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THY KINGDOM COME

The contents of this magazine can always shape a schedule for prayer and this edition is no exception. In this edition prayer is a particular theme made explicit in the Archbishops' initiative, Thy Kingdom Come. When we pray together, so often our intercessions begin with the phrase 'in the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.' At Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Spirit in whose power we join Jesus in praying to the one we call Abba, Father. As we approach Pentecost, we may discover fresh opportunities for prayer and perhaps fresh ways of praying, fresh ways of uniting our hopes, our wills and energy with those of God.

In his book, *The Go Between God*, J V Taylor suggests that rather than concentrating on receiving the gift of the Spirit, it is often helpful to think of making ourselves a gift to the Spirit - after all, the gift of love is to be shared, to be exchanged. If we make of ourselves a gift to the Holy Spirit, we open ourselves to him and put ourselves at His disposal. The danger in seeing the Spirit simply as God's gift of power, is that we can regard it as an empowerment for our own plans and schemes.

As we pray for ordinands, Rural Deans, our link dioceses, The Queen and others featured in this magazine, let us pray that each of them will be a gift to the Holy Spirit for him to use in the service of His Kingdom.

With best wishes,

+Mark Horsham



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ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Two services of the ordination of deacons to the priesthood will take place in the Cathedral:

On **Saturday 21 May at 4.00pm**, the following will be ordained by Bishop Richard.

Jill Alderton Crawley Down

Sandra Bale Forest Row and Ashurst Wood

Debbie Beer Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint

Hugh Bourne All Saints Lindfield

Gerry Burgess Gossops Green, Crawley

David Crook Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham

Jamie Gater Ifield parish, Crawley

James Isaacs Hailsham Parish Church

Nicol Kinrade Ditchling Streat and West Meston

Sarah Manouch West Wittering

Ben Sear Patcham

Adam Ransom Christ Church with St. Philip, Eastbourne.

Sara-Jane Stevens St Matthew's, Worthing

Christine Spencer St Mary's Storrington

Jill Hartman St John the Evangelist, St Leonard

On Sunday **22 May at 4.00pm** the following will be ordained by Bishop Martin

Sean Gilbert Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-sea

Please pray for all those being ordained. You can read the profiles of all sixteen men and women who will be ordained deacon this summer on 25 June at Chichester Cathedral on page.

BRIGHTON CHURCH'S POMPEY PLANT

An initiative to plant an Anglican church in every University Town in the country is now underway as Revd Alex Wood, the curate at St Peter's church in Brighton, leaves the diocese for Portsmouth to set up Harbour Church.

The Bishop of Portsmouth invited Revd Archie Coates, vicar of St Peter's, to set up a church plant in Portsmouth City Centre after hearing him speak about the ambitious plans for church planting at a national event.

Harbour Church will be supported initially with a team of people who have volunteered to join Alex and his family. "Liz and I have a vision to see a thriving, lively Anglican church in every major university town in the UK, said Alex, "We want to play our part in that vision by planting a church in the city centre of Portsmouth. We hope to see people who don't currently go to church and don't have a faith, exploring Christianity and discovering a relationship with Jesus. We know that there is a big challenge ahead of us, particularly with fundraising, gathering a team, but we feel God calling us to this exciting adventure and we can't wait to see what happens."



Please pray for Alex, Liz and his family and the support team in all they do to grow Harbour Church

SCHOOLS TO LINK WITH CHURCHES FOR QUEEN'S 90TH CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's official 90th birthday celebrations will take place on the weekend of 10-12 June 2016. The National Society want to encourage all Church of England schools to link up to these events and celebrate in partnership with their local church and community.

The Servant Queen – and the King she serves is a beautifully-illustrated book that includes the Queen's own words to describe her faith in God is now available to order through The Bible Society www.biblesociety.org.uk



DIOCESAN SYNOD SATURDAY 14 MAY

The agenda for synod is now available to download from the diocesan website. Synod will hear from the Bishop who will give the Presidential address, Bishop Richard on the Diocesan Strategy and also from invited speakers that will be of interest to the mission and ministry of our parishes. The event takes place at Sir Robert Woodard Academy in Lancing.

A NEW APPROACH TO RE-IMAGINING LAY MINISTRY

The Diocese recently announced a new approach to re-imagining lay ministry. The strategy calls the Diocese to “develop a fuller complement of lay ministries focused on equipping people to serve in both the wider community and the church.”

To develop this agenda, a new position is to be created to widen the current brief concerning the support and encouragement of lay ministry in a further restructuring of the Apostolic Life team.

The current Adult Education and Training Officer, Ruth Sowerby, will be stepping down at the end of April, when the post comes to an end.

“We are incredibly grateful for all that Ruth has done to build up lay ministry, in particular through Reader training and adult education,” said Rebecca Swyer, Director for Apostolic Life. “Her pastoral care of those in training has been exemplary as is demonstrated every year by the warmth of appreciation at the Reader licencing service.”

CHANGES TO VOCATIONS WORK ANNOUNCED

The Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Lu Gale is leaving her post at the end of August. Rebecca Swyer, Director for Apostolic Life, said: “Lu has a particular gift for encouraging and enabling people to discern their vocation and we’ve been very grateful for this ministry. We are beginning the process of appointing a new DDO, but there will be some reallocation of the work in the coming months.”

The Revd Dr Paul Redparth is starting as the half-time Vocations Officer from the beginning of May.

Paul will be the first port of call for vocations work in the diocese until a new DDO is appointed. He says: ‘We are entering a particularly interesting period in terms of fostering, discerning and equipping vocations in the Church as she evolves today. I am especially excited to be joining a team which is actively preparing to take up the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.’

Paul Redparth can be contacted at: vocationsofficer@chichester.anglican.org

THY KINGDOM COME

10 national days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. The diocese responds to the archbishops' invitation to mark these ten days across the Church of England as days for prayer for renewal and outreach - read more on page 28.



PARADISE IN THE CITY 2016

Bishop Martin will be leading a Diocesan delegation to Paradise in the City a major international Christian festival in Poland this summer run by Chemin Neuf, to which, and at which Archbishop Justin will be one of the keynote speakers.

The Diocese is looking to identify (and part-fund) 25 young adults from across the deaneries to join this Festival. You can find out more from Diocesan Youth officer, Dan Jenkins at Church House Hove

SUSSEX WORSHIP SINGER RECOGNISED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Matt Redman, a worship singer and church member of St Peter's church in Brighton is one of 40 people to receive a Lambeth Award from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The non-academic awards recognise outstanding service in various fields.

Many of the recipients are Christians but some are of other faiths. They include religious, political and community leaders, musicians and others.

Mr Matt Redman received the Cranmer Award for Worship by the Archbishop during a ceremony at Lambeth Palace on 31 March.

The full list of awards and names of recipients can be found on the Archbishop's website: www.archbishopofcanterbury.

OPENING DOORS – LENT COURSE 2016

There was an encouraging take-up of the Lent course this year with over 140 parishes taking part. The resources for the Opening Doors Lent course consisted of five sessions for parishes to register and download and was written by Revd Dr Anthony Cane, Revd Tim Watson, Revd Jonny Gumbel, Revd Paul Redparth and Canon Andrew Mayes.

"I am delighted that so many of our parishes took up this excellent course during Lent. Our hope was that Opening Doors would encourage people to visit places with Holy doors or places that push you out of your comfort zone and make you may feel you've grasped a little more of what is meant by the 'mercy' of God. We would be pleased to receive feedback from parishes that engaged with the initiative."

BISHOP GIVES FULL BACKING TO SAVE A LIFE CAMPAIGN

Every church in the Diocese of Chichester is to be encouraged to install a defibrillator after the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, gave his full backing to the Argus' Save A Life campaign that aims to ensure all communities have a defibrillator within easy distance if a person's heart suddenly stops.

Dr Warner said that he hoped every church building or adjoining hall with community facilities will consider installing a defibrillator on their premises.

FSW OPENS CHARITY SHOP

The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, gave a short blessing when FSW opened its new charity shop in Eastbourne last month.

The shop, at 26 Cornfield Road, will raise funds for FSW, which has been helping vulnerable children and families in Sussex since 1890.

Martin Auton-Lloyd, FSW's Director, said: "Eastbourne is a perfect location for our new shop as we've just employed a Family Support Worker in the town. Money raised from the shop will help families across Sussex who are struggling with issues such as unemployment, bereavement, illness or family breakdown.

The charity is looking for shop volunteers. Contact 01273 832963 or email admin@familysupportwork.org.uk



Bishop Richard attended the opening of FSW's new charity shop in Eastbourne

ROYAL MAUNDY RECIPIENTS FROM THE DIOCESE

Four people from parishes across the Diocese received Royal Maundy purses from HM the Queen during The Maundy Thursday ceremony which took place this year in St George's Windsor. The recipients are chosen because of the Christian service they have given to the Church and community.

The recipients were:

Mrs Anne Waters from Pulborough

Mr Douglas Beard, from Portslade,

Miss Mavis Relph, from Eastbourne,

Clive Stroud, from Chichester

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE HANDBOOK

The latest copy of the Diocesan Committee Handbook can viewed and downloaded from the Diocesan Website.

CHURCHWARDENS' VISITATIONS 2016

Please pray for all newly elected churchwardens as they prepare for their visitations when they are sworn in by their Archdeacon on behalf of the Bishop. The events, which take place in May and June, are opportunities for the archdeacons to thank the churchwardens for their service to the diocese in the communities in which they serve.

One churchwarden said: "At the visitation you realise that you are not on your own and there are many people who you can ask for advice, particularly when you are entering an Interregnum, also you realise the role is important and valued".

You can find the visitation dates on the diocesan website.

DIOCESAN STRATEGY

OUR LIFE IN

CHRIST

Last year Bishop Richard reflected on the prioritisation process he wanted local churches to undertake to participate in the Diocesan Strategy. This came soon after Bishop Martin addressed the clergy across the diocese at the four charge events in 2015

Bishop Martin visited each of the four archdeaconries to deliver his Charge to all licensed clergy in the Diocese. It was an opportunity to reflect upon all that he saw and heard during his Visitation in 2013/2014. In particular, he showed how the Charge fed into the Diocesan Strategy and the importance for parishes to identify one aspect of their life. 'one thing' (as it relates to the Diocesan Strategy) to which they will be committed to accomplishing. 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.

The response to this call has been very positive. Nearly 200 parishes have put forward their

proposals for their 'one thing' and Faith in Sussex has picked out some encouraging initiatives to share with you. The hope is that these will further encourage those parishes still in the planning stage and also to focus our minds on the next phase: The Year of the Bible 2017.

We hear what parishes in each corner of the diocese have planned this year:

ROTHERFIELD DEANERY

All Saints Crowborough are holding a Festival of Faith from 14th-20th November with stories from local and national Christian celebrities together with gospel talks by visiting speaker Jon Hobbs.

Wadhurst, Stonegate & Tidebrook have initiated a new scheme called Friends across Wadhurst. This is a befriending scheme for the community facilitated by the church. Individuals who for one reason or another are isolated are linked up with befrienders. These befrienders are volunteers who are trained and then carefully matched to the clients whom

they will visit, usually for an hour once a week.

