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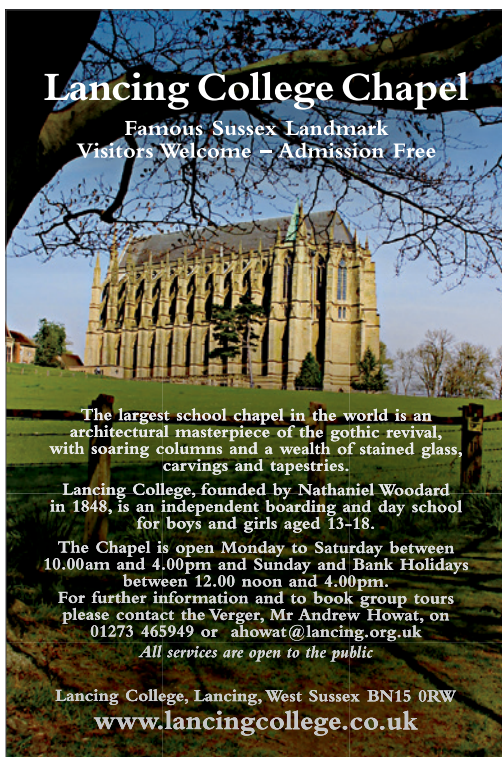
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YEAR OF THE BIBLE

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in the way of the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on this law day and night.” So begins the first Psalm, reminding us that the scriptures are the foundation of any healthy relationship with God. We want to build on this foundation, so as part of the diocesan strategy Advent 2016 will begin the Year of the Bible.

Every parish is being asked as part of the strategy to “to have a credible but stretching target for numerical growth and to have a plan in place for Christian growth and nurture.” What could be better than to encourage all of us to know, love and follow more closely the Jesus who is revealed to us in its pages, both Old and New Testament.

The Bible is not just a simple guidebook. It does set out the boundaries for holy living, but it is much more than that. Its grand story records God’s dealing with people over thousands of years and their reflections on that relationship. It is the only reliable place we can find out about Jesus, and as Anglicans it is the ultimate source of authority for our beliefs and ethics.

We hope that over the year all the folk in our churches will gain a fresh understanding of the big story of the Bible and how it fits together. We also hope that people will gain a picture of the themes and outline of each book. More importantly, we hope that at the end of the year we will all engage with the Bible in a more systematic way.

A number of exciting programs and training are being planned. Do watch the e-bulletin, magazine and website for events near you and resources you can use individually and in your parish.

With best wishes,

+Richard Lewes

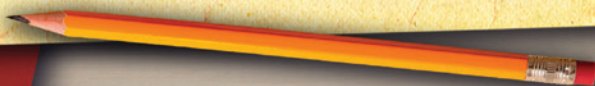
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or

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or

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CLERGY FAMILY FUN DAY

More than 400 people enjoyed a family fun day at the Palace Gardens in Chichester as guests of Bishop Martin.

Clergy and their families from parishes across the diocese were invited to the Palace gardens in Chichester to join a barbecue during the day or an evening hog roast and Pimm's. The event aimed to generate a sense of fellowship among the clergy family.

There were activities and entertainment for children including a magician, competitions, a bouncy castle and teddy bears' picnic organised by our Youth Officer Dan Jenkins and Mothers' Union.

The event, planned by Archdeacon Fiona, aimed to build the diocesan family and generate a sense of fellowship by uniting clergy across the diocese.

Rev Lisa Barnett, of Scaynes Hill, said: "It was an excellent event and we had a brilliant time."

Kimberley Bourne, of Hailsham said: "It was great – so well organised and well thought through with lovely touches for children of all ages, and great food! Well done."

SOUND OF SUCCESS

JULIE McDonnell, a bell ringer at Brede, has raised £100,000 for #strikebackagainstbloodcancer.

Julie, who has Leukaemia (CML) has founded a group called SBABC (Strike Back Against Blood Cancer) whose aim is to raise the awareness of the 137 blood cancers that exist through the tireless work of Blood Wise. Their aim is to support and campaign for all blood cancer sufferers and in the long term eradicate all blood cancers. Julie encouraged cathedrals across the UK and overseas to take part in bell ringing on June 25. Churches across the diocese were also called to raise awareness of blood cancer by ringing a peal, quarter, touch or call change. It caught everyone's imagination, with many posts and photos of bell-ringing groups being shared on Facebook and Twitter.

A blood awareness day will take place on Hastings Pier on October 15 for Bloodwise, which supports the needs of blood cancer sufferers as well as leading research to eradicate blood cancer. Find out more about Julie's challenge by visiting: www.juliedmcdonnell.wix.com/sbabc



Julie is pictured with Rector of Brede Martin Harper (left) and the Bishop of Lewes Richard Jackson.

EDUCATION TEAM'S LONGSTANDING MEMBER OF STAFF RETIRES

Martin Lloyd has retired from his diocesan role after 16 distinguished years. Martin was School's Support Officer before taking on his final role for the past year as Assistant Director of Education and Interim CEO of the Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust (DCAT)

At the Bishop's celebration of church schools and farewell to Martin at Etchingham CE Primary School, Director for Education Ann Holt expressed her heartfelt thanks for all that Martin had achieved for the diocese and schools in his time, most recently taking on the additional challenge of overseeing the launch of the Academy Trust and steering it through the complex transferral of its first two schools. At a retirement tea at CHH Martin was presented with a generous cheque and a watch which reflected the affection and respect of his colleagues. We wish Martin every blessing in his retirement.



NEW APPOINTMENTS

New Diocesan accountant Catherine Dawkins has been appointed as Diocesan Accountant. Gabrielle Higgins, Diocesan Secretary, welcomed the appointment. She said: "Since 2012 Catherine has been the Clerk to the Trustees of Marshall's Charity, which makes grants for Anglican churches and parsonages, and Clerk to the Governors of Newcomen Collet Foundation, which makes grants for educational purposes.

"Catherine has full responsibility for financial management of both charities, including managing their significant investments, and has a wealth of experience which will serve her in good stead for the role. Not only is she a fully qualified accountant, she brings an in-depth knowledge of the Church of England and an understanding of both its mission and the financial challenges and opportunities for clergy and parishes. She also holds a MSc in Astrophysics and will be joining the Diocese on 14 November and I very much look forward to working with her."

PHILIP Bowden is the new vice chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance. He is deanery treasurer of Rye and was elected to the Bishop's Council in 2015. He was appointed to serve on the operating committee earlier this year.

Dr Emma Arbuthnot has been appointed as Diocesan Advisory Committee and Mission and Pastoral Secretary. Emma has a PhD in medieval archaeology from Trinity College Dublin.

After graduation, she worked for the National Print Museum in Dublin before moving to England in 2012. For the past three years, she has worked at Church House, Westminster, first as executive officer to the House of Bishops and then PA to the clerk to the General Synod.



Catherine Dawkins – new
Diocesan Accountant



Dr Emma Arbuthnot

PRISONS WEEK

PRISONS Week this year is from October 9 to 15. The primary aim is to pray for and raise awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care.

This is reflected in the Prisons Week Prayer, which you can use in your parishes:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,

Prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities

of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another.

To act justly,

love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength

and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

HISTORIC CELEBRATION

BISHOP Martin preached at Evensong for Sussex Historic Churches' 60th anniversary service at St Anne's Lewes on July 2. The Bishop of Arundel and Brighton Catholic Diocese, Richard Moth, the Baptist Mission Leader Stuart Davison and civic dignitaries from East and West Sussex joined supporters from churches across the diocese to celebrate the fundraising work of the trust. Look out for more events taking place in September.



Sara Stoner, Vice Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex, Christopher Whittick, chairman of Sussex Historic Churches' Trust, Bishop Richard Moth, Bishop Martin Warner and Stuart Davison

SUSSEX HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST JUBILEE 1956 - 2016

Events to celebrate 60 years of grant-making to be held at the church of St Thomas à Becket, Winchelsea. Programme details and application form can be obtained by emailing: fshtct@btinternet.com or from Mrs Joy Taylor:

Sunnyside
39 Salthill Road
Fishbourne
CHICHESTER
PO19 3QH

GOOD FUNERAL AWARDS 2016: MINISTER OF THE YEAR

Entries are being encouraged for a new award recognising outstanding service and support by faith ministers to bereaved families.

Minister of the Year, part of the Good Funeral Awards, is inviting families, funeral directors and clergy colleagues to nominate faith ministers they believe have offered exceptional service. The new category is open to all faith ministers including Church of England clergy and licensed Readers.

Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar, who heads work for the Church of England on funerals, said: Every year the Church of England conducts around 150,000 funerals in churches, crematoria and at green burial sites.

Long after the funeral itself is over, the vicar and the local congregation are there for people, wherever they live and whenever they need us.

Church ministers have been helping people think about the big questions of life and death for generations –and it's good that the funeral world has an award that recognises all those who help families at a time of real need.

