giving.

Legacies – Gifts in Wills – are an important part of Christian Giving, and leaving a gift to a church is a way to thank God for all the blessings received in a lifetime. This year, the website www.churchlegacy.org.uk has been completely refurbished, and it's a wonderful starting point for anybody needing information about this important area.

Churches in our diocese receive (collectively) several million pounds each year through this mode of giving, and many local churches will testify that significant capital projects were enabled when news of a legacy was received.

www.chichester.anglican.org/legacies has more information and useful links.

Meanwhile, the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) goes from strength to strength. Thirteen dioceses are now involved, in this highly professional operation. The PGS is now established as a separate charity, and will in 2015 channel around £10 million to C of E parishes in 13 dioceses, making it one of the top 100 Gift Aid claiming charities in the UK.

Chichester diocese now has over 3000 donors and the scheme nationwide processed 10000 donations in September 2015. Other dioceses now signed up include (in alphabetical order) Birmingham, Chelmsford, Exeter, Gloucester, Guildford, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Portsmouth, St Albans, Truro and Winchester. The PGS team are having conversations with a further five dioceses who are considering launching the scheme during 2016.

www.chichester.anglican.org/pgs always has the latest information.



NEW FEATURE CURATE'S CORNER

BY ADAM RANSOM

CURATE AT
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Looking in the bathroom mirror on the morning of my ordination, I saw for the first time a concrete picture of my life to come.

I was wearing a brand new clerical shirt that was crisp and fresh out of its cellophane wrapper. The black dye, yet to fade in the wash, contrasted brilliantly against the white collar and I felt very much like I was wearing fancy dress. Slowly, as each day has passed since, I have begun to inhabit my new clothes a little more.

This new style of dress has probably had the most impact on my daily life so far. It has given me the keenest sense of the shift in my life from a lay person to that of a deacon in the Church.

In the short time that I have worn clerical garb I have begun to appreciate the many doors into people's lives, both literally and metaphorically, the clothes can open.

Walking down the street I have discovered that many people no longer look at me as a stranger but as a familiar face; I am transformed into an embodiment of the Church.

People react to me in different ways. Most are friendly and a few

aren't. Some think they know me and others feel awkward in my presence. Some want to be seen with me and others don't. Many just want me to listen to their stories.

I am extremely privileged to be a visible presence of the Church in the local community and pray that God will help me make the most of the opportunities it presents but also to be able to bear the weight of responsibility that it brings.

I also hope and pray that any of you reading who feel called to ordained ministry might start your own journeys to possible ordination (and greatly diminished wardrobes) by speaking with your own parish priest soon.



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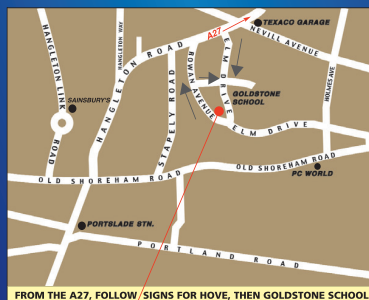
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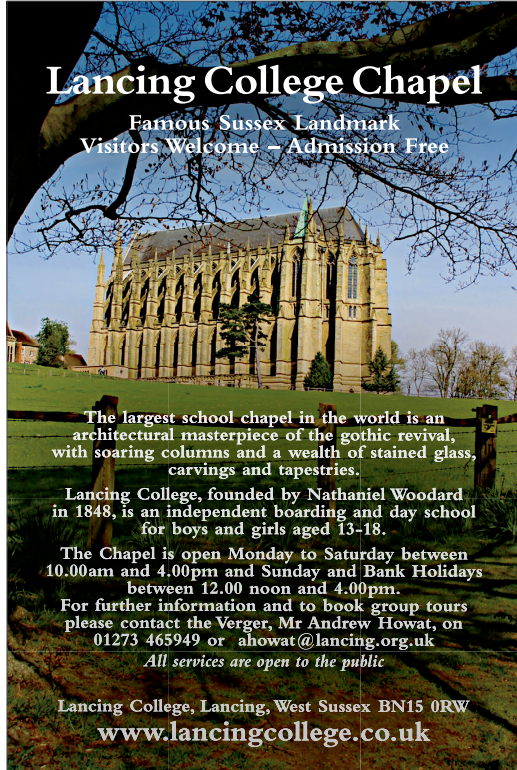
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