PETWORTH DEANERY

Kirdford are planning to audit their Sunday worship with the aim of reaching a stage at this time next year where every member of the congregation is prepared to invite a friend to church.

Lurgashall will contribute to the common good by leaving the church open 24 hours a day. This will provide the community and passing walkers a place of solitude for prayer and reflection.

HORSHAM DEANERY

Holy Innocents, Southwater held a 'Church Family Away Day' at the Bishop's Place in Chichester in February to address the question, "How do we as a church engage with the new Diocesan Strategy?"

Holy Trinity, Horsham recognises the website as a growing 'first contact' point with the church.. They plan to appoint a coordinator to oversee its website and identify groups

within church that could make a contribution to its pages that would encourage people to read them - and then be encouraged to visit the church .

CUCKFIELD DEANERY

Ardingly: In a bid to improve its outreach amongst the young the church is establishing a partnership with a young couple who work through YWAM. Using the monthly church café service and to give more of a lead on work with children. The hope is if that grows so will their involvement across the month. The prayer then is for numerical growth in this age range, but also that if parents see excellence in children's work they will be more comfortable at the café as well, so even more numerical grow

Slaugham: The proposed refurbishment at All Saints, Handcross has the intention of increasing the use of the building for the community. The improvements include extending the kitchen, renew heating and lighting, replace toilets, offer better disabled access and increasing the storage facilities.

CUCKFIELD DEANERY

In Fairwarp local people are keen to see the Church continue and thrive and to this end a new action group of members of the PCC are aiming for a higher, and more open, profile around the village to help take it forward to becoming a larger, self-funding church. In the coming months the church aims to grow a congregation of mixed age groups and a more inclusive attitude towards the younger people in the community, and

a pro-active attitude within its congregation. In addition to that plans are being formulated to encourage a larger regular choir, Bible study and prayer home groups and a community drama group, which has already held a village concert and put on the first ever Fairwarp's Got Talent which was well received in the village and is to be repeated. Next big project will be for the Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations in June.

Nutley's aim is to improve its communications with the wider village. Some of the plans have already been implemented.

- » The installation of a temporary poster board for big events (e.g. Christmas carol services)
- » Production and circulation of glossy postcards for seasonal visitors to provide contact details - a promise to pray for them led to several responses. These will be included in the magazine so everyone has an opportunity to complete them.
- » plans to produce a better quality magazine are ongoing - still free for the village.

Going forward the church is still working on honing the precise message it wishes to take to the village about its role in the community and why the church is good news for them.

Other Deaneries have responded with encouraging initiatives and we will feature some of these in September's issue of Faith in Sussex. Here is a snapshot:

WESTBOURNE DEANERY

St John the Baptist is focusing on personal ministry

RYE DEANERY

Northiam: St Mary is focusing on prayer visiting scheme

BRIGHTON DEANERY

St Michael & All Angels Church is looking at the opportunities its Church Hall can offer.

GOING FORWARD - YEAR OF MERCY 2016

The Year of Mercy inspired four parishes in Worthing Deanery to come together for a pilgrimage to visit the Holy Doors of Mercy at both Chichester and Arundel Cathedrals. As part of this year's Lent Course initiative, Opening Doors of Mercy, Fr Mark Lyon, priest of St Andrews Tarring and his colleagues from St Symphorian's, Durrington, St Andrew's, Clifton road Worthing and St John's took around 60 pilgrims by coach to visit the Holy Doors at both Cathedrals. He said: "A great number booked to come on the Doors of Mercy pilgrimage which was extremely encouraging. Due to the high numbers we had to make sure the Cathedrals were ready for us! It was a very positive and prayerful day with many happy moments and the liturgical material the Diocese made available for our group helped to guide us through the day."

BISHOP MARTIN HAS DESIGNATED 2017 AS YEAR OF THE BIBLE. PLANNING FOR THIS HAS ALREADY STARTED AND DETAILS WILL BE COMMUNICATED OUT IN DUE COURSE.

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO DEVELOP SKILLS



At the heart of Christian ministry is the challenge of relating our faith to our day to day lives. It is the challenge of discipleship, connecting what we believe with the joys and sorrows of everyday life. For Christian ministers the challenge is two-fold, not only must they learn to do this for themselves but they are also required to help those in their care understand how faith and practice are integrated. The MA in Christian Ministry from the University of Chichester is designed to aid ministers explore these questions in depth.

The MA is a shared initiative between the University and the diocese. It is suitable for clergy and lay people with ministerial responsibilities, especially Readers. It aims to develop and enhance practical and public theological knowledge and understanding. Modules are specifically designed to enable critical reflection on local church practice. The modules emphasise the importance of the local context as a springboard for theological reflection.

Canon Rebecca Swyer, Diocesan Director for Apostolic Life says, 'This is an excellent MA for those clergy and Readers seeking to improve their ministerial practice and grow as pastors and theologians. It develops practical and public theological skills in a way that enhances life in the parish'.

Dr Graeme Smith, Head of the Department of Theology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, welcomes the opportunity to work with clergy and Readers, 'At the University we are committed to

exploring the practical theological implications of our research. It is foundational to our life that we integrate theological study with parish life'.

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 23rd – Thursday, August 25th 2016**
- » **Tuesday, January 10th – Thursday, January 12th 2017**
- » **Tuesday, May 9th – Thursday, May 11th 2017**

At the beginning of the course students explore critically 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, blogs, research project reports, and presentations. The final dissertation is 15,000 words.

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

For further information please contact either The Revd Canon Rebecca Swyer, Director for Apostolic Life (email: Rebecca.swyer@chichester.anglican.org or tel: 01273 425015) or Dr Graeme Smith, Head of Department of Theology, Philosophy and Religious Studies, (email: g.smith@chi.ac.uk, tel: 01243 816191). You can also visit the web site at <http://www.chi.ac.uk/departments-theology-religious-studies/postgraduate>



A SPORTING CHANCE

FORMER Manchester City manager Stuart Pearce was among the speakers at an event to share best practice about evangelism in sport.

Delegates from every diocese in the Southern Province attended Lambeth Palace for the day-long conference. After a welcome from Archbishop Justin Welby, they heard from the Bishop of Sherwood, Christians in Sport – and the ex football boss.

Bishop Tony, who is the Bishop of Sherwood in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and was last year commissioned as the Archbishops' Sport Ambassador, said: "It was an amazing day, we had a great response from across the dioceses.

"People of all ages in this country love sport so as a church, if we want to meet people where they are, sport is the natural context. People who love sport are passionate and committed; they are open to the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ if shared in appropriate language and context.

"I know because on my 20th birthday I responded to the Gospel, in a sporting context, as soon as I read the Gospels. Whether it rejects or accepts the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the world of sport has a right to hear it."

Graham Daniels, general director of Christians in Sport, told the story of the organisation's development. Then stories of growth and good practice were shared as delegates took part in a question and answer session with Nigel Spraggins, chief executive of Southwell and Nottingham Diocese.

Stuart Pearce was also invited by Bishop Tony – the two worked closely together when Stuart was manager at Manchester City and Bishop Tony the club chaplain.

Bishop Tony asked Stuart, who has 78 England caps, about the life of a professional footballer and said: "He gave us insights into professional football and underlined how much he valued club chaplains, especially the confidentiality they offered to players and staff who wanted to discuss personal issues."

Gary Simmons, rural dean for Cuckfield, attended on behalf of Chichester Diocese. He said: "An estimated 10 million people engage in some form of sport every month and there are over 150,000 registered sports clubs in England alone. There is a tremendous opportunity for engagement and witness in this sphere."

He urged delegates to encourage member participation in local sports, develop relationships with local clubs and realise the potential for sporting events as a means of Christian outreach. He also suggested appointing a sports ministry ambassador in each archdeaconry to hold prayer gatherings.

Bishop Richard Jackson backed the initiative, saying: "This presents us with a great challenge to develop further relationships in the community through sports. Appointing an ambassador in each archdeaconry to encourage sports involvement and witness would be a positive statement, offering support for parishes wishing to adopt this as part of their community strategy."



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

15 – 21 MAY

An incredible opportunity awaits us... In Christian Aid Week churches across the diocese will be joining together with one common aim: to see the Kingdom of God come and eradicate poverty across our world. Up for it?

Mark Rodger is the Sussex Coordinator for Christian Aid. He lives in Hastings and is a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. His hope is that God will grab your heart this Christian Aid Week to yearn for those held captive by poverty to be released. Mark has put together some great ideas for your church or school to get involved in a fun and creative way. Perhaps your church could use Christian Aid Week to do the 'One Thing' that each parish is called to engage with as part of the Diocesan Strategy. Here are some ideas to get you started....

FIGHT POVERTY WITH PORRIDGE

Fond of a fry up? Partial to pancakes? If you share Jesus' heart for people living in extreme poverty, join us with a Big Brekkie fundraiser.

Morsheda is a young mother of four living in Bangladesh. She has no land, few assets and no savings. And no matter how hard she works, she

can't escape the floods that constantly threaten to destroy her home.

"We're really excited about doing the Big Brekkie. It's a great opportunity to connect with our local community and lift families out of poverty."
[Liz Tyrrell, St. Bartholomew's]

Morsheda is our neighbour. And there's no better way to start loving our global neighbours than by getting friends, colleagues and next door neighbours together and serving them breakfast. The money you raise could help change Morsheda's life.

Sign up at www.caweek.org/brekkie

FIGHT POVERTY BY RINGING A FEW DOORBELLS

Collecting house-to-house is a great way to reach out to your local community. House-to-house collecting is how Christian Aid Week began, and it still raises an incredible £6.5m every year. For thousands of churches, it's a vital part of their mission and how they demonstrate God's love for our neighbours.

Or join thousands of churches across UK by holding a service for Christian Aid Week and hold a collection to protect families like Morsheda's from flooding.

“Every year as the church in Worthing we go house to house connecting our community to the church and their global neighbour.”
[Fr David Burt, St. Andrew's Tarring, Worthing]

WHAT £250 COULD DO

Just £250 is enough to flood-proof Morsheda's home, raising it eight foot on an earth plinth so that she has a safe place to rebuild. Can you and your church raise £250 to protect Morsheda's home, and life, from flooding?

Feroza's life was much the same as Morsheda's. No matter how hard Feroza worked, she only earned an average of 66p a day - barely enough to keep the family alive. And not nearly enough to give them any hope of a better life.

But a Home Safety Package from Christian Aid changed all that. To start, it employed Feroza's husband and a small team of her neighbours to construct an earth plinth on which to rebuild her home, safely out of reach of future floods.

For the first time, her life was free from fear. But what happened next is truly remarkable. Feroza's grant also meant she could buy a cow, a goat, ducks, chickens, vegetable seeds and a



composting wormery. Day by day, these grew her income and her confidence - and she's since turned that original investment into assets worth ten times the original amount.