The Good Funeral Awards celebrate excellence and good practice across the funeral world, recognising professionalism and service, from gravediggers to funeral directors.

This year's winners will be announced at a ceremony in London on September 8 with shortlisted nominees invited to attend. To nominate someone go to <http://goodfuneralawards.co.uk/nominate/>

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



PARADISE IN THE CITY

BISHOP Martin led a diocesan delegation to Paradise in the City in July, the major international Christian Festival in Poland run by Chemin Neuf.



Bishop Martin with Archbishop Justin and delegates in Lodz.

RURAL DEAN APPOINTMENTS

THE Bishop of Chichester Dr Martin Warner has made two new rural dean appointments.

Rev Kathryn Windslow was appointed Rural Dean of Storrington, taking over from Rev David Beal, who moved to become Vicar of Billingshurst.

Fr Michael Maine was appointed Rural Dean of Cuckfield, taking over the role from Rev Gary Simmons, who moved out of the diocese.

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR EDUCATION TEAM

Sally Jane Poole will join the education team as Administration Officer supporting the work of the department. Sally brings a huge amount of experience having worked in support roles in schools in Sussex.

DELIVERING THE DIOCESAN STRATEGY

A HEART FOR MISSION



Our Churches are playing a bigger role than ever before in supporting the heart of the community. At Christ Church, having been blessed with a legacy that enabled the church to have kitchen and toilet facilities installed in the base of the tower, the clergy and people wanted to use them as a way of allowing the church to become a place that encourages community outreach and mission.

As local authority funded children's services are being cut, locally funded provision for baby and toddler focused groups are fast disappearing.

Fr. Adam Ransom (pictured) v, a curate at Christ church in Eastbourne, felt called to

respond to this social problem. He really wanted to open up the church facilities and invite parents, guardians and carers to build a baby and toddler group as one way of helping to fulfil the desire of the church to be open and welcoming to those in the community.

Having been in contact with Jo Wunsch from 3VA, an organisation that is delivering the chances4change project across Eastbourne, Lewes district and Wealden, it became apparent that a seedcorn grant would be available to help start a group but the group needed to be viable. The problem seemed to be that without a core group of people that would attend there could be no grant and without a grant to buy toys and resources there was no way of starting a playgroup.

After bringing up the dilemma and praying about it with parishioners at Christ Church's weekly prayer meeting Fr. Adam decided to address the question: how would he reach out to young families and carers in the local and wider community to invite them to start a playgroup when so very few young families are coming to church?

As well as a heart for mission Fr. Adam has an interest in the ways that social media can be used to reach out to those who would not ordinarily engage with the church and also how it can be used to create effective communication between those working to build God's kingdom – he set up the first Facebook group for ordinands in training in the diocese of Chichester, which is still going three years on.

Fr. Adam recognised that Facebook groups are a very popular way to share news and information to like minded people. He had no idea if it would work or if it would be a complete waste of time and money. He created a Facebook group page and decided to invest in some low cost pushes to get a message out to people asking them what kind of provision they wanted by using Facebook's paid post 'boost' facility. The results were astonishing.

Within a day 30 people had asked to join the Facebook group and after a couple of weeks the number rose to just over 100. The Facebook group enabled Fr. Adam to arrange a time and day for a weekly

group to run that would work for the majority of people. A generous donation, of suitable toys, from the charity shop 'Bits and Pieces' that is situated opposite Christ Church allowed Fr. Adam to get the playgroup running; with the help of members of the congregation to do administration and make refreshments. He was pleasantly surprised when at

the first session there were 16 children accompanied by their carers.

After 4 weekly sessions the playgroup has 22 children on the register and has an average attendance of around 8 children and their carers a week. Fr. Adam was able to apply to 3VA for, and received, a grant of £475, which will be used to buy

toys and equipment to help grow and sustain the playgroup.

Time will tell how successful the playgroup will be but it is encouraging that with time, effort and a small amount of money social media can be a way of drawing people into the wider life of the community and the church.

HOW A FOODBANK IS HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS



In 2013 a church research project concluded that every day people in the Crowborough and Rotherfield area go hungry.

The response to this alarming fact was to set up the Crowborough Foodbank a project of Crowborough and Rotherfield Churches Together and part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks – a Christian-based organisation.

Peter is a church member at Crowborough and a Foodbank volunteer. He spoke to Faith in Sussex about the support for the foodbank, the partners they work with and some of the challenges it faces.

"Reasons ranged from redundancy to domestic violence, to family breakdown, to a life-changing accident, to changes or delays in benefit payments.

"To meet the needs of these people and to follow Jesus Christ's instruction to feed the hungry, just over 40 volunteers from different churches and from none got involved in collecting, sorting and packing emergency food boxes for clients when they come, giving them refreshments, a chat and sometimes a prayer.

"We now have 24 voucher holders like Citizens Advice Bureau, Clued-Up, Health Visitors and the Children's Services who assess people's needs and send them on to us for three days of food at a time.

"Since we began with a weekend collection at Waitrose in December 2013 individuals, groups and supermarkets have been more than generous. Last autumn we were overwhelmed with harvest donations and at Christmas we had special collections from the Air Training Cadets, the Brownies, Rumsey Court and Beacon Academy. This is in addition to regular supplies from the various collection points around the town.

"Surplus food currently supports foodbanks in Penge, Newhaven and Hastings whose need is much greater than ours. We hope people will understand why we need to pass on some of their food in this way.

"Although we're extremely grateful to the United Church for housing us at present we are in need of a more spacious distribution centre and space to be able to accommodate three or four families when they all come at once – to have space for a quiet room where we can talk over people's problems in confidence."

If you'd like to know more about the work of the Crowborough Foodbank or if you'd like to be kept informed with their quarterly newsletter take a look at their website:

www.crowborough.foodbank.org.uk

DELIVERING THE DIOCESAN STRATEGY

INTRODUCING YEAR OF THE BIBLE



Bishop Martin, who launched the diocesan strategy in 2015, designated 2016 as the Year of Mercy.

Plans are well advanced for the launch of 2017 as the YEAR OF THE BIBLE across the Diocese of Chichester.

Parishes have responded in a variety of ways. It has also been a wonderful ecumenical blessing mirroring the Jubilee of Pope Francis.

The Year of Mercy comes to an end on the Feast of Christ the King (November 20).

Then, from Advent Sunday 2016, a series of daily reflections on

the importance of the Bible will be uploaded on the Diocesan website until Christmas heralding a Christian year when we are asked to reflect on the role and place of the Bible in our lives and witness.

“I have asked a series of small groups to provide direction and resources for our schools, parishes and chaplaincies to really focus on the importance of Scripture in our life and work,” said Bishop Martin.

He added: “There will be a Lent Course as well as teaching initiatives for lay folk and clergy. We hope to focus on the role of the bible in contemporary culture.

“In addition, we hope that by 10 December Bible Sunday 2017 every parish and school in the Diocese will have consciously and prayerful asked how the Bible can help us live out our strategy - know, love, follow Jesus.”

The Lent Course is being devised by one group and resources appropriate (there are many already available) for parishes to use are being assessed for recommendation by another.

A leaflet is being produced to assist parishes and individuals in asking some profound questions: how can the bible be received more easily in our communities across Sussex? why is biblical literacy important? how can we get to know our bibles better?

The whole year will come to a climax on Bible Sunday 2017* when every church in the Diocese is asked to do something special to make the Bible come alive in their local communities. Those churches with a church school attached will be encouraged to work together on this.

As the Strategy develops and the Diocese works ever closely together the importance of understanding the essence of the Old and New Testaments and the books contained therein is hugely important.

2016 as the Year of Mercy has focused many hearts and minds. 2017 already looks like a challenging and exciting year as we focus on the books of the Bible.

2018 – is the Year of Prayer



COG BEGINS TO TURN

A NEW team has been formed in the Petworth Deanery to promote mission and outreach across four participating benefices.

The Cross Over Group District Mission Team has been created to share its ministry to promote growth, spiritual and numerical, across the district.

The Rt Rev Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham, and Archdeacon Fiona commissioned the team at a service on Thursday 5th May in St Michael's Church, Northchapel.

The team includes Rev. Clive Jenkins (Priest-in-Charge of Wisborough Green and District Team Leader); Rev. Peter Hayes (Priest-in-Charge of Northchapel, Lurgashall and Ebernoe); Canon John Green (Priest-in-Charge of Barlavington, Burton with Coates and Sutton with Bignor) and Rev. Colin Datchler (Priest-in-Charge of Fittleworth and Stopham and District Mission Priest).

Together they form the District Mission Team and will work within all the parishes and communities that have been drawn together to form the

Cross Over Group. This work will focus on outreach, particularly to families and children, and will enable critical mass to be developed to drive new initiatives which small rural parishes often find difficult to do on their own.

Colin Datchler, the designated Mission Priest, and Clive Jenkins, the Team Leader are already drawing together examples of what works well and planning future initiatives. Watch this space for future developments as the COG (Cross Over Group) starts to turn.

HOUSING REFUGEES WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

An Anglican Parish has helped to house a Syrian family as part of a new scheme working in partnership with Voices in Exile.

The Brighton based charity has been supporting refugees into housing and has just launched a Rent Deposit Loan Scheme with East Sussex Credit Union to help support Refugee Families to find homes. Those who will be supported through the scheme will have successfully claimed asylum within the UK, and are living within Sussex or Surrey.





Archdeacon Martin (second from left) attended a BVIE refugee information session at the Brighthelm Centre

Through generous donations BVIE are able to launch the scheme, which could initially support 7 Syrian families who are already living within the community (21 people) into housing.

The loans will be interest free to those accessing the scheme with costs covered by Voices In Exile. We would like to be able to offer this scheme to more of those accessing its services.

One of the landlords is a local Anglican Parish Council. A Parish spokesperson said, "The Syrian family who are now housed in our parsonage have been a pleasure to get to know and an asset to our Church community".

A Catholic Parish has helped to house another four families within the community. "It's our Christian duty to look after and care for people who have left so much behind and to help where we can" said the Catholic priest.

Voices In Exile is contracted by Brighton & Hove City Council to provide casework and ongoing integration support to families arriving through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Programme.

In the first six months of 2016 its free drop-in service for refugees has seen, 211 people for non-legal advice and support with a further 262 people seen for immigration legal advice.

DIOCESAN REFUGEE APPEAL

This year the Bishop of Horsham launched an appeal to raise £30,000 to fund a caseworker for Voices in Exile and to date generous funds have come in but more is encouraged. Please send donations to:

VIE Appeal
Bishop's House, 21 Guildford Road
Horsham, RH12 1LU

Or alternatively you can make a payment direct (please include the words: VIE Appeal and please send an acknowledgement email to accounts@chichester.anglican.org)

Direct payment details:
Barclays Bank Plc
90/92 High Street
Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1BP
Sort Code – 20-12-75
Account No – 20207314

Voices in Exile are looking for more Anglican landlords willing to accept local housing allowance rates. If you are interested in becoming a landlord please contact VIE on 01273 328598 or email: administrator@voicesinexile.org



PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS

GREAT JOY AND CELEBRATION!

Chichester Cathedral was a place of great joy and celebration during the ordination of 31 men and women as priests and deacons in May and June.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner ordained fifteen women and men as deacon to serve in parishes across Sussex at a special service in Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 25 June.

Deacons assist priests in parishes, usually for a year, before going on to be ordained as priest. They assist in leading worship, offering pastoral care and gain valuable experience of preaching.

They were supported on the day by family, friends and parishioners from the parishes in which they will serve.

"We are praying for each of them and I know that each of the communities in which they will serve will warmly welcome them and their families at the start of their public ministries," said Bishop Martin.

THE NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS AND PARISHES IN WHICH THEY SERVE:

Kate Bailey
Broadbridge Heath

Herbert Bennett
St Mary Kempton

Toby Boutle
St Georges Whyke

Robert Coupland
St Michael and All Angels, & St Paul's Brighton

Peter Deaves
Holy Trinity Rudgwick

Stephen Everard
North Mundham with Merston and Hunston

Tim Gage
Bishop Hannington Hove

Karen Higgs
Hartfield and Coleman's Hatch

Lucy Hollingsworth
St Mary's Ringmer

Brendan Martin
St Margaret's Angmering

Jules Middleton
Holy Trinity Lewes

Mike Nelson
St Mark's Horsham

Neil Shaw
St John the Evangelist Upper St Leonards

Steve Tennant
St Cuthman's Whitehawk

John Underhill
St Andrew's Eastbourne



Priesting of Sean Gilbert at Chichester Cathedral in May this year.
Pictured from left to right Bishop Mark Bishop Martin, Sean Gilbert and Bishop Richard



Jules Middleton is a regular blog writer and she shares her thoughts on the days leading up to the ordination service.

I was a bit anxious in advance and feeling like, I just want to get on with the job, but it was exactly what I, if not all of us, needed. Right at the start we nearly all expressed a desire

“...I JUST WANT TO GET ON WITH THE JOB...”

to rest, to be still, to read our bibles, pray and prepare as we had all come from manic

schedules, house moves, assignment finishing and in my case last minute clerical wear fine tuning.

“...GOD CLEARLY HAD OTHER IDEAS...”

Initially I found it hard to settle, not wanting to waste the time I had. However God clearly had other ideas and in our first evening prayer our Psalm was 91 - it was under his wing that I felt I was, I didn't need to 'do' anything, just to be there, to rest and to focus on him. At almost every session of daily

prayer there was something that God highlighted to me, a line of scripture, a word, phrase or encouragement, so that I just knew he was with me every step of the way.

And as it turned out, it was exactly what we all needed as we hit the ground running

“AND AS IT TURNED OUT, IT WAS EXACTLY WHAT WE ALL NEEDED ...”

on Saturday, arriving at the cathedral to be ushered from rehearsal, to meeting with the Bishop, to prayer, to saying our oaths, to finally the service itself.

And the service was amazingly wonderful, with it's endless formal liturgy, singing of prayers and massive amounts of clerical wear and I surprised myself that I absolutely loved it. God is so good.

So, the next chapter starts here...

Jules will serve her curacy at Trinity in Lewes. Jules will be writing our guest Curates Corner for the November issue of Faith in Sussex.

Please pray for all those priested and ordained deacon this year and for the parishes and the communities in which they serve.



SIXTEEN DEACONS WERE ORDAINED PRIEST IN CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL IN MAY.

Parishioners joined family, friends and colleagues to witness the special services which included chosen music, readings and prayers. As the ordaining bishop ordained each priest he asked the congregation if they would uphold them in their ministry.

Each of the candidates was ordained deacon last year and have served their first year as curate in their parishes.

They are now, as priests, additionally able to celebrate the Eucharist and offer a blessing. The priests will now continue their ministries in the parishes as they continue their curacies.

Sarah Manouch is curate for West Wittering with Birdham and Itchenor. She was ordained deacon in 2015 and ordained priest this summer. Sarah is our guest Curates Corner which you can read on page 40.

"The day of the Priestly Ordinations seemed more relaxed than the deaconing the previous year, we knew the space, but because of that I was able to listen more to what was said, to the charge we received, to appreciate the enormity of what we were being ordained into - and it was and is awesome.

"My first Mass on Corpus Christi completed the most important week of my life in the best way possible – at the Lord's Table surrounded by family, friends and parishioners, what an affirmation."

NAMES OF THOSE PRIESTED AND THE PARISHES IN WHICH THEY SERVE:

Jill Alderton

To serve in Crawley Downs

Sandra Bale

To serve at Forest Row and Ashurst Wood

Debbie Beer

To serve at Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint

Hugh Bourne

To serve in All Saints Lindfield

Gerry Burgess

To serve at Gossops Green, Crawley

David Crook

To serve at Easebourne, Lodsworth and Selham

Jamie Gater

To serve at Ifield parish, Crawley

Sean Gilbert

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

Jill Hartman

To serve at St John the Evangelist, St Leonard

David Howland

To serve at Horsted Keynes

James Isaacs

To serve at Hailsham Parish Church

Nicol Kinrade

To serve at Ditchling, Streat and West Meston

Sarah Manouch

To serve at West Wittering

Ben Sear

To serve at Patcham

Adam Ransom

To serve at Christ Church with St. Philip, Eastbourne

Sara-Jane Stevens

To serve in the community of St Matthew's, Worthing

Christine Spencer

To serve in the parish of St Mary's Storrington

BAPTISM MATTERS



“Baptism matters” is a one day presentation for clergy, readers and others involved in baptism and family ministry. New research and resources around baptism are making an impact on church growth and on this key ministry where we meet families for their first steps on their journey of faith. We sent David Farey with a number of other clergy to attend one of the seminars.

I have been ordained thirty years and have conducted hundreds of baptisms, so what can I learn that's new? A surprising amount I discovered!

Firstly in the popular mind Baptism is Christening. Some churches get hung up on this and can waste a lot of energy trying to get the word right. We have to meet people where they are and take them on a journey leading them further into the Christian faith.

The figures are amazing! Two in ten started attending church regularly following on from a Christening. Where the Christening was part of a main service the parents were twice as likely to become regular attendees.

The role of godparents also is a highly significant factor for parents thinking about Christening. Many people in society are either godparents or have

been influenced in their lives by people who are their godparents. And yet currently the Church does little to help parents in support and guidance regarding godparents. Often all the focus is on the parents alone.

A mistake often made is the assumption those bringing children for baptism are using it as an excuse for a party, whereas the findings were that for most it was an expression of some spiritual factor in their lives. There was a desire to give their children something of deeper meaning and that it was seen as the foundation at the start of their faith journey.