What an incredible difference and what an opportunity we have to put our faith into action.

DON'T JUST GIVE, ACT

Take part in The Big Church Switch: ask your church to switch their energy supply from fossil fuels to renewable energy. By using clean, renewable energy the Church can demonstrate its commitment to care for our neighbours and for the earth – our common home. And why not switch yourself too?

Find out more at www.christianaid.org.uk/climate

“We wanted to do something tangible to respond to God's call to be good stewards of His creation – the Big Switch gave us this opportunity, so we jumped at chance!”
[Laura, Holy Trinity, Hastings]

TELL US WHAT YOU'RE DOING

In the next issue we'll be reporting back on some of amazing ways churches throughout the diocese have joined in the mission of Christ to set the captives free. We'd love to hear from you: get in touch on 020 7523 2132 or mrodger@christian-aid.org or let Lisa Williamson, Communications Officer, know what you're on doing on lisa.williamson@chichester.anglican.org.

PETER TIDE

ORDINATIONS

The sixteen men and woman on these pages will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 25 June at 3:00pm 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.



Kate Bailey
To serve at St. John's,
Broadbridge Heath

Kate Bailey. I was licensed as a Reader four years ago and then went through the Vocational Discernment Process examining whether my call was to the Ordained rather than Lay Ministry.

I started ordination training at SEITE (South East Institute of Theological Education) in September 2014 which has been a great experience. My main areas of interest lie in pastoral work, in social justice issues and in reaching out to the community sharing the love of Christ.

I have lived in Sussex since 1994 with my husband John and our children who have now all grown up, and we currently have



Herbert Bennett
To serve at St Mary's,
Kemptown

4 grandchildren. I am a keen gardener, I play bass guitar, and John and I love cycling in our free time.

John and I are both looking forward immensely to working in our new parish, St. John's, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, especially the challenge of reaching out to those living in the new developments at Wickhurst Green.

Herbert Bennett. Although I am originally from Sydney, Australia, I have lived in Sussex for 35 years and have worked in London for 32 years.

The call to ordination and my spiritual journey have been over



Toby Boutle
To serve at St George's,
Whyke

some 25 years and now I look forward to being ordained at Chichester Cathedral this June.

My non-stipendiary title post to St. Mary's Kemptown is a great cause for personal celebration. I have a wish to reach out to others in sharing the Gospel and St. Mary's church with its surrounding parish will be a wonderful opportunity for me to serve God in the context of ministry there

Toby Boutle. As an undergraduate – when I was studying mainly philosophy and thinking about some of life's fundamental questions – I started going to church and read

the Gospels for the first time. I got involved in the college chapel and was baptized and confirmed there.

My first job was working as a speechwriter to the then Leader of the Opposition. I later worked for nine years as a barrister. In that period, I was participating more in the life and worship of my local parish church, serving regularly at mass and becoming a churchwarden. Through the church, I also got involved with local charities, volunteering at a homeless shelter, serving as a trustee on the local YMCA and also as a governor of the local secondary school.

For a long time, I had wondered whether I was called to serve in politics – I was a candidate at the 2010 general election – or to the priesthood. The persistence of my sense of call, and its recognition by friends inside and outside the church, led me to offer myself as a candidate for ordained ministry. After three exciting years in residential training, I'm now really looking forward to ministry in Chichester.

Robert Coupland was born and brought up near York, although his Yorkshire accent is almost undetectable. He was baptised in November 2010 aged 18, and was then confirmed by



Robert Coupland

To serve at St. Michael, All Angels' & S. Paul's, Brighton

Bishop Martin Warner, then Bishop of Whitby, the following June. At age 19, Rob started to explore a sense of calling to the Priesthood, and applied for the role of Pastoral Assistant at St Matthew's in Westminster; he remained in post there for two years. In 2013 Rob moved to Cambridge to read theology and to train for the sacred ministry at Westcott House. To relax, Rob enjoys reading terrible fictional novels, walking dogs (whenever he can get his hands on one) and watching anything with Maggie Smith in the cast. Having never lived in Sussex, Rob is looking forward to experiencing all that it has to offer, and cannot wait to roam the South Downs.

Peter Deaves. "So, Religious Education teaching, or the priesthood?" I was invariably asked when I opted for Biblical Studies at university. Back then neither held much appeal, and I headed off to Belarus and then Kazakhstan working with I.F.E.S.* groups for three years.

Seeing people from many nations encounter the Christian faith was a great joy, while linguistic and cultural challenges served to deepen my dependence on God.

But God definitely has a sense of humour, back in England



Peter Deaves

To serve at Holy Trinity, Rudgwick

propelling me into R.E. teaching! This led to employment supporting families and facilitating parenting groups. The pastoral aspects of these roles felt a natural and rewarding use of the gifts God has given me.

Two years studying part-time on the fantastic Sussex Ministry Training Course further increased the sense God was gently but firmly nudging me in a particular direction.

His call was something I couldn't put off any longer...

Sussex holds a special place in my heart: I met and married my lovely wife Claire during the 10 years I lived in sunny Eastbourne. We are excited about moving to West Sussex with our two young daughters and serving at Holy Trinity, Rudgwick, fairly near the part of Surrey in which I grew up.

*International Fellowship of Evangelical Students

Stephen Everard. I read Theology at Exeter University but subsequently qualified as a social worker and have worked in Palliative Care for 30 years, the past 14 of those in my current role as manager of the counselling, social work, chaplaincy and bereavement



Stephen Everard

To serve in North Mundham with Merston and Hunston



Tim Gage
To serve at Bishop
Hannington, Hove

team at St Barnabas Hospice, Worthing.

I am married to Jane and we have a daughter, Naomi who is nearly 16. Our home church is John's Southbourne, where Jane and I have worshipped for 29 years.

In one sense the calling towards Ordination has been with me for much of my life, but it was during a visit to Uganda, extended for 11 days by the famous Icelandic volcano, that my calling calcified (!).

Two years of vocation enquiry was followed by 3 years at Sarum College, Salisbury and I now look forward to my curacy in the Benefice of North Mundham with Merston and Hunston.

When not working or studying, I enjoy assisting Jane in the youth group she leads. Jane, Naomi and I share a love of music and I also enjoy running and, when time allows, gardening.

Tim Gage. Clare and I both grew up in Sussex and are delighted to be returning with our two sons Benjamin and Samuel. I was first encouraged to explore ordination while working on the staff team at All Saints Lindfield. The prompt to follow up on this possible calling was furthered by



Jill Hartman
Serves at St John the
Evangelist, St Leonard and will
be ordained Priest on 21 May

completing the Sussex Gospel Partnership's: Southern Ministry Training Course.

We have had a wonderful three years in Cambridge at Ridley Hall and are looking forward to how we may honour and serve God and His church as we move to Hove in June.

I am a keen cyclist and participated in last year's Tour of Cambridgeshire bike-ride with three other members of Ridley Hall. As a result, we raised over £600 for our mission partners including Canon Andrew White's charity in the Middle East and the Alexandria school of theology.

Jill Hartman. Many years ago I studied art in London and have been an artist and art teacher ever since. I've lived in Hastings since 1983 with my husband Mike and our three daughters who are now grown up. We have four grandchildren.

My call to work for the church came unexpectedly about 20 years ago, gradually taking shape and resulting in me training at SEITE. I was ordained as a distinctive deacon in 2011 and served my curacy at St Johns church, St Leonard's-on-sea (next door to Hastings), where I've remained. It has been



Karen Higgs
To serve at Hartfield And
Colemans Hatch

wonderful working within the church family and reaching out through my teaching work to the community. I have a particular interest in how art can be used in prayer.

My call to the priesthood has developed over the last 3 years and I very much look forward to furthering my ministry at St Johns and discovering where God is leading.

Karen Higgs. I have lived in East Grinstead for the past 18 years with my husband Alasdair son, Edward, and daughter, Louise, worshipping at St Swithun's.

I am a Primary teacher and it was in the school community that I first began to recognise a call to ministry alongside my teaching. Leading assemblies and the pastoral role that I moved into, saw me begin to engage very differently with the pupils, their families and the staff.

No one was more surprised than I, that God was calling me to Ordained Ministry and doors seemed to open and close rapidly through my discernment. There have been a few setbacks along the way, but these have only served to strengthen that understanding of becoming the person God has created me to be.



Lucy Hollingsworth
To serve at St Mary Ringmer

I am very much looking forward to parish ministry alongside my commitments as a teacher and all the challenges this will bring.

Lucy Hollingsworth. I live and worship in Barcombe in East Sussex where my husband, James is the Rector. We have three teenage children, one at Nottingham University and two at Chailey secondary school.

I have trained part time at SEITE while working three days per week as a solicitor in Lewes specialising in Wills and Probate.

I will continue working as a solicitor once I am ordained as a self-supporting assistant curate to St Mary's Ringmer. I spent many years resisting a call to ordination but the turning point was during worship at New Wine the summer of 2011 when I felt I should start pushing doors to see what God had in mind.

The doors keep opening; for which I feel very blessed and enormously excited and I am very much looking forward to ordained ministry and joining in with God's plans for Ringmer.

Brenden Martin. Having trained as a Blacksmith, I felt God leading me into the ministry and I took the opportunity



Brenden Martin
To serve at St. Margaret's, Angmering

in 2007 to work as Ministry Trainee and Youth Minister at St. James the Less, Nutley and St. Bartholomew's, Maresfield.

These years certainly served to test God's call for my life and has led me to ordained ministry. I have a passion to see people come to know and love Jesus Christ.

I am deeply committed to helping men and women grow in faith and maturity as disciples. My time at Oak Hill College has served to increase my Anglican convictions and my affection for the Church of England.

I am married to Claire and we have three children, Troy, Malachi and Annabelle. We are very excited to return to the diocese to serve at St. Margaret's, Angmering.

Jules Middleton. I am a wife and mum of 3 with a passion for pioneering new forms of church and 'loving our neighbour'.

Feeling called to ordination was a bit of shock and took all kinds of people, including a double-glazing salesman (I kid you not) to convince me to explore it. Five years on and I'm at the end of it all, wondering how did that happen?!



Jules Middleton
To serve at Holy Trinity, Lewes

I've been blessed to work for The Point throughout this time and have had amazing support from everyone there, who we will miss enormously. However, as a family we are excited about the prospect of a new challenge as we move to Trinity where I will be Curate.

I love to write about all Jesus is doing in our lives via my blog and I will be continuing to do that in our new adventures. Follow us if you want at www.pickingapplesofgold.com

Michael Nelson. My journey to ordination began during my time on the diocesan gap year scheme. God planted the seeds of vocation then, as I began to understand what it meant to have a personal relationship with God.



Michael Nelson
To serve at St Mark's, Horsham



Neil Shaw

To serve at St John the Evangelist, St Leonard

Over the following years at university and in employment, I began to recognise God's call to ordained ministry. In 2013 I started my training for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon in Oxfordshire.

Prior to my training I worked in the insurance industry as a loss adjuster, investigating complex high value claims for a variety of insurance companies. I have recently graduated from Oxford university with a degree in theology and will be serving my title post at St Mark's in Horsham.