Nine in ten families were happy for the church to keep in touch with them, but the expectation that the churches would was low. It seems to be a fundamental desire that families have regular and ongoing contact with the church, and yet so few do. All too often the contact is simply about the day and yet there is a need to help prepare them for the journey ahead.

It was recognised that families with small children struggled to attend church regularly, even when the intention was there. Churches that expect families to fit in with their ways of functioning will be disappointed. If we want families in our churches then we really have got to up our game in making them friendly and accessible.

One of the most staggering findings though was that at a time when church attendance is in the decline every week our churches open their doors to those attending baptisms, weddings and funerals of an estimated around half a million people! Often these families and friends attending these services possibly have little or no other contact with church. What an opportunity to make it such a special occasion that they will want to come back again for more.

We will be hosting our own “Baptism Matters” day conference run by Canon Sandra Millar, Archbishops’ Council Head of Projects and Development on 10th November 2016 at St Andrew’s Church, Burgess Hill. For more details & booking via Eventbrite <https://goo.gl/XnvSZc>

YOUNG PEOPLE THRIVE AT MAY CAMP

By Dan Jenkins Diocesan Youth Officer



MORE than 400 people from across the diocese joined this year's May Camp, whose theme was "thrive". They came together at Plumpton Racecourse for worship, teaching, seminars, workshops, sports – and much more.

During a weekend blessed with great weather, more than 30 young people made public commitments.

A team of five young leaders took on roles running the visuals, working in the café, playing in the worship band and even speaking on the main stage.

Organiser Dan Jenkins said: "Looking around it struck me there are so many leaders who attended the event as young people investing back into the

young people who are the next generation of May Camp leaders."

The campers heard that bamboo spends the first two to three years of its life putting down roots and only grows a foot or two tall. The following year it can grow up to 80ft in 12 months – a rate of 1mm every 90 seconds.

Dan said: "This is what thriving is all about, not just growing, being your best and doing your best but the preparation for that growth.

"In John 10, Jesus says he is the good shepherd, the sheep know his voice, so when He goes on to say He has come to bring life to the full in verse 10, this is in the context of relationship with Him.

"May Camp is an opportunity for youth groups to be intentional about discipleship, putting down

roots and preparing to thrive in everyday life."

The weekend was packed with games and activities as well as workshops, seminars and sports. This year there was a giant inflatable assault course and base jump, football tournament, leather craft, laser tag, a disco and a skate park.

Organisers are already planning a bigger-than-ever event for next year when they will be inviting 500 delegates to Plumpton from May 22 to 29 for May Camp on the theme "rush".

If you missed out this year and are interested in taking a group next time, email dan.jenkins@chichester.anglican.org. He is happy to come and meet anyone who is keen to take part and answer any questions.



A WARM WELCOME FROM US

by Rev Rob Dillingham



BISHOP Martin identified 2016 as a year of mercy and challenged us: “If God is merciful, then we too in our individual lives and in our shared life as the Church are called to be merciful.”

We need to show mercy to those who come through our church doors on a regular basis – visitors, prospective wedding couples or people attending infant baptism or a thanksgiving. This mercy is shown in how we welcome people into our churches – unconditionally, warmly and intentionally.

During the season of invitation, September to

December, we would like to see every church improve its welcome and hospitality. There is training resource based on the Everybody Welcome Programme, which encourages every parish to engage with the principles of welcome.

The look of our welcome is key, so we are launching a high-quality welcome folder with guidelines about content, templates for good practice, a message from the Bishop and a leaflet explaining the Parish Giving Scheme.

We are also planning some competitions. In September it will be Best Coffee award,

October will be Best Cake, November Best Welcome and December Best Mince Pie. These are a bit of fun but have a serious point – that we look to engage with and extend welcome to newcomers and visitors.

These initiatives all have one thing at their core – welcoming people to our churches and so introducing them to Jesus.

There is a lot of good work already going. A member of St Peter’s in Bexhill told us: “As a church welcomer I keep a book of details of newcomers, take them for coffee, introduce them to the clergy, give them



a welcome booklet, a history of the church and a church magazine. Since the Everybody Welcome course when over 58 members of the congregation took part, the church is much more friendly as we got to know each other, rather than superficially in church.”

And a member of Holy Trinity, Horsham, said: “The simple thing we have done is to buy a dozen ‘Welcome to Holy Trinity’ badges which our welcomers wear as they hand out service books. We have also removed a couple of pews from the back of church to create a

welcome area where short conversations can take place before people move to their seats. We also now provide drawstring bags for the children with colouring pages, crayons, a small cuddly toy and a child-friendly book explaining the Eucharist. These small things, along with the attitude behind them, have meant we have had three new families attend – and stay. Holy Trinity is known as a friendly church and we are working hard to keep this reputation.”

These initiatives are backed by the senior diocese staff

as they are seen as key to our strategy for growth.

Archdeacon Fiona said: “Very simple initiatives can make a huge impact, from real coffee and delicious refreshments to a warm welcome from a smiling face. Welcome is not about just giving out a book and expecting people to know what to do. It’s about journeying with individuals, remembering their names and making important introductions.”

For more details, including about support materials, email Rob.Dillingham@chichester.anglican.org.

EDUCATION NEWS

The work of the Education Department of the Diocese continues to grow, covering all matters pertaining to school organisation and effectiveness.

The articles in this issue cover recent developments to some of our schools following a consultation aiming to bring schools more in line with national education structures ; a report from a training day on school worship and assemblies - part of our support for Christian distinctiveness - and a mention of the wonderful and joyful School Leaver Services that took place in seven different venues across the Diocese.

New developments in 2016/17

The diocese is taking part in the regional pilot of the Church of England's new National Foundation for Education and launching the new Understanding Christianity materials. Watch this space for future reports on these exciting initiatives.

Ann Holt, Diocesan Director of Education



SCHOOL LEAVER SERVICES

Hundreds of pupils attended special leaver services at 7 venues across the diocese in the weeks leading upto the end of the school summer term.

The services present an opportunity to celebrate the achievements the children have made during the year and also to prepare for the joyful anticipation of moving on in their learning and education.

A huge amount of work goes into each service which are led by clergy with a small team, each bringing their own particular style of worship and celebration.

If you are interested in leading a service next year please contact Vanessa Vollebregt on 01273 421021

The venues were:

- » Christ Church, St Leonards
- » Chichester Cathedral
- » Lancing College Chapel
- » All Saints Church, Crowborough
- » All Saints, Hove
- » St Andrew's, Eastbourne
- » Worth Abbey

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES – AN EDUCATION

CHICHESTER Diocese education department is responsible for 158 church schools across Sussex. It runs a range of training courses which are often open to all schools, not just those affiliated to the Church. Rev David Farey, vicar of Hellingly and Upper Dicker churches in the deanery of Dallington, has just attended one on worship and assemblies. He told us what he learnt.

MANY teachers welcome extra help with assemblies and worship. These are still statutory requirements in the school day and the diocesan education department aims to expand the resources available.

Some 50 teachers and clergy from around the diocese attended a course at Church House in Hove to find out more.

Ali Campbell, youth and children's ministry consultant, presented a host of ideas about how to engage with youngsters. He showed how, with some imagination, stories and themes can be brought alive in challenging and entertaining ways.

He stressed the benefits of encouraging pupil involvement in both setting up and running the assembly. He also pointed out that a well-crafted and thoroughly prepared session can sometimes be a flop while a hastily cobbled together one can be a success.

The aim is to create space for the possibility of encounter with God or some aspect of faith.

The difference between a successful and not-so-successful assembly might rely on something as simple as timing. Late on a Friday afternoon is not a good time for children to settle for quiet reflection when they are fidgeting to get home for the weekend.

Light and heat can also affect how receptive youngsters are to the message. The aim is to remove any barriers to them engaging with whatever is going on so they can enjoy the experience rather than endure it. There are many ways to enliven assemblies, for example by using videos and film clips. Movies such as X-Men and Spiderman could be used to address issues of low self worth and seeking and accepting guidance.

Another idea was to throw around a beach ball with questions on it such as "what was the most fun thing this week?" or "what could we pray about for you?".

We heard about a video-based resource called Big Start, which includes powerpoints, videos, scripts etc, that has been trialled

in Kent and has been well received.

Another exciting resource is Open the Book from the Bible Society. It helps build the relationship between churches and schools in their neighbourhood. It is a short dramatised story with few props and children's involvement, run by a small group of church volunteers. So far there are more than 13,000 volunteers all over the UK but there is a need to develop this in the South East. Our diocese has bought into the scheme so training is available.

School support officer Rosie Black ended the day by telling us what inspectors look for in assessing school worship. Good assemblies have a positive impact on the whole school and collective worship plays an important role, adding to the spiritual growth of the whole school community. They want to see worship as it is normally – a special "one off" does not impress.

Find out more about the resources from kelly.dillon@chichester.anglican.org



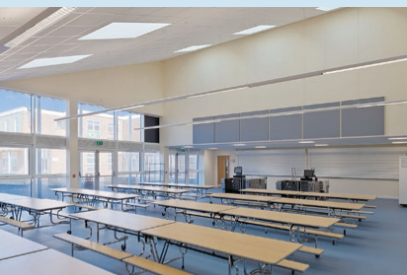
EDUCATION NEWS

THE SUCCESSFUL AGE OF TRANSFER

The Diocese and six Church of England schools in Worthing welcomed a move by West Sussex County Council to bring regions in line with national education structures.

Following the Age of Transfer consultation in 2015 Worthing now benefits from having strong viable Primary and Secondary Church of England schools going forward.

Parents, local residents, and the community were consulted across the area during a two year period 2013-15. Over 70% of those consulted were in favour of all-through primaries and transition to secondary at year 7.



St Andrew's Boys Secondary new block for performing arts and canteen as well as new science labs

All views were taken into account, particularly, in the strong support for Goring First School - a popular 'Outstanding' Ofsted rated school - to expand to become a Two Form Entry Primary. Due to the consensus across the schools a smooth transition was achieved to bring about the change in September 2015.

Capital funds from West Sussex County Council supplemented government funding to adapt existing buildings to accommodate the increase in numbers and provide modern facilities for pupils.

"The Diocese now has four all through Primary Schools and two expanded Secondary Schools. More children now have the opportunity to be educated in church schools with a strong Christian ethos," said Sally Collins, Capital Assets Programme Manager.

"All the headteachers across Worthing were involved in the consultation to have Primary Schools 4 to 11 years of age and Secondary Schools 11 to 16 years of age which would lead to improved education and raised standards.

"These changes required large capital investment. However, the Diocese has further invested in our schools by supporting projects to remodel Broadwater CE Primary School and a new reception area at Goring CE



Goring Primary new block including classrooms, library and dance studio

Primary, as well as other funding to our Voluntary Aided schools in Worthing.

"Works at Heene CE Primary were also supported by Diocesan grant funding in order to provide much needed additional outdoor space for play. All of these building projects help to provide good learning environments for the children of Worthing to achieve their full potential and grow in our family of church schools."

The Diocese is continuing to work with the Local Authority and schools in the region of Storrington and Steyning to bring about the Age of Transfer in this final remaining area of the county. Following the three stages of consultation West Sussex are looking to implement this last phase in 2017.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

Around the time that the new joint initiative with the Church Urban Fund was signed an event was held in Uckfield for churches across the Wealden area organised by Sussex Police. The Rev David Farey, Vicar of Hellingly and Upper Dicker helped organise the event and shares his reports on the day.

Around thirty representatives of churches and organisations from around the Wealden area gathered at the East Sussex Fire and Rescue centre at Uckfield for a day hearing from each other about issues that impact the most vulnerable in our communities and identifying some of the key issues and resources that might help.

Jenny Baker of the Church Urban Fund began the day by describing the new initiative Together Sussex, part of the CUF Together Network. 95% of leaders think community engagement is vital for healthy church. The principle of CUF is to work alongside people, to increase social action, to build capacity to reach out and help the community facilitate partnership working. We were reminded that we can only do so much on our own and networking and collaborating is the only way to be effective.

The Rev Mark Betson, Rural and environment Officer for Diocese of Chichester described his work with the Farming Community

Network, working with farmers and communities. Farming is vital but much under pressure with farmers feeling increasingly isolated and lonely. Mark described how he at FCN, the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Addington Fund (dealing with housing issues) could help.

Morag Keane from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team explained that domestic abuse is sadly present in many homes. It is highly dangerous and often leads to death and serious injury. It isn't always physical either. She urged all churches to have an ethos of 'zero tolerance'. She described resources that can help like the website – www.restoredrelationships.org. It is often hidden, but once discovered needs immediate and serious action.

Trafficking, prostitution and child sexual exploitation is another issue police are concerned about across Sussex. Helena Croft, the founder of Streetlight UK described how children as young as twelve are being groomed and that the most vulnerable are being targeted for exploitation. Streetlight have produced a resource pack for 12/13yr olds, including an alarm, info booklet, case studies and contact numbers. This pack can be made available to all our schools. Their website is www.streetlight.uk.com.

Ruth Waller of Heathfield Street Pastors described how

Anti-social behaviour leaves victims powerless. Working together with local churches, the council and the police, they see crime reduction whenever they are operating. The street Pastor scheme works to great effect in communities. They wear easily identifiable tabards and become known as 'safe' people to turn to in a crisis. It isn't just about being around where there are nightclubs and pubs. It is about being an active and interested presence wherever youths gather or there are areas of potential trouble. Training is given in drugs and listening skills. The police are fully supportive and funds are available to help where churches want to set up Street Pastors.

RESOURCES

Police are aware of a large number of scams to trick people and Juliet Mills of Sussex police spoke about "Operation Signature" Police have produced the 'Little Book of Big Scams' and copies are available for distribution to churches and members of public. The online link can be found on the page by going to www.sussex.police.uk and searching Frauds and scams.

The Community Messaging system can be signed up for by individuals to receive weekly updates and crime alerts, when relevant. Go to the website www.intheknow.community and follow the instructions to sign up.

STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS BY NEVILLE MANNING

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

IT WAS sometimes quipped by William Temple in his life as a Bishop that whenever he went to officiate at a confirmation he could be sure of two things: cold chicken (to eat) and The Church's One Foundation (to sing).

The well-known hymn, usually sung to Samuel S Wesley's tune Aurelia (first composed for the hymn Jerusalem The Golden), was surprisingly written out of the background of bitter religious controversy.

In 1963, Bishop John Colenso of Natal in Africa was deposed for daring to question two things. One was the doctrine of everlasting punishment for the wicked, the other was the belief that Moses had personally written the first five books of the Old Testament (The Pentateuch).

Ironically, for Christians to question these nowadays would be far from surprising. However, in those days some believed it was tantamount to heresy.

A young curate of Windsor, Samuel J Stone, who later served at St Paul's in Haggerston, London, felt the Church was in great danger from such views as Colenso's so he wrote the hymn The Church's

One Foundation. Inspired by articles in the Apostles' Creed, it was written in defence of what was then thought to be orthodox Christian belief.

Bitter as the circumstances were in which the hymn was written, it nonetheless gives a helpful picture of the Church of God. The late Frank Colquhoun* summarised the hymn as being about the Church as it should be, the Church as it is and the Church as it will be.

"THE CHURCH AS IT SHOULD BE: A BODY WHICH AS ITS FOUNDATION HAS JESUS CHRIST"

The Church as it should be: a body which as its foundation has Jesus Christ, reflecting St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3 v11, "No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ". A body created by water (baptism) and the word (the Gospel). A body living as the Bride of Christ, bought by his

own life blood. A body which is global ("Elect from every nation") and truly united ("Yet one o'er all the earth"). In practice we sometimes don't appear to be any of these realities.

The Church as it is: Verse 3 reflects the background of the hymn and what so often appears to be the sad reality, "By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distress". It was William Temple (sorry to quote him again) who once cryptically said: "I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and regret that at present it just does not exist." Like Temple, Samuel Stone's hymn recognises the tension between the Church as it is called to and the Church as it is.

The Church as it will be: The hymn looks beyond the present situation to "the vision glorious", a vision about a body at peace, victorious and at rest. That vision enables us to travel on, knowing as St Paul put it, our labour in the Lord is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15 v58). The hymn ends with that wonderful sense of the union between the church on earth and those whose rest is won. Not a bad choice of hymn for any confirmation.

* Hymns that Live. Hodder and Stoughton, 1980, p283

DIOCESAN MISSION FUND NEWS

HEALING AND HOPE

THE Mission Fund helped bring to life Rev Howard Schnaar's vision of how a parish nurse could help extend the Church's healing ministry into the community. Howard, team vicar for Southgate and Broadfield group of churches in Crawley, tells us more.

AS PART of the recent Crawley and Horsham review, it was suggested by Archdeacon Fiona that in Broadfield we should explore having a parish nurse.

This led me to exploration and research as I was already praying for God to show us a new initiative. I soon learnt parish nursing is all about supporting people and communities towards whole person healthcare.

Parish nurses work with people of all ages and backgrounds, those with any faith or none. They focus on the person rather than just a specific medical condition – whether simply giving moral support during a medical crisis, general health advice or educating for health, praying for people or simply listening.

I soon realised a parish nurse could prevent hospital admissions by following up people who have been discharged from care, are at risk or have early signs of health problems.

They train and co-ordinate volunteers to provide extra support during times of crisis or combat loneliness. They could encourage exercise and healthy nutrition so preventable diseases are less likely.