Neil Shaw. My journey to ordination has not been straightforward. I have ignored, argued and debated with God about this calling since I was 18 years old.

Raised in a Christian family, I understood the Gospel from a young age and accepted Jesus Christ as my risen Lord and Saviour for myself at 13. The relationship I had with God could be described as "rocky" with a desire to do what I wanted to do, with the life he has given me.

Finally, at the age of 29, I believe God spoke clearly to me during a Sunday morning Eucharist, telling me to push the



Steve Tennant

To serve at St Cuthman's, Whitehawk

door on ordination. Through discernment and training I have come to a deeper commitment and contentment to the Lord.

I am excited about the future and grateful for those who have walked with me in this journey and to God for gently leading and constant love.

Steve Tennant. I've been married to Kate for 17 years and we have three children, aged 16, 14 & 12. I have been studying at St Mellitus College for the past two year, and as part of that course have been placed at St Cuthman's Church in Whitehawk.

We will be staying on at the church for my curacy after the ordination service and look forward to moving to Whitehawk and becoming part of the local community there.

Prior to my study, I was working for the Diocese of Chichester, as Youth Officer as part of the YES team and running the Encounter Scheme, Before moving to Brighton, I worked as a youth worker at an Anglican church in Kettering for 10 years, whilst also setting up a schools work charity, and before that launched a youth project in Kent.



John Underhill

To serve at St Andrew's Eastbourne

John Underhill. I am 24 and originally from Cannock, Staffordshire – or "just north of Birmingham" as I have grown accustomed to saying.

During my time in sixth form in my R.C. secondary school I began to feel that God was not calling me to be a Lawyer, which was what I was pursuing, but rather ordained ministry. After deciding to read theology at university I found myself, much by the will of God, at the University of Exeter, where I spent the next four years of my life reading Theology for my Bachelors and Masters.

During this time I had a chance to nurture and develop my faith into the catholic tradition in which it now stands, and also to be adopted by the Diocese of Exeter and sponsored – and then recommended for training by – BAP.

For the last two years I have been an ordinand at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, where I have had more opportunities to test my faith in a setting close to the make-up of the wider Church of England and now stand at the precipice of ordination. It is a thrilling thought that it is so close.

THY KINGDOM COME PENTECOST PRAYER WEEK 8 - 15TH MAY



ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM CHURCHES FOR THY KINGDOM COME'

Churches across a range of traditions and a variety of locations, from urban town centres to rural parishes have been engaging with the Archbishops initiative, Thy Kingdom Come.

Jesus Christ calls every person to follow him. As Christians it's our duty and joy to share that invitation. That's why the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer this Pentecost, from 8-15 May — let's pray for every Christian to receive new confidence and joy in sharing this life-transforming faith.

The week of prayer will culminate in 'Beacon events' around the country over Pentecost weekend, where

people will pray for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the confidence to share their faith.

A Church of England spokesperson said: "It is most encouraging to hear of a huge number of special prayers services, prayer walking events, and prayer stations, with considerable uptake of the Novena prayer booklet and the 'Pray for 5'.

"Tickets for the Beacon events over Pentecost weekend are going fast — indeed, Canterbury Cathedral has no more tickets and plans are afoot to live-stream the service over the internet and open up the quire for 400 non-visual access. In Winchester, where all tickets have gone in a matter of weeks, screens are being erected outside the cathedral to allow an additional 2,000 people to participate.

"We do ask that you continue to hold Thy Kingdom Come in prayer and encourage you to think about how you can take part. There is still time."

PENTECOST PRAYER WEEK IN CHICHESTER DIOCESE

Bishop Richard is hosting a Pentecost Prayer week — from 9-13 May. Prayer events take place in the east of the Diocese in the week leading up to

Pentecost. More details can be found on the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican/events

Revd Tim Watson is leading a week of 24:7 Prayer in Brighton and Hove from 8 — 15 May. People from all across the city's churches will have a unique opportunity to come together in the heart of their city to pray: "Thy Kingdom Come". It takes place at St Patrick's Church, Cambridge Rd, and Hove from 6 pm on Sunday 8 May until 9 a.m. on Sunday 15 May. It is organised by the Chemin Neuf Community, and supported by the Anglican Diocese of Chichester. St Patrick's will be open all day and all night, with a daily programme of services and themed events, and a range of prayer stations designed to help people pray in all sorts of different ways. To book a slot, or to check out the programme online: www.tinyurl.com/247brighton

IDEAS TO HELP CHURCHES ENGAGE WITH THY KINGDOM COME

A poster with creative ideas to help churches engage with Thy Kingdom Come can be downloaded from the Diocesan Website

More information can be found on Thy Kingdom Come Website: www.thykingdom.co.uk

Rural Deans

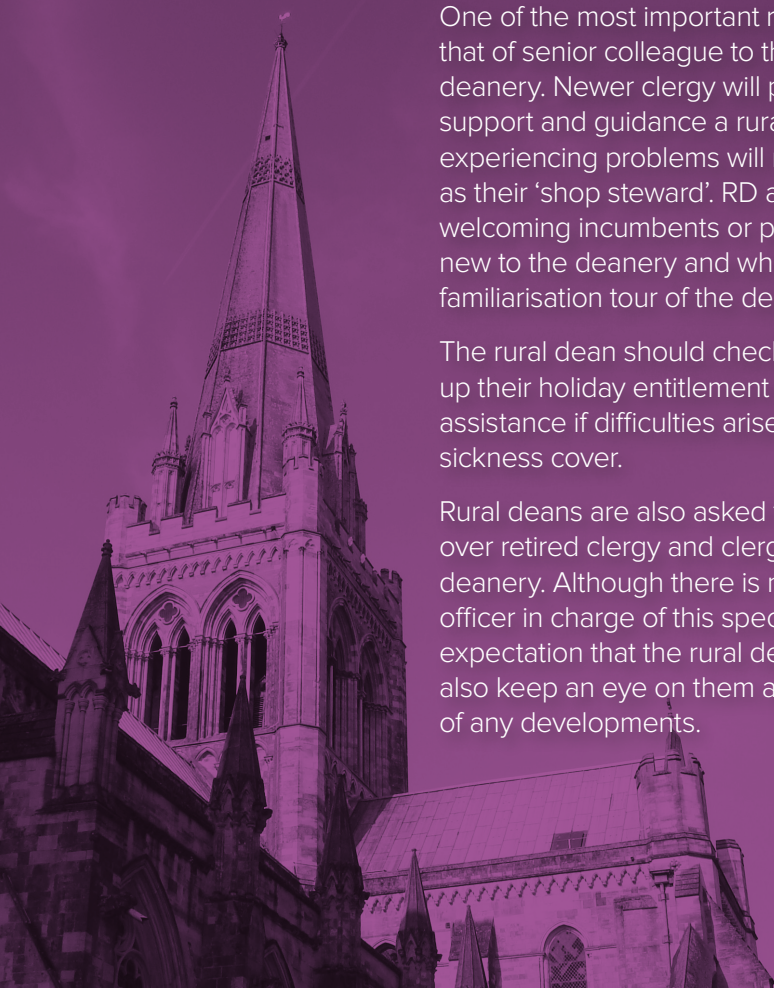
WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

There is a very good document in existence called Guidelines to Rural Deans and it explains what the job of the rural dean is.

One of the most important roles of a rural dean is that of senior colleague to the clergy in his or her deanery. Newer clergy will particularly appreciate the support and guidance a rural dean can offer and clergy experiencing problems will regard their rural dean as their 'shop steward'. RD also take a leading role in welcoming incumbents or priests-in-charge who are new to the deanery and where possible take them on a familiarisation tour of the deanery.

The rural dean should check that clergy are taking up their holiday entitlement and give advice about assistance if difficulties arise over holiday or sickness cover.

Rural deans are also asked to exercise pastoral oversight over retired clergy and clergy widows resident in their deanery. Although there is now a clergy retirement officer in charge of this special flock, there is an expectation that the rural dean and parish priest also keep an eye on them and inform the officer of any developments.



RURAL DEANS



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THE REVD CANON
JULIA K PEATY



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THE REVD CANON
DAVID R FROST



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THE REVD
GEOFFREY M DAW



CUCKFIELD
THE REVD GARY D
SIMMONS



WESTBOURNE
THE REVD MARTIN
J LANE



EASTBOURNE
THE REVD DAVID
J GILLARD



ARUNDEL + BOGNOR
THE REVD CANON
MARK J STANDEN



MIDHURST
THE REVD DEREK
B WELSMAN



STORRINGTON
THE REVD DAVID
M BEAL



DALLINGTON
THE REVD MARC
A LLOYD



ROTHERFIELD
THE REVD JAMES
M PACKMAN



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JONATHAN FRAIS



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THE REVD
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HOVE
THE REVD TERRY
S STRATFORD



BRIGHTON
THE REVD
ANDREW J
WOODWARD



CHICHESTER
THE REVD JAMES
AT RUSSELL



PETWORTH
THE REVD CANON
MARK PM GILBERT

YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF OUR RURAL DEANS
IN THE NEXT AND FUTURE ISSUES OF FAITH IN SUSSEX.

AN INTERVIEW WITH REV ROB DILLINGHAM

It's a broad-ranging role – an internal consultant to churches, trying to help them be better at what they do. The parish development officer must also get churches to think about their structure, their mission and where they want to be and then try to facilitate that. Here in Chichester, this demanding job belongs to Rev Rob Dillingham, a married father of four from Crowborough. He told us more about his work.



WHY DO WE NEED A PARISH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER?

When you are really busy running a church, you don't often have time to take a look around and say "where are we going?". Before you know it, years have passed without you thinking strategically. Lots of churches would love to do so but have no idea how – and that's where I come in.

An example is the "one thing" the Bishop of Chichester has asked people to go away and look at. While some churches have easily identified the one thing (some wondering "just one?"), others don't know where to start. They ask me to help them get thinking and my job is to try to break down misconceptions. I'm there to facilitate, not tell them what to do. I can make suggestions but ultimately they have to come up with it.

WHAT WAS YOUR ROLE BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

I'm an associate curate at All Saints, Crowborough, and have been there a long time. I also run a café-style church on a Friday and have done for the past 10 years. I have also provided corporate training and HR consultancy for the last 25 years.

WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THIS JOB THAT APPEALED?

My professional background is in leadership and management training and I have worked with big corporations across Europe for many years. I've done a lot of leadership and organisation development and I have also done it with the Church. Once you are ordained and you have certain skills, people say "oh, can you come and do this with us?".

When this job came up I thought it could be perfect for me. It is

very much what I was doing in a business context but translating it into a Church context. It allowed me to apply some of my skills to a different environment – but one I know well, having worked within the Church for years.

WHAT WERE YOUR EXPECTATIONS AND WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE YOU FACED?

I thought there might be a few churches that might be quite interested in talking to me. What I didn't realise was the extent and breadth of the requests I would get. One of the big challenges is there is only one of me and there are supposed to be two.

I am officially the parish development officer for the east of the diocese but there is another post, currently not filled, for the west. I don't feel it is fair to say I am for the east only as there is a lot of need – and more on the way. This means I am

working in the east and west, so one of my big challenges is being in a lot of places all at once.

It's also half a stipend so it is 17.5 hours a week but I could easily fill a full-time role. When I first took the job on, the big issue was trying to help people think through the strategy and the "one thing" and I'm still doing that. Then it sort of mushroomed. It has made some people think about where they are going so I spend a lot of my time thinking about what their direction is.

Also, I have been asked by the Bishop to look at leadership development within the diocese. I am currently making recommendations about a potential partnership with an external provider to look at developing the inner and outer life of the priest.

I've been doing presentations to each of the deaneries in the east by going to Deanery Synods and talking about how I can help. In addition, I have let the west side of the diocese know what I can do and made it clear I am available for them too.

WHAT ABOUT PARISHES IN INTERREGNUM?

They are very much in a holding pattern so sometimes they need you but generally they don't

because they are trying to keep the thing afloat. What I am not there to do is plug a gap. You don't deal much with churches that are in vacancy because they are just focused on keeping the light on.

ARE THERE OBVIOUS COMMON MISTAKES PARISHES MAKE WITH THEIR MISSION AND THEIR MINISTRY?

One common problem is the churches don't really understand their parishes. We understand the Church but don't always fully understand our community. So when I tell people there are parish spotlights available (there is one on every parish in the diocese and they are on the resources website) which give a lot of data about the wider community, they get excited. Some churches can become quite insular so therefore they are not really thinking about the community, not because they don't want to but because they are not being pushed to think like that.

WOULD IT BE WORTHWHILE TO COME UP WITH A LIST OF THINGS PARISHES CAN START TO THINK ABOUT?

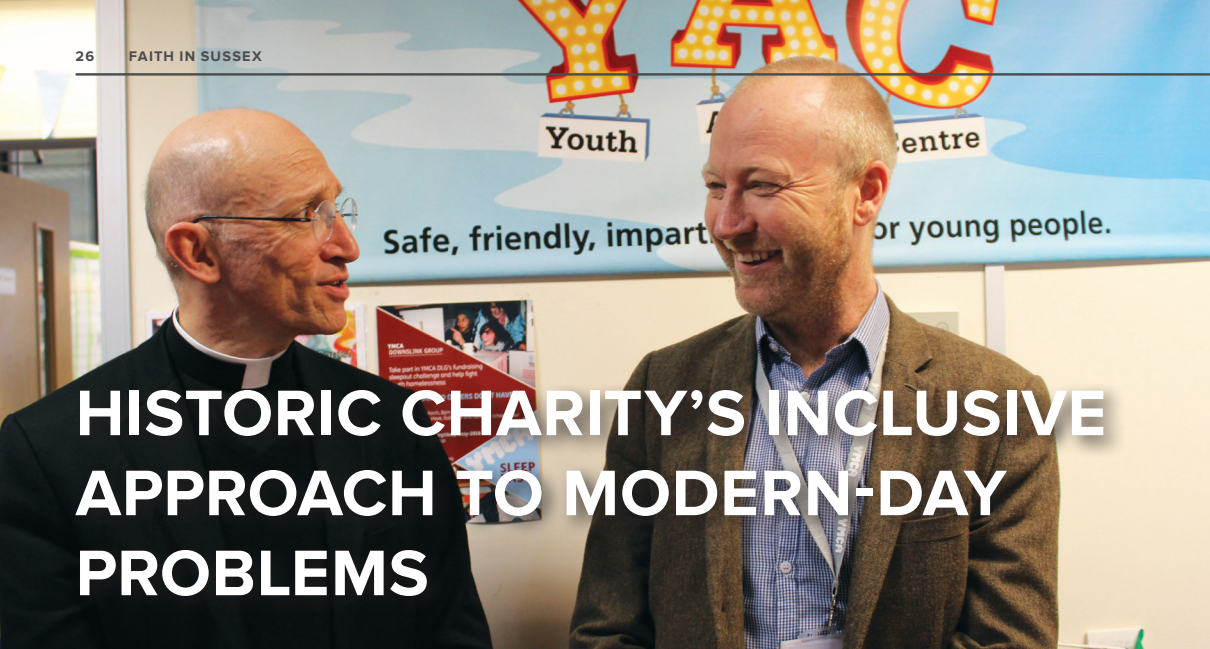
No but ... I have made a flow diagram (on the resources

website) which takes churches stage by stage through steps to turn strategy into action. We have a list of facilitators and I develop the brief then send a facilitator to run the course. They are all ordained people who have skills in this area and are from a range of backgrounds.

The big thing is to not let the pressure off. It's not just the "one thing" we want them to think about, it is then the next thing. This not a one-year thing, it's not going to go away.

To parishes still working out what their one thing is, I'd say start thinking about your vision and where you are going. To the parishes who have come up with their one thing, my challenge is what is your next one? We need to continue to move forward and I see lots of opportunities here. Once you start thinking about one thing you can do, it's bound to throw up others. I would love to encourage people to keep thinking of ways to improve, so that they be more effective in the task of sharing the Gospel with their communities.

To contact Rob Dillingham email: rob.dillingham@chichester.anglican.org



HISTORIC CHARITY'S INCLUSIVE APPROACH TO MODERN-DAY PROBLEMS

INTERNATIONAL youth charity the YMCA works in more than 150 countries across the world. Its vision is for an inclusive Christian movement which transforms communities so all young people can belong, contribute and thrive. Some 12,500 young people are touched by YMCA Downslink Group, which has centres in Brighton and Hove, Guildford, Horsham, Crawley, Lewes and Worthing. Chas Walker, the group's CEO, told us more about the organisation.

YMCA has a tremendous history. It started in 1844 when George Williams provided the young men in his drapery business in London with spiritual guidance and practical support.

This developed into what is the largest youth charity in the world. We are accountable to the young people we support, the communities we work in and the staff and volunteers who make the YMCA what it is.

Today we have a huge range of services and projects and our

main focus is meeting the needs of vulnerable young people on the fringes of society.

We do this through providing:

- » Housing for 550 young people, helping many to develop life skills to live independently. They are encouraged and supported by paid staff and volunteer mentors to help them into education, employment and training. Some of these homes are provided through our Empty Homes scheme. Government grants enable us to work with private landlords to make redundant properties or those in disrepair into habitable homes.
- » Counselling and other therapeutic interventions to some 7,000 young lives each year. We run counselling services in more than 70 schools.
- » Community support and advice services to help keep young people safe. Last year these services reached more than 4,000 people. We

provide specialist support on issues such as homelessness, sexual exploitation and substance abuse.

- » Vocational training, employment services and education services for young people excluded from mainstream schooling. Helping those who are on the margins to achieve is important to us. For example our own painting and gardening social enterprises supported some 100 young people last year.

The YMCA's Christian heritage remains important and we use the term "Christian foundation". This recognises our historical founding principles and the foundation and motivation for our work today.

We are an inclusive Christian organisation recognising the diversity of our beneficiaries and staff. I believe strongly the YMCA participates in Jesus's Kingdom and we try to imitate the love that Jesus showed inviting all to participate in His Kingdom.

Jesus's story of the Prodigal Son is a great metaphor for our work. The unconditional acceptance shown by the Father is what makes this story so powerful but often our communities and institutions can seem more like the older son in the story, condemning and marginalising young people rather than providing the acceptance they need.

Many of the young people we work with have had deep trauma in their lives and all our staff are trained in the impact of trauma. We also have a strong emphasis on supporting the wellbeing of our staff and helping them to develop.

We have employed a lead chaplain because it was important to invest in our

Christian foundation. We wanted someone with the focus to support us in developing that foundation.

We also want to provide greater spiritual support to our staff, our volunteers and to the young people we work with and we want to have teams of volunteer chaplains supporting young people in all our housing projects.

To do this we need the involvement and support of churches and individuals of faith and having a chaplain in post, Lucy McGrath, provides us with the resources needed to better engage with local church communities.

Lucy came into post in January and is already exploring how we

can work more effectively with those communities, whether through practical support or through prayer.

Churches, parishes and individuals can get involved with our work in all sorts of ways. We need volunteers in roles such as mentoring, chaplaincy and much more.

We also need donations for our shops and work placements for our young people. We're continually looking for empty homes we can lease and of course we welcome donations and fundraising – and we are always grateful for your prayers.

To get involved in any way, email lucy.mcgrath@ymcadlg.org or call 01273 222550.

CHLOE WAS EVICTED FROM HER HOME AFTER SHE TOLD HER PARENTS SHE WAS LESBIAN.

She went to the YMCA DownsLink Group's youth advice centre in Brighton where staff were able to offer her a safe place to stay. Chloe faced a variety of challenges. As well as being ostracised by her family, she experienced homophobic abuse and was significantly affected by an undiagnosed mental health issue, alcohol misuse and prolific self-harming.

Staff liaised with mental health and substance-use services to get her the support she needed. They worked with her to ensure she was safe and in a stable, supported position from which she could begin to move forward.

This allowed Chloe to start considering her employment options and she was referred to the YMCA's Positive Placements project. This matches a volunteer mentor with a young person who wants to be supported to identify and achieve the steps they need to take to access employment, education or training.

Chloe and her mentor Chris met weekly. In the beginning their focus was on building trust and exploring the steps she could take towards employment. She was referred to a return-to-work course, from which she gained a work experience placement that led to paid employment. Mentor Chris, who was with her every step of the way, said: "My role was being an 'interested person' in her life. Not mother, sister or even friend, just someone who has an interest in her as an individual and hopefully I show her that she is well worth being around.

"I have a sense of pride that I have helped to set her on a more positive path. It has not always been easy – and has definitely sometimes been a rollercoaster ride. In fact, I have got such a lot out of the experience that I am volunteering to take on another young person alongside Chloe."

STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS BY NEVILLE MANNING

How Sweet

THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

"Jesus Christ is precious." These were the words of an 80-year-old partially blind clergyman preaching a sermon in his London church in the mid 1870s.

He repeated the words. The servant standing next to him in the pulpit helping him follow his text thought the preacher had lost his way and told him to go on to the next part. The preacher replied: "John, I said that twice and I am going to say it again: Jesus Christ is precious."

The preacher was John Newton and his words reflect the theme of the hymn, written by him, which we are thinking about: 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear.'

John Newton was born in 1725 to a godly mother who died when he was very young. The boy went to sea with his father, was press-ganged into the Royal Navy and also went on to serve in the Merchant Navy.

Eventually he found himself the captain of a slave ship? involved in the slave trade off the coast of Africa. His young Christian wife, Mary, gently sowed in him the seeds of a new and better way of life.

Things came to head in a severe storm off the coast of Ireland when John, in desperation, cried out to God for help. Conversion to Christ led on to John renouncing the slave trade and working alongside people such as William Wilberforce for its abolition.