I developed a vision of the parish nurse as both an ambassador for the church and also a person who could build bridges into the community. I recognised there could be a godly partnership of the vicar, pastoral care team and parish nurse extending the Church's healing ministry into the community.

To be engaged in this ministry is exciting and it is about bringing healing and hope so people can know restoration, also, allowing them the possibility of fulfilling the purpose for which they are created, to worship God.

Sad as it, is many lack motivation to worship due to depression or the feeling they will be judged by others in church. This can lead to a sense of guilt or even failure. A parish nurse trying to understand and identify with their needs could bring restorative healing.

It is inspiring how Jesus had the greatest compassion for the poor in spirit, outcasts, even the oppressed and prisoners – Luke 4. People with crippling low self esteem, people who feel damaged and and/or disregarded are often victims. Thank God Jesus did not just come to save the best bits of humanity. However, I believe

a parish nurse can provide strength and hope.

We have just appointed Juliette Williams as our parish nurse and I can already see how she will build bridges that will offer healing, security and a sense of being valued and this will draw people to faith and worship.

We are grateful to the Mission Fund as without a grant we would have not been able to see this new exciting ministry and initiative come alive.

It is early days but I am sure we can make a real and significant difference to many in Broadfield and beyond.

Julie Ward, a parish nurse from Worthing talks about her experience in a series published by Cinnamon Network.

To read this and find out about Grants available to set up a group take a look at: <http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/mobilising-the-local-church/>.

Mission Fund application forms can be downloaded from the website – type Diocesan Mission Fund into the search button. The Archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor, who chairs the committee, welcomes all applications. The deadlines are September 5 and January 2017.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YMCA DOWNSLINK GROUP

BE A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AND CHANGE LIVES

By Lucy McGrath – Lead Chaplain YMCA Downslink Hove

“Isn’t the YMCA defunct?” That was what my husband said when I saw the advert for the post of lead chaplain at YMCA Downslink Group last year.

YMCA Downslink is anything but defunct. It is an amazing organisation whose main focus is supporting children and young people and families, particularly the most vulnerable, including those who are homeless or who cannot live at home.

We provide housing for about 550 young people across Surrey and Sussex, many who experienced trauma early in life.

We also provide support including counselling, housing advice, mentoring and mental health support. We also have specialist projects such as WISE, which works with children and young people experiencing or at significant risk of sexual exploitation. Our support services reach around 12,000 young people a year.

At YMCA Downslink we are developing chaplaincy services,

starting with our housing projects across Brighton and Hove, Crawley, Horsham, Worthing and Guildford.

We have a wonderful team of volunteer chaplains at Horsham Y centre who come in every Thursday evening with doughnuts, snacks and drinks. Chaplains are there to chat, play pool, listen and occasionally pray with people. The night staff at Horsham Y told me “I love it when the chaplains come in – there’s a really good atmosphere”.

The first “new” chaplaincy services being set up are at housing projects in Brighton. These will be weekly and informal, like at Horsham, and will revolve around food and activities, while always making it clear one-to-one support, or prayer, is available.

To help everyone understand what chaplaincy is about we came up with the following:

“A chaplain is someone, usually from a church or faith group, who

wants to support the community. There are often chaplains in hospitals, sometimes in schools and in all sorts of everyday settings. Our YMCA volunteer chaplains are here to offer support to residents and staff. Our volunteer chaplains are here to listen and to chat, and if you have worries, large or small, you can share them if you want to. They will not try to convert you to their faith; they will respect what you believe. They are here for everyone, no matter what your spiritual beliefs or background.”

We need committed volunteers, people of faith who are kind, good listeners, non-judgemental and with a sense of humour. They will work in small teams and have training and support. The usual commitment is one evening every couple of weeks. We also need chaplains to be available to our staff, which is usually more formal.

Find out more by calling 01273 222550 or emailing Lucy.mcgrath@ymcadlg.org.



Hayley has been a resident at Horsham Y Centre for three years and has been going to weekly chaplaincy sessions for much of that time. I asked her why:

“The free doughnuts of course. But it’s not just the doughnuts...it has made me feel less lonely. I was quite isolated when I first lived here and I feel less lonely now. It has given me a way of getting to know other residents. Also at times when I am struggling I have felt that the chaplains have heard my pain. It is good to know someone notices how you are. They make the centre feel more like a home.”

Judi Cox, volunteer chaplain Horsham Y Centre, said:

“Being a chaplain, for me, is about the Church journeying with the residents, through the ups and downs of their lives. Supporting them. On the whole, we are known as the ‘doughnut people’ and are just there to chat, get to know the residents and staff and be a listening ear. I pray that chaplaincy sessions also enable the residents and staff to know and feel they are a valued member of our wider community.”

NEWS FROM FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

MANY parishes are familiar with the valuable work of the Family Support Work, which has been helping vulnerable children and their families in Sussex since 1890.

FSW works with all family members who are in or facing crisis and who need help to overcome multiple issues.

Martin Auton-Lloyd, director of FSW, is asking parishes to help build stronger partnerships. He said: "After three years of change and uncertainty FSW is focusing on the future. We're drawing up plans for how we can reach more families across Sussex and enable more children to have a better start in life.

"But we can't do it on our own. We need you to join us to build stronger partnerships with the parishes and deaneries so together we can open doors for these families and help them flourish."

FSW will attend parish and school events to raise the charity's profile and funds. Speakers are available to talk about its important work. If you would like to know more about the work of FSW, why not invite a keyworker to an event, deanery or chapter meeting?

A TOAST TO SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND

FSW took 12 families for a weekend break at the Dalesdown conference centre near Horsham.

It was the first time the charity has been able to offer family breaks since the closure of its own residential facility, Knowles Tooth, in 2014.

The weekend provided a welcome respite for families with stressful home circumstances. There was ample space for children to play outdoors and indoors, including an on-site adventure trail and sports hall.

Parents and carers were able to relax and talk to one another, easing their isolation. In the evening, FSW's workers organised a Dalesdown's Got Talent competition and a campfire with marshmallow roasting.

GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER

SLINFOLD Golf and Country Club is renowned as one of the best courses in Sussex – and it's the location for a fundraising golf day on September 29 to raise much-needed funds for FSW's work. Check out the poster on this page for details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, September 3 – charity polo tournament in Goddards Green with barbecue, Pimm's bar and children's activities.

Thursday, September 15 – charity firewalk in Brighton. Are you brave enough to walk across hot coals for FSW?

For more information and ways to help, call FSW on 01273 832963 or email fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk. You can also see FSW's website: www.familysupportwork.org"



A SPIRITUAL VIEW: REFLECTING ON RELIGIOUS ART

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



Five Wounds by Michael Clark

One of the most rewarding aspects of my work as Bishop Otter Scholar over the past few months has been the series of discussion groups I have been leading about art at Chichester Cathedral.

Meeting once a month between January and August this year, each session has focused on different works of art in the cathedral – usually two per session.

We spend a few minutes looking at the pieces in situ, where I usually provide a brief introduction to them. Where relevant, I also provide the biblical text the work relates to. We then sit down together for about an hour for a discussion about the works. I have been recording these conversations so some of the responses can be incorporated into reflective texts about the art.

The aim is not to provide a detailed historical explanation of

the art but to create a space in which people can reflect upon them.

I keep the group to ten people, including me, which is a manageable size for a discussion. Some people have attended regularly throughout the series and others have been to just one or two sessions.

Some already know the cathedral and its art well and others are curious to find out more.

Even some of the regulars have told me they had previously overlooked some of the things we have looked at – sometimes it is easy not to notice things when we are very familiar with a space.

Spending time looking at and reflecting on religious art can be a spiritually rewarding experience. Artists can express ideas visually which may be hard or even impossible to express

in words or in ways which are different and sometimes more eloquent than verbal language.

For example, the easily missed Five Wounds by Michael Clark at Chichester Cathedral consist of five small panels, each depicting a wound, set into the walls of the cathedral either side of the West door, in the North and South transepts and at the eastern end of the building. The piece represents the Church as the body of Christ in a way which is visually simple but contains layers of meaning.

I am putting together guidelines for groups across the diocese to use to run similar reflective sessions using art.

There are wonderful works of art in churches throughout the diocese which would provide rich material. Groups could also visit some of the fantastic museum collections in Sussex or use images from elsewhere via a projector or printouts. My top tip for looking at art is to ask simple questions: what's happening; who is represented; has the artist accurately represented the text; what is the impact of the colours used; what emotions does the work evoke for you?

My project will be officially launched later in the year but please get in touch before then if you are interested in running such a group – email naomi.billingsley@chichester.anglican.org.

THE DIOCESAN HARVEST APPEAL FOR 2016/2017

REBUILDING LIVES: ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY

"A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to last year's Harvest Appeal. The donations were in excess of £30,000 and this was a big increase from previous years.

This year we are hoping to match that figure to be able to continue with the good work. For example the Diocesan Overseas Council was able to send £7,000 to Bo Sierra Leone to help buy seeds and tools to support agricultural community projects and help to rebuild lives.

You can read about the fruits of that encouraging project on the opposite page and see how the money has been put to good use. So please support our Harvest Appeal this year.

Bishop Mark writes:

The heart-rending scenes of Ebola-stricken towns and villages have left our television screens. The struggle for children and families, traumatised by bereavement and loss of security, does not make headline news but it remains the daily reality for many of the people with whom the Diocese of Chichester is linked.

Families, some of whom have lost their bread-winners, or their children and their livelihood need to rebuild their lives. Schools, businesses, clinics and other facilities have all to be reestablished after forced closure and local economies need to be reconstructed. This

year our Harvest Appeal is directed at enabling people to rebuild their future so as to bring new hope not simply to their families, but to the communities and networks of which they are members.

Please support this year's Harvest Appeal and help individuals and their communities not to be overcome by the crushing blows of personal and material loss, but to find new hope, not least through the generous support of the Church in Sussex.

+Mark Horsham.

All the up to date giving information is available to download from our website or pick up a leaflet from your church.

A NEW APPOINTMENT FOR THE ARCHBISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA

Bishop Jackson Ole Sapit, Bishop of the Diocese of Kericho (one of our Companion Link Bishops) was elected to be the next Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya earlier this year.

Bishop Jackson is a Maasai and someone who has pioneered the concept of "Holistic Mission" in the Kenyan context.

Diocesan World Mission Officer Ian Cervantes Hutchinson said the appointment was very good news indeed. He said: "We hope that his more collegial model of leadership will "translate" with him its impact in Kericho has been significant in its quest for growth and self-sustainability."

Please pray for Bishop Jackson and his family, pray, too, for the Diocese of Kericho.

MOTHER'S UNION SOWS SEEDS FOR FUTURE

In issue 8 of Faith in Sussex last year we announced a grant of £7,000 to be given to Mothers' Union in Bo because of their proven record of distributing food aid and pastoral care to rural communities during the worst of the Ebola crisis. We are pleased to be able to bring you this latest account from Mrs Katumu K Fonnle, a MU worker in Bo, Sierra Leone of how the money has been put to good use.

WE ARE thankful to God Almighty and our friends in the Chichester Diocese for supporting us throughout the deadly ebola period.

We have been travelling in and out of every corner of the diocese to see the fruits of the agricultural projects undertaken.

The women groups are really happy to continue with these projects in all the communities. Seeds, food for work and tools are still much needed.

The sum of £7,000 was received in November last year to continue our activities with our women's groups. We were able to serve another 12 of our 41 women groups in the remaining communities with seeds, tools, seedlings and food for work.

So far we have:

- » Bought and distributed farming tools, seeds, seedlings and food for work to 12 women's groups. We bought 15 bushels of groundnut seeds and supplied women's groups.
- » Agreed a sum to be given to groups in the communities for them to purchase their farming tools.
- » Vegetable seeds and seedlings were supplied to our St James Parish in the Kenama district to two women's groups. These seeds and seedlings were supplied based on the request of these groups as they are still not prepared for groundnut cultivation this year.
- » Used a percentage of the funds to purchase seeds and seedlings for two women's groups.
- » In recognition of the fact women cannot do intensive manual labour in terms of brushing, felling, burning and digging, we made provision for food for work and labour costs so they can hire men to do the manual work.

The groups were delighted and appreciative of the help which will empower them in the post-ebola period.

Money left over is reserved for further monitoring and supervision so reports on the progress of the various activities can be provided later.

The women in these groups have asked us to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for the wonderful support.

Our initial plan was to support seven women's groups in the seven parishes in the five districts. This number has now increased to 21 groups based on need and vulnerability.

Women have now developed an interest in working together as this can help them discuss and plan for themselves, their families, church and communities.

We are proud to report that out of the 21 women groups that got support from the previous seeds and seedlings, 18 of these groups did quite well in their groundnut farming which has really inspired them to increase their farms.

We still face lots of challenges, including lack of transport and a poor road network to access our beneficiaries and more women's groups in other areas asking for help.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



The children and staff at this school in Sussex commended the Sanctuary space for its facilities and hospitality.

HIGH PRAISE FOR CHURCHES PRESENCE AT SUSSEX SHOW

Iain Nicol, CEO of the South of England Agricultural Society gave praise to the way in which The Sanctuary served visitors to this year's show. He said he was pleased that the Sanctuary continued to go from strength to strength. He said: "I have to congratulate you on your vision and guardianship of it. It really has become a place of peace, quiet and refecton."

Rev'd Dr Mark Betson, parish priest and Diocesan rural and environment officer, has been managing the new space with the support and encouragement of the CEO and the show committee with new seating facilities and services for baby changing. This year record donations came in to The Sanctuary which helps to offset costs.

One of the highlights to the Sanctuary space was the Epiphany Group – a classical improvisation ensemble of very talented and highly regarded musicians who regularly take their music out of the orchestra and into the community. They believe music and the arts have the capacity to bring new perspectives and to relieve stress in our fast paced world. They have a shared Christian faith and give their time making sound portraits. The groups involvement this year was a huge hit and we hope to see them next year. You can find out more about the group and the story behind their work from their website: <http://epiphanymusic.org.uk/about>

Refreshments provided free by the Salvation Army are offered throughout the three days by volunteers from local churches. This year many schools and families visited The Sanctuary and took part in the woodland art activities provided or just enjoyed bringing their lunch to a beautiful and peaceful setting.

Chaplains from our partner dioceses attended and also Stuart Davison and his wife from the Baptist church joined Bishop Mark and his wife Ruth on a walkabout, meeting and chatting to exhibitors. Bishop Mark presented awards to exhibitors commended for demonstrating a high standard of education and learning.

Archdeacons' Douglas, Fiona and Martin all attended the show this year.

Dr Mark Betson was recently elected as Chair of the Education Committee for the show society, increasing our involvement with providing countryside learning for schools and opportunities for young people to work in rural jobs.

Plans are already underway for the Sanctuary next year celebrating 50 years of the show within a stained glass theme. Watch this space!

Photos courtesy of Ollie Henwood aged 14. More can be viewed on the Diocesan facebook page.

SPEAK UP WEEK OF CLIMATE ACTION 8-16 OCTOBER 2016

Remember the Speak Up lobby last June where thousands of people lobbied their MP before the Climate Change summit in Paris?

This year Christian Aid are joining with The Climate Coalition to plan a week of climate action across the UK from 8-16 October. Communities across the UK will come together to Speak Up for the love of the people, places and cherished things affected by climate change. These diverse local events will give you the opportunity to meet other people who are passionate about tackling climate change in your area and to ask your local MP what progress has been made since last June and to ask how we will keep the promises our government made in Paris in December last year

Together, we can reach our vision of 100% clean energy in a generation, so that everyone can live life to the full.

More information and resources will be available soon including campaign briefings to help people speak to MP's about climate change. In the meantime you can find out more and sign up to let us know you're interested in attending or organising an event.



ECO CHURCH, 11TH OCTOBER, 10AM – 1PM, CHURCH HOUSE, HOVE

Following the launch of Eco Church at the beginning of this year we are offering a morning training event to support parishes in becoming Eco Churches. Eco Church is a great way to develop what our Churches do to care for the world and provides an online tool with suggestions and easy monitoring of progress. See <http://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/> for more information on Eco Church and click here to book a place.

This training event is happening in the middle of Christian Aid's Speak Up week of climate action. Communities across the UK will come together to Speak Up for the love of the people, places and cherished things affected by climate change. These diverse local events will give you the opportunity to meet other people who are passionate about tackling climate change in your area and to ask your local MP what progress has been made. You can run your own event or support one locally, see here to find out more.

Christian Aid will also help your church become an Eco Church through their speakers who can come and inspire congregations. More details at the training event.



Boxgrove south aisle roof and buttresses

CHURCHES ACROSS SUSSEX CELEBRATE ROOF REPAIR GRANTS

Seventeen Parishes across Sussex will share in a total grant of £847,300 from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund.

Churches will receive grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 towards the urgent repairs to their roofs, gutters and drains, failure of which is the principal cause of decay in historic churches.

Parishes were encouraged to apply for the second round of the grant scheme earlier this year. This funding now means the churches can begin to start planning the repair work – with a view to some starting in 12 months' time.

One of the churches delighted to benefit from the scheme was Boxgrove Priory. Boxgrove was awarded over £57,000 to help repair damage following the heavy rains of 2012/3 causing the South side aisle roof to show signs of water leaks affecting the aisle vault and side walls. Other issues relating to age deterioration and inadequate rainwater disposal systems caused further problems for the ancient chapel.

Boxgrove priest, Fr Ian Forrester said: "This is fantastic news for Boxgrove Priory. This government grant will enable us to tackle some really urgent high level work and prevent the water inundation which has become

all too evident. We are most grateful."