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Ordained into the ministry of the Church of England, John became curate-in-charge of Olney, Buckinghamshire, for several years, where he was largely responsible for the Olney hymns which in addition to 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' included others such as 'Amazing Grace' and 'Glorious things of thee are spoken'. His later years were spent as Rector of St Mary Woolnoth, London.

The hymn How sweet the name focuses on all that Jesus Christ can mean to those who come

to believe in and follow him. It is usually sung to the tune St Peter, by Alexander Reinagle, who was organist of St Peter-in-the East, Oxford.

The hymn speaks of the healing (wholeness) which the name of Christ can bring: 'It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast.'

It is worth remembering that biblically a name is not just a tag we give to somebody but something which reveals a person's nature or character. The hymn becomes a reflection on the many titles given to Jesus Christ.

A suggestion: spend time, perhaps over a few days, reflecting on each of the titles given to Jesus in what is the fourth verse in most hymnals: "Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother (Husband in some editions), Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End."

Each of these conveys in different ways so much about God's love to us all in the gift of Jesus Christ. In our Diocese this is being kept as The Year of Mercy. Newton's How sweet the name could be a good hymn to hold in mind during such a year.

DIOCESAN MISSION FUND NEWS

In 2016 a new Mission Fund Committee was formed following the re-structuring of all Diocesan committees. Archdeacon Fiona has chaired the committee during its transition since 2015 and at the first newly formed meeting in March this year she took the opportunity to thank and commend the Diocesan Mission Fund's previous committee for their dedication, commitment and hard work, overseen by the Late Canon Martin Onions – who brought much needed energy, insight and wisdom in his role as Chair.

The following information has been put together to help parishes understand the work and expectations of the committee, and to make the application process clearer. It would be helpful if this was shared with PCCs and all church officers engaged with strategy for evangelism.

Income is generated from the Archbishops Council, Church Commissioners and the All Churches Trust. Smaller contributions come from Network Churches and individual donations. When filling in applications it is always helpful to not only have a Parish prospective but a Deanery perspective particularly with mission and ministry and how the initiative will impact and dovetail overall into the Deanery strategy. That is why the Rural Deans signature is important on the application form. This also gives an opportunity to share your plans with the Deanery Synod.

Up to £2,000 can be fast tracked outside of the twice yearly meeting by emailing the Archdeacon who will then consult the committee and make the decision. A maximum of £45k can be awarded to any one project.

When a new application arrives they are processed by the Archdeacon and a member of the committee is selected for their skill sets and interests to then act as an advocate to the parish or group of parishes who are making the application. This way ensures that the application is fully investigated. The committee then meets twice yearly and a full discussion about the application is presented by the advocate.

From the last meeting, held in March this year, grants were awarded to the following:

- » Holy Cross, Woodingdean – Families Worker £45k across 3 years
- » Christ the Lord, Broadfield – Parish Nurse £18,934
- » All Souls Eastbourne – Senior Staff Worker £36k across 3 years
- » The Point, Burgess Hill, Associate Vicar £45k across 3 years

In the next issue of Faith in Sussex we will hear more about some of these projects. The application form can be downloaded from the website, type 'Diocesan Mission

Fund' into the search button. Archdeacon Fiona welcomes all applications submitted by the deadline of 5 September 2016.

The new committee are:

- » The Venerable Fiona Windsor – Archdeacon and Chair
- » The Revd Rob Dillingham – Parish Development Officer
- » Mr John Sherlock – Diocesan Strategy Resources Adviser
- » The Revd David Weaver – Parish Priest
- » Mr Martin Auton-Lloyd – Director, Family Support Work
- » Mrs Margaret Heald – Vocations Consultant
- » The Rev Jane Willis – Parish Priest
- » The Rev Mark Betson – Environment Officer and Parish Priest

Also in attendance:

- » Gabrielle Higgins – Diocesan Secretary
- » Andrew Cunningham – Accounts Director
- » Dan Jenkins – Youth Officer (as a consultant to the group)
- » Lisa Williamson – Diocesan Communications Officer

GENERAL SYNOD

Many people in our churches have little idea of what the General Synod is or does. General Synod takes place twice a year. It meets in London in February and in York in July and occasionally a meeting is held in November in London.

There are thirteen Chichester Diocesan representatives, five from the house of laity and eight from the house of clergy. Each member links up to one or more deanery to which they share regular reports about synod business. Deanery synod members are expected to share this information with their PCCs. General Synod reps can also be available to give talks about the workings of the synod.

The representatives from Chichester Diocese met for the meeting in February and Mary Nagel reports, in her own words, on the discussions and outcomes of that meeting.

The Archbishop's presidential address reflected on the recent primates' meeting, which had attracted much media spin and misrepresentation. This meeting was brought forward following the Episcopal Church's decision to alter its definition of marriage. There had been much hype beforehand about the possible outcomes such a meeting would engender and whether some primates would refuse to attend.

The Archbishop acknowledged that, despite the divisions, it

was moving to see how the primates had resolved to walk together rather than separately. They decided that the Episcopal Church (TEC) should not represent the Communion ecumenically, nor vote on matters of doctrine or polity.

The July synod will be dominated by the shared conversation on human sexuality. To prepare for this, a presentation was given by the Archbishop's director for reconciliation. The Evangelism Task Group led a presentation of its work focusing on young people, selection and training for ordained ministry, urban ministry, mission among minority ethnic groups and chaplaincy ministry.

A debate followed the 'Columba Declaration', a partnership for mission between the CofE and the Church of Scotland presented by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Although the motion to welcome the report was carried there was a notable amount of dissent by members of synod.

Bishop Pete Broadbent (Willesden) set out the plans for an enabling measure which will make it possible to repeal some primary legislation by a quicker and simpler process.

Two diocesan synod motions from Leeds were debated and passed. One called upon parishes to encourage their members to consider becoming blood donors and registering as organ donors as part of their

Christian giving. The second called upon the Government to initiate a full independent review of the impact of the sanctions on benefit claimants and encouraged dioceses and parishes to offer practical and pastoral support to those experiencing sanctions.

The Bishop of Sheffield spoke in the debate on resourcing ministerial education about the new proposed funding arrangements. The synod debated proposals for encouraging growth in numbers and quality of lay and ordained ministers. There will be a further report in July 2018 on progress.

House of Clergy

- » The Revd John Chitham
- » The Revd Canon Andrew Cornes
- » The Revd Canon Mark Gilbert
- » The Revd Canon Rebecca Swyer
- » The Ven Fiona Windsor

House of Laity

- » Mrs Lorna Ashworth
- » Mrs Diane Kutar
- » Mrs Mary Nagel
- » Mrs Tina Nay
- » Dr Graham Parr
- » Mr Bradley Smith
- » Mr Jacob Vince
- » Mrs Andrea Williams

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FOR BRIGHT INSPIRATION

By Naomi Billingsley – Diocesan Bishop Otter Scholar for Theology and the Arts



THIS year is the 50th anniversary of the installation of the Piper tapestry in Chichester Cathedral.

To mark the occasion, Pallant House Gallery in Chichester is holding an exhibition, John Piper: The Fabric of Modernism, curated by its artistic director Simon Martin. It explores Piper's work in various different forms of textiles, including furnishing fabrics, a scarf, ecclesiastical vestments and tapestries at Chichester and beyond.

The Chichester tapestry is the focus of one of the three rooms of the exhibition and also an essay in the accompanying catalogue. In the early 1960s, Walter Hussey, the dean of Chichester Cathedral who was responsible for commissioning much of its modern art, approached Piper to design a piece for the high altar.

The backdrop was the wooden Sherborne screen which is composed of seven vertical sections. Various ideas were suggested, including painting and fibreglass but Piper settled on tapestry.

In the exhibition and catalogue we can see Piper's preliminary sketches and designs for the tapestry and a trial panel woven by the tapestry workshop Pinton Frères as well as other works which influenced its motifs.

The design of the tapestry, seven strips which hang in the seven sections of the screen, echoes Piper's designs for windows at Oundle School, which depict nine different figures of Christ.

We are told that Piper thought about figures for the Chichester tapestry but instead the final design includes symbols of the Trinity – the dedication of the cathedral (centre); the beasts associated with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (bottom left and right); representations of the elements earth, air, fire and water (top left and right).

We are also told the tapestry was controversial when it was first unveiled in 1966. One member of the congregation at the dedication ceremony wore sunglasses to express his opinion of its vibrant colours and Hussey received numerous letters of complaint.

Fifty years on, the tapestry is now a familiar part of the cathedral interior. It still probably does not please everyone but Frances Spalding and Simon Martin are both right in their comments in the exhibition catalogue that it continues to do important service to the cathedral, and is a "much loved and admired highlight of the cathedral interior".

In my work as Bishop Otter Scholar, I am running a series of discussion groups about works of art in Chichester Cathedral. People overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the Piper tapestry, saying its vibrant colours are joyful and suggest a vision of Christianity as strong and vibrant. These kinds of responses show the art in our churches can be an inspiring resource in mission and ministry.

So, as the exhibition acknowledgements conclude, let us be thankful for the work of Hussey and Piper and their many counterparts throughout the centuries and across the diocese.

If you're interested in exploring ways to engage with art in your church or local area, please get in touch: naomi.billingsley@chichester.anglican.org.

John Piper: The Fabric of Modernism is at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, until June 12.

DIOCESAN HARVEST APPEAL

THANKI, THANKI (W.AFRICAN CREOLE)...
ASANTE SANA (KI-SWAHILI)...
THANK YOU!

2015 saw a record £26,000 raised for the Diocesan Harvest Appeal and in this article, World Mission Officer, Reverend Canon Ian Hutchinson Cervantes, expresses his deep gratitude to all the parishes, schools and individuals that contributed.

"It is a source of deep joy and thanksgiving that, thanks to you, we, as a diocese, have raised a little over GBP 26,000 (Twenty-six thousand pounds).

"As you may remember, 2015 was a tough year for our Companion Link dioceses. Ebola, although beginning to show signs of containment, was still causing widespread damage in West Africa as schools remained closed, public gatherings were still viewed with anxiety and economic life faltered and in some agricultural areas ground to a halt. Our Kenyan links, too, saw rural communities threatened with hunger as drought and Maize Lethal Necrosis wiped out crops and withered pasture. In some areas this spurred inter-tribal

conflict and saw increased rates of cattle rustling and banditry.

"Thanks to your generosity the Diocesan Overseas Council (DOC) has been able to fund a variety of projects aimed at supporting our East and West African sisters and brothers in their mission work. For example, a grant of Seven thousand pounds to the Diocese of Guinea enabled training in Ebola prevention. The Youth Department trained the youth groups in the diocese and equipped them to visit isolated communities to instruct them in Ebola prevention, detection and early response. The DOC also approved a scholarship to train an Evangelist from the remote Diocese of Maralal (Kenya) for work with the Samburu. This is one of the nomadic pastoralist groups who are most at risk in this drought prone region.

"We fully expect to disburse all the funds you have so generously given. Please note that none of the money is used in administrative costs all of it goes to our partners.

"As you will know, the devastation of Ebola and the challenges facing our Kenyan sisters and brothers will take years to heal and overcome. We hope that we may continue to count on your support and generosity as we partner with our Companion Link dioceses in the task of rebuilding lives and encouraging community."



JOYFUL AND THOUGHTFUL VISIT FOR BISHOPS FROM OUR PARTNER DIOCESES IN AFRICA

The Bishops of Guinea, The Rt Revd Jacques Boston; Bishop of Bo, The Rt Revd Emmanuel Tucker and the Bishop of Freetown, The Rt Revd Thomas Wilson (right) were in Sussex earlier this year finding out about the structures and priorities of mission and ministry in the Church of England work. For two weeks the bishops' programme of activities included visits to linked parishes, church schools, partner faith organisations we work alongside and a slot at a General Synod Fringe meeting, courtesy of US (formerly USPG) where they took turns to speak

passionately about the effects of Ebola on their country.

The visit coincided with Ash Wednesday so each bishop was invited to participate in ashing with our bishops. Bishop Martin was accompanied throughout the day by Bishop Emmanuel. They started the day with breakfast at the ecumenical night shelter project in St Joseph's Catholic Church in Brighton before handing out hot drinks and pastries to homeless people in the streets of Brighton. Bishop Emmanuel was also introduced to the Mayor,

Lynda Hyde, before heading off to Chichester Town centre for ashing shoppers at Market Cross.

The Bishop of Lewes took Bishop Thomas to Tollgate Junior School for the Ash Wednesday service. Head teacher, Steven Dennis, was delighted that Bishop Thomas was able to visit the school. He said: "We were thrilled with the Worship...it will stand out for a long while in my memory and I am sure in the children's too."

Revd Jacques spent time with his link parish in Ringmer.

MISSION OFFICER, REVEREND CANON IAN HUTCHINSON CERVANTES

is grateful to the organising committee for putting together such a diverse and interesting programme for the bishops. He said: "The visit allowed the Bishops to reconnect with "old friends" from their linked parishes and schools and was an opportunity to develop new links. They were also able to meet with representatives of the Mission Agencies and international

partners and grow their essential networks.

"When they addressed a Fringe meeting at General synod, co-hosted and organised by Chichester and the Us (PG), they were able to share stories and experiences of the recent Ebola epidemic which not only gives us a renewed focus for prayer but greater clarity in terms of the financial support that we offer via our annual Harvest Appeal and the direction in which our

partnership needs to travel for the next few years.

It was also a privilege for our visiting bishops to accompany two of our own bishops on Ash Wednesday morning at the night shelter and afterwards on the streets of Brighton. They had no idea that poverty, homelessness and need are present here. They left with a more realistic picture of life and mission in the UK and a renewed commitment to pray for us.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



PRACTICAL SUPPORT AND PRAYERS – HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR FARMERS

OUR diocese has a significant role with the Farming Community Network (FCN) in supporting farmers across Sussex. Rev Dr Mark Betson is rural and environment officer for the diocese and works with FCN as its regional director, covering volunteer groups in Sussex, Surrey, Kent and Hampshire. He has recently seen a significant rise in people seeking help. Here he tells us about FCN's work.

This year has been a difficult year for farmers not just because of bad weather. The prices of cereals, lamb, beef and milk have all been low, meaning not much money is coming in from a lot of investment.

For some, the subsidy payment on which they depend to keep them going at this time of year has been delayed. Debts rise and bills can't be paid.

This is especially bad if you are a tenant farmer without the security of owning the land you farm. No payment in a bad economic year means they can't pay their rent and risk losing their livelihood and possibly their home.

We have been supporting farmers by taking their cases to the Rural Payments Agency, the Government organisation tasked with paying the subsidy, and trying to get them paid as soon as possible. We are also there to walk alongside farmers at this difficult time and just show someone cares.

Today, farming methods across Sussex represent the latest developments in the industry.

But the families and communities who derive their livelihood from the land retain an awareness of their history and the close links between church and field, between God our creator and the responsibility of human stewardship.

So the link between church and farming community is much more than nostalgia. The FCN exemplifies a modern response to the needs of today's farmers. It offers companionship and support, practical advice and assistance to people who often feel isolated and defeated by ever-greater, constantly shifting financial and legal demands.

FCN is about farmers ministering to farmers; the very best model of Christian discipleship and apostolic witness.

The observance of Plough Sunday, traditionally just after Epiphany in early January, was a very important celebration for agricultural England, even into the last century.

It marked a pattern of farming that has now been eclipsed but which used to focus on ploughing and sowing in the latter part of the winter and harvesting in the late summer.

The arrival of a traditional plough in Chichester Cathedral for the Plough Sunday service this year

was a conscious statement that we are a largely rural diocese.

This year, when we are reflecting on the mercy of God, we should do so mindful of those whose harvest is at risk as a result of global warming and our misuse of the earth's resources. Let us ask for mercy because of the damage we have done. Let us ask for merciful hearts in our response to those who face starvation and loss of livelihood. Let us ask God for a good harvest from our fields and a harvest of mercy from our hearts.

FCN does not take on the farmers' problems but is there to provide support as they find the way forward to a settled lifestyle. The message is simple: don't struggle on in silence – ask how we can help.

You can show your support for our farmers and for the ministry of the FCN with your prayers. Additionally, you can help our farmers by buying British.

For more information about the FCN or the challenges facing farmers in Sussex, contact Mark on 01403 891367 or email m.betson@hotmail.co.uk.

The FCN helpline, 03000 111 999, is available every day of the year from 8am to 11pm. You can also email chris@fcn.org.uk or call Peter Riley 01788 510 866, email peter@fcn.org.uk or visit www.fcn.org.uk



THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

ROLL UP FOR THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW

THE countdown to the South of England Show has begun – and this year we are promised more highlights than ever before. Organisers have great expectations of this year's event at Ardingly following encouraging changes introduced by its new CEO Iain Nicholls.

Last year brought a new location for the church, The Sanctuary, which was a huge success. Its spacious multi-use area gave hundreds of people a moment to sit and enjoy a peaceful and friendly environment over what was a busy three days. We were grateful as always to be joined by ministers from our partner dioceses and other denominational churches who helped in practical and pastoral ways to keep visitors engaged and welcomed.

This year we welcome special guests Epiphany. This unique and highly talented group will astonish you with their incredible ability to play your sound portrait. Sounds daft? You will be amazed. Find out more about it <http://epiphanymusic.org.uk/>.

Books Alive will be on hand again with a great range of resources, books and CDs. We will have forest school-style activities for young people and school parties and tea and coffee will be served round the clock.

Parents and carers will find comfortable and clean baby changing facilities, school parties are welcome to join us to sit comfortably and enjoy their packed lunch and we will also be the show's official carers of any lost sheep ... people rather than the woolly ones. We will care for young and old until they are reunited with their family or friends.

This year's show is from June 9 to 11. Under 16s go free when accompanied by an adult so it is a great way to spend time with the family as well as supporting farming and the countryside.

Could you spare some time volunteering? Once again we are grateful to those who always step forward to help at the show. This year we need people for a range of duties including serving refreshments and manning the lost people station. If you would like to help, please email Jenny Bewick at jamiebewick@yahoo.co.uk or Lisa Williamson at lisa.williamson@chichester.anglican.org.

We look forward to seeing you there. You can find out all there is to know about the show, including a map of the ground, at www.seas.org.uk/south-of-england-show/.



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 checklist below should help you to identify what might need attention

June

THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

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

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. Redecoration may be required.

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 conductor 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.

MONEY MATTERS



JOHN SHERLOCK,
STRATEGY
AND RESOURCES
ADVISER.
**LOOKS AT SOME
MONEY ISSUES**

THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Dioceses now participating in the PGS include Birmingham, Chelmsford, Chichester, Exeter, Gloucester, Guildford, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Portsmouth, Saint Albans, Truro and Winchester, with more lined up. One PCC, sadly not in Chichester diocese, is seeing a monthly credit of over £30,000 – yes, that's monthly! I was recently told that the PGS's oldest donor is 103.

For Chichester Diocese, nearly £1¼ million of PCC income is now inflation-linked. This is a key benefit of the PGS. A useful side-effect is that inflation-linked donations are often 'odd amounts' – amounts that would not be normally be donated. Another common occurrence is a donor telephoning to 'round up' their donation.

For the latest information on the progress of the PGS, see chichester.anglican.org/pgs.



RESOURCING THE STRATEGY

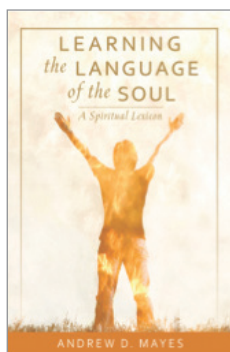
At my desk in Church House I'm getting an astonishing overview of all the local projects that are being initiated (or continued) to bless our local communities. Having a such a good vision is exciting, but finding the resources to fulfil all the visionary goals can be quite challenging. Part of this challenge is of course how best to harness the time and talent of local people, but 'when the rubber hits the road' it is often money, or lack of it, that causes the most stress.

Help is at hand. Whether it's running costs, special fundraising appeals, legacy advice or the complexities of charity law, we can almost certainly locate the expertise to help you – or connect you with another parish that has experienced a similar challenge. It's that element of 'networking' which often proves to be the most valuable element of the various workshops that we run.

So call on us, or come to one of our workshops, or both! We're here to help. If surfing websites is your preference, then www.chichester.anglican.org/money is a good place to start, or telephone 01273 421012 during business hours and be put through, or email stewardship@chichester.anglican.org.



One of the March 'Parish Income' workshops at St Mark's Church in Horsham



LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL - A SPIRITUAL LEXICON

ANDREW D MAYES

Prayer changes things and people. It is a great blessing and inspiration to accompany people as they open themselves up to such transformation. The ministry of spiritual director or companion provides a welcome mirror to the soul as we find self-acceptance, resolve inner contradictions and grow into God's likeness.

Andrew Mayes is an experienced director and has worked to promote direction within the diocese. This and his experience working in the Holy Land have enlarged his vocabulary in this realm. His new book published 30 June is geared to serving spiritual companions as they help people read and own their spiritual transitions. The book is a welcome resource for all seeking to come close to God but especially for those involved in helping others to do so.

Canon John Twisleton's commendation that appears inside the book: "Helping people come close to God is a task for all Christians but notably spiritual directors and evangelists. 'Learning the language of the soul' is imaginative equipment for this task drawing on Andrew Mayes's breadth and depth. There is novelty in this book restating past wisdom and engaging with the connected generation."

Canon John Twisleton is parish priest and theologian, author and Premier Radio presenter.