The highest grant £90,200 went to the parish of St Peter's Church, Beeding and Bramber with Botolphs.

Dr Emma Arbuthnot, DAC Secretary also welcomed the news saying: "We are delighted to hear that Chichester Diocese had a high number of successful bids. Of course for those unsuccessful parishes, some with very urgent needs, we will need to work together to find other sources of funding or ways forward."

Details of all the grant awards can be found on the website: www.lpowroof.org.uk

Places of worship: security funding scheme

The Home Office has announced a scheme offering funding for protective security measures to places of worship, subject to application. You can bid for funding up to 20 September 2016. A second round of bids will open in spring 2017.

Information on how to apply can be found on the Government website here: www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme.

The National Churches Trust Grant applications close on 12 September

There is still just time to apply for a grant to help those parishes needing to raise funds for project viability and development, an essential tool for those who are then applying for larger grants through bodies such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. Deadline for Applications is 12 September. Grants available are between £3k and £10k - More information can be found online at: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/project-viability-and-project-development-grants



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

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.

October

THINGS TO LOOK FOR:

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

THINGS TO DO:

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

Get out your bike or walking boots for a great cause

On Saturday 10 September our roads will be full of cyclists and walkers as the annual 'Ride and Stride' event gets going around our churches. This is a national event and locally it is organised by the Sussex Historic Churches Trust (www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk). Bear Grylls, adventurer and Chief Scout is promoting the scheme nationally.

On the day churches across the Diocese, including churches at Hellingly and Upper Dicker, will be open to receive walkers and cyclists who travel from church to church. Each person gets sponsored on the number of churches visited in order to raise money for the local trust, half going to the trust and half to a church of their choice. Even the people who man the churches can also get sponsored on the number of riders and striders they sign in.

In these cash strapped times we have to consider every way we can to raise money. Nationally we have many really old buildings which need care and attention. The church at Hellingly is over 800 years old and is a Grade 1 Listed building. Repairs don't come cheap!

Our churches are part of our national heritage and culture and people do like to visit them! So let's do what we can to care for them by participating in the Ride and Stride event. It's important as well as fun. So get your bike clips on and oil that chain!

Rev David Farey – Vicar Hellingly and Upper Dicker.



PARISH NEWS

AWARD FOR PARISH MAG EDITOR

Ann Kaiser picked up the Association for Church Editors 'Definitive Headlines' award on behalf of the magazine production team. It was presented to her at their annual meeting at Central Hall Westminster last month by Central Hall's Deputy Superintendent Rev Tony Miles.

"Winning the award was very special to us as we are a small group who together produce the magazine. We are carrying on a tradition in Pulborough of over 100 years of the parish magazine." said Ann.

The Association has members all over the UK and they provide ideas and material for editors to use in their magazines. There is a monthly email service, an excellent website (churchmag.uk), a regular magazine competition and local workshops on a range of topics of interest to magazine editors.

Whether they work on their own, or are a member of an editorial team, there is a constant need for information and articles, especially for magazines which are produced every month. ACE gives regular support in this area. Pulborough Community News is produced monthly with a 500 print run. The magazine has been produced for over 100 years in Pulborough and the current editor and team feel proud to be part of such a special piece of Pulborough history.



CURATE'S CORNER BY REVEREND SARAH MANOUCH

I serve as Curate to the Benefice of West Wittering with Birdham and Itchenor, and also work as Assistant Manager in St Olav's Christian Book in Chichester.

As an NSM I have the joy, but also the challenge, of living in my home town. I see old school friends and former work colleagues on a regular basis and frequently forget, during conversations, if I'm in clericals or not. Meeting an old friend whilst in my dog collar she greeted me with 'You're the last person I expected to go all religious on me, but it kind of suits you!'. Goodness knows what she'll say if she sees me in cassock and surplice!

I'm 'on-duty' three days a week where I wear clericals while visiting the sick, assisting at services, and making sure I am available to all and any that want a chat, a coffee or just a presence. I am to the congregations the Curate, the newbie, Rev Sarah, or the Rector's assistant. Yet for four days of the week I am in civvies, a kind of 'undercover minister', going off to my day job, saying the Daily Office but doing so alone, in the back of the shop, still available for a chat, but not in clericals and my ordained status isn't obvious to most of the customers.

I know, however, that there is no such thing as a 'part time minister'. Whatever the title or designation, be it NSM, SSM, Stipendiary, House for Duty or PTO, the call to ministry, the call to ordination, is full time, full on, and the best thing I have ever done.

'It kind of suits you' - said by my old school friend, an atheist, standing in the centre of the city we both grew up in, while I was wearing a dog collar! That is a memory that will stay with me, and encourage me, for a very long time!

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RE-DEDICATION OF THE OLD CHURCH, ST. PETER'S, WEST BLATCHINGTON, HOVE

There has been a church at West Blatchington since Saxon times. The Saxon building was succeeded by a smaller Norman church. There was a farm and a manor house near the church. The tenants from the 15th to the later part of the 19th Century were members of the Scrase family who were Quakers with no interest in maintaining the church and it fell into disrepair. During the 19th Century the tenancy passed to the Hodson family by marriage. They were members of the Established Church and as the church was in ruins Divine Service was held in the manor house until the church was rebuilt.

These words were written by the young people in our Junior Choir, here at St. Peter's, who then composed a tune to make it into a song. They were told about the forthcoming celebrations and the importance of Harriot Hodson, the lady who lived in the Manor House opposite St. Peter's, the then ruined church. We learnt that Harriot would often wonder over to the ruined church and felt she wanted to help restore it. When she died in 1888, she left a legacy of just over £2000 – equivalent of £220,000 today – to have the church re-built. The building work was completed in 1891 and re-dedicated on 29th June 1891, St. Peter's Day. To remember and celebrate this important occasion in the history of our church, we arranged a variety of activities.

Our first job was to try and locate any of Harriot Hodson's relatives. Luckily, after a little research, we were able to locate relatives in Canada, France, Devon and Chichester, who, I am thrilled to say, joined us for some of our celebrations.

A flower display was put together by our flower arrangers, known as the 'Bloomers', plus others who wanted to get involved. We had a Victorian Evening picnic and concert, where stilt walkers, dressed in Victorian clothes, juggled, balloon modelled and entertained us, whilst we ate our picnics. They then became Master of Ceremonies for our evening concert. People dressed accordingly, and the evening was a great success, enjoyed by all.

Our Puppeteer group, composed of our young people, made and edited a film about the history of our church using puppets. They wrote the script which included, a 'rap' naming all the past Rectors, the song written by our Junior Choir and interviews with members of our congregation relating their earliest memories of St. Peter's. Their hard work truly paid off in a most interesting and entertaining 10-minute film.

To round off our celebrations, on 29th June we had a Confirmation service, where 6 members of our church were confirmed by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Martin Warner. It was a wonderful evening and I feel sure one Harriot herself would have marvelled at. Thank you Harriot, because without your generosity, we probably wouldn't be here today encouraging our young people to know, love and follow Christ.



PARISH NEWS



THE BEST OF BOTH AS CHURCHES PREPARE FOR HARVEST

Across the Diocese of Chichester, volunteer groups and individuals from our parishes come together every year to create spectacular floral decorations which fill our churches with magnificent displays of colour.

These flower festivals are not just good fundraisers but mission opportunities, a chance to bring the community together and for new people to join us.

A flower festival can be a very big event for a church and can bring enjoyment and pleasure to lots of people who would rarely walk through a church door. It relies on an enormous amount of planning and work and can be a very sociable and exciting project for those involved.

As well as the displays of flowers, many parishes combine the event with a Harvest festival with stalls and refreshments.

The 11th Century rural church in Wivelsfield has announced an exciting two-day programme combining a Vintage Flower Festival with a Harvest celebration on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September.

Church volunteer, Shelia Blair explains: "During the Vintage Flower Festival the church will be filled with flowers and music, and will be open from 9am. Ploughman's lunches, coffee and cakes will be served as will afternoon teas.

"There will be a focus on 'Made in Wivelsfield' craft stalls in the churchyard and for the children there will be craft activities, face painting and a story tent. We also have the Sussex Police Choir giving a Concert on the Saturday evening. All this will be followed by a magnificent Harvest Festival. It's going to be a busy few days for us as our new Vicar, Revd Christopher Powell, is to be installed on Thursday 22 September."

Further information about the event can be obtained if you email jacy@btinternet.com or office@wivelsfieldchurch.org.uk or ring 01444 233937.

For further details, directions + map: www.wivelsfieldchurch.org.uk
Work: 01273 484675
Malcolm.Legg@secamb.nhs.uk

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

A church in Burgess Hill will soon be installing a defibrillator in a joint initiative with their local Lions Club and a wall mounted first aid kit for emergency public use funded by