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

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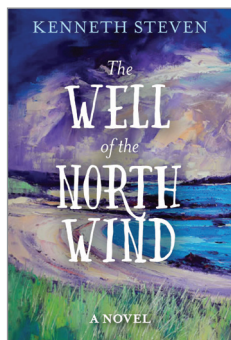
TOUCHING THE GOLD

REV JIM SMITH

Jim has written a book which has many echoes in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. It takes us right into the heart of Christ's sufferings and takes the reader on a roller coaster ride of emotion, sharing agony one moment and the joys and praise of heaven the next. Mary is there as the mother witnessing her son's pain and sharing that as only a mother can. What is portrayed is the depth of Christ's sufferings, the pain and agony equalled by the incredible depth of God's love for us. Because of love he bore the pain and through the journey we are given a no holds barred description of the evil in the world that Christ came to set us free from, and how that evil still exists. A strong theme is how to be a true intercessor by sharing in the sufferings of those being prayed for, feeling their pain and not just witnessing it but becoming it. The New Testament in various places talks of sharing in Christ's sufferings.

Copies can be obtained direct by contacting Jim on 07803 617435 or email jimsmithghana@yahoo.co.uk. More information and to download go to the TOUCHING THE GOLD page at thehouseofmary.org

BOOKS AND REVIEWS



THE WELL OF THE NORTH WIND

KENNETH STEVEN

Kenneth Steven's latest novel 'The Well of the North Wind', is the beautifully written story of Fian, a young boy who is adopted by Monks on the West Coast of Ireland, after he is seen drawing in the sand on the beach. Set in the 6th Century, in the last days of Saint Columba, we follow Fian as he is trained to draw in the style and language of the Book of Kells, journeys spiritually and finds his way in life.

Lyrical, poetic and evocative this is a captivating story set amidst holiness and wonder, creativity and curiosity, moss and heather. If you are a bit of a romantic, into spirituality, are a creative sort, or just fancy something a bit different I'm sure you will be drawn into the story as much as I was!

Published by SPCK. Available from SPCK, Amazon & others for £8.99

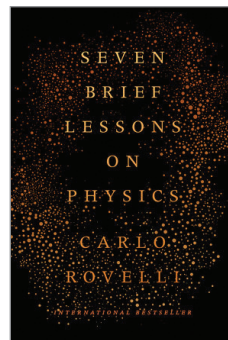


'PRAYERS ON THE MOVE' - APP REVIEW

SPCK's new 'Prayers on the Move' app is designed to get people into the habit of praying. Apparently habits are formed by repetition, and it has been said that it takes 30 days to build a new one, which is perfect as with POTM there's a prayer for each day of the month!

The POTM team suggest for those who are super busy, why not give just 1 minute a day to prayer? So, each day of the month has a very simple quote or prayer to pray, listen to, or read. Plus there's an intro on prayer and how to begin to pray. All of which makes it a great tool to share with newbie Christians or those exploring faith. It's non-threatening, relevant and might just start people on a journey that you can help them with.

Available from GooglePlay for Android and the Apple App Store for free.



SEVEN BRIEF LESSONS ON PHYSICS

CARLO ROVELLI

This Italian bestseller is spreading the world as word gets round of a scientist who can put a century's achievement into less than 100 readable pages. The seven lessons Rovelli gives are on relativity, quantum mechanics, the architecture of the universe, elementary particles, quantum gravity, probability and ourselves. They were initially given in an Italian Sunday newspaper and were so well received that they were published further afield across the world. It is a mark of great intellect to both grasp deep truth and be able to communicate it simply and clearly, itself evidence of your firm grasp. Order through www.sevenbrieflessons.com

Canon John Twisleton Rector of St Giles, Horsted
Keynes 18th March 2016

CATHEDRAL NEWS

CATHEDRAL EVENTS: PENTECOST 2016

Exhibition at Chichester Cathedral: 'Speaking in Tongues' – by Paul Benney

Until Wednesday 18th May 2016

This monumental and striking painting is one of Benney's largest works to date. Measuring 8ft x 12ft, and suspended mid air in the Cathedral's North Transept, this is a powerful artwork telling the extraordinary story of Pentecost. The subjects, all friends and contemporaries of the artist, are portrayed as apostles in the manner of the first day of Pentecost when 'tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them'. Paul Benney is a British artist who rose to international prominence whilst living in New York in the 1980s and later in the 90s as an award winning portraitist. Open daily with free entry

Family Activity –
'Going for Gold!'

**Tuesday 26th July 10.00am – 3.00pm
(Last entry 2.30pm)**

Come along to the Cathedral for some holiday fun! Families can follow a trail collecting a prize on completion, and then go to the Vicars' Hall to take part in the various creative activities that will be taking place there. £2.50 per child. No need to book, just come along to the Eastern Arm of the Cloisters

Suitable for children aged 3-12, who must be accompanied by an adult.

For further details call 01243 812497 or 782595



Festival of Flowers: The Artist's Palette

Thursday 2nd June – Saturday 4th June 2016

Thursday – Friday: 9.30am – 7.00pm, Saturday: 9.30am – 6.00pm

Come and see the Cathedral transformed by more than 50,000 flowers. Over 80 imaginative and beautiful flower designs will interpret the theme of the Festival, 'The Artist's Palette', to sensational effect. Also visit the traditional Festival market, the plant and garden market and the Philip Jackson sculpture exhibition. For further information and to book tickets phone: 01243 813595 or visit: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Southern Cathedrals Festival

21st – 23rd July 2016

The Southern Cathedrals Festival offers sacred choral and organ music performed to the very highest standard by Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedral's renowned choirs. The 2016 Festival will take place in Chichester Cathedral.

Come and see the famous Chichester Cathedral Peregrines

Until – Sunday 10th July 2016

Every year a pair of Peregrine Falcons raise new chicks in the Cathedral's south east turret. View them through a live webcam link in the RSPB marquee off the Cloisters Café until mid-June. From then onwards the birds can also be viewed through telescopes in the Cathedral grounds.

'Book at Breakfast' with Chichester Cathedral's Chancellor

**Monday 6th June or Tuesday 7th June:
9.00am – 10.00am**

Join the Chichester Cathedral Friends for a continental breakfast and a lively and stimulating review and discussion of the current Book at Breakfast – 'The Children Act' by Ian McEwan – with the Chancellor, Canon Dr Anthony Cane. In the Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane. Tickets cost £6.00 (includes breakfast) available on 01243 813595 or visit: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

See Behind the Scenes at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 2nd July: 11.00am – 2.00pm

As part of the Festival of Chichester, areas of the Cathedral normally closed to the public will be open to visitors. The Song School, located high up in the Cathedral's triforium and reached only by a winding spiral staircase. Come and discover its secret chamber! The Cathedral Library in the Cathedral heights, where a fascinating collection of rare books is stored, and the Bishop's Chapel, the private chapel of the Bishop of Chichester. (Please be aware there are 40 spiral stairs up to the Song School and Library).

Free entry. All are welcome.



Exhibition at Chichester Cathedral: 'Shadows of the Wanderer' – by Ana Maria Pacheco

Friday 15th July – Sunday 30th October 2016

The Cathedral is excited to be hosting Brazilian artist Ana Maria Pacheco's outstanding and powerful installation 'Shadows of the Wanderer'. This is a multi-piece figurative sculpture in polychromed wood, in which a group of darkly robed figures witness the struggle of a young man to carry an older man on his shoulders. The figures of the young man burdened by the old suggest a reference to the beginning of Virgil's Aeneid. It also evokes the plight of refugees fleeing places of destruction in our own day.

Open daily with free entry.

Special Services

Thursday 5th May –

The Ascension of Our Lord

5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)

5.30pm Sung Eucharist

Thursday 26th May – Corpus Christi

5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)

5.30pm Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 29th June –

St Peter the Apostle 5.00pm

Evening Prayer (said)

5.30pm Sung Eucharist



MOTHER'S UNION

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FESTIVAL SERVICE

Around 300 Mothers' Union members and guests from across Sussex gathered for a special Diocesan Festival service which took place at Chichester Cathedral on 2 April, led by Bishop Nicholas Reade who presided and preached.

The event took place in MU's 140th anniversary year and saw the commissioning of its new Chichester Diocesan President,

Kathryn Anderson, as well as that of the MU Trustees, Diocesan Chaplain, Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Treasurer.

Kathryn and her colleagues were joined by family and friends. She said: "I was thrilled to be supported by so many people including colleagues from many different church traditions and denominations, and civic dignitaries including both HM Lord-Lieutenants of East and

West Sussex and Vice Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex.

"The 30 strong Mothers' Union choir sang four worship songs beautifully during the Eucharist. I read the first lesson from Acts 4 v 13 to 21 from the pulpit. My thanks also go to Head Verger Howard and his team and other Cathedral Staff for overseeing the whole Service. I was very moved by the whole occasion!"

Event to mark 140 years of MU work

Mothers' Union Chichester Diocesan President Kathryn Anderson attended a demonstration and talk on flower arranging to mark 140 years of the Mothers' Union. Prayers were read by Katherine at the start of the event which took place at St Mary's Horsham.

The demonstration was led by Angie Hyde and raised funds and awareness of MU caravan holidays (AFIA) and a new project in Horsham to support RCSAS (Rape Crisis Surrey and Sussex).

The Horsham branch of the Mothers' Union hoped the event would inspire others to take an interest in flower arranging in churches across Sussex and also to encourage people to visit the Chichester Festival of Flowers this year on 2 - 4 June.



Reaching high

Jane Simpson, a church member from St Mary Magdalene and St Denys parish in Midhurst, is aiming to raise £1,000 for the Mothers' Union (MU) after her vicar put an idea into her head.

Jane was looking for a way to celebrate the organisations 140 year anniversary this year when her vicar Rev Dave suggested abseiling.

Jane has been a member of MU for over 30 years but has become a more active member after retiring from teaching in 2000.

She said: "I have always admired the amazing work that the organisation carries out throughout the world. I wanted to do something to celebrate this significant anniversary in a special way so I decided in a MAD moment to try and raise a £1,000 by abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. My own mother was a dedicated member of the MU branch in Ilminster, Somerset and in a way I am following in her footsteps by carrying on the good work of the MU."

Jane's MU activities includes volunteering at the creche at HMS Ford Open Prison and has

also helped with parenting classes. She assists on occasions with the Away From It All (AFIA) a holiday caravan at Selsey which is run by the MU for families in need. She was Chichester District Chairman for MU for the last 6 years and is currently Branch Leader for Midhurst and Easebourne.

The Abseil takes place on Sunday, 19 June at 4 pm. You can help Jane reach her goal by sponsoring her through Justgiving: www.justgiving.com/Noel-Simpson

AFIA – if you know of a family that is in need of a break away from it all to spend quality time together further details can be found online: www.mothersunion.org/our-focus/helping-those-facing-adversity/giving-families-break

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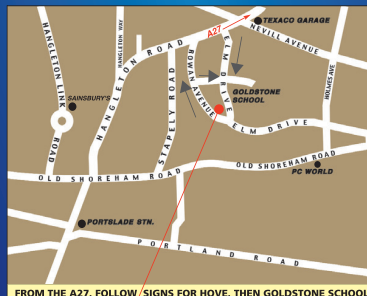
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For further information and to book group tours please contact the Verger, Mr Andrew Howat, on 01273 465949 or ahowat@lancing.org.uk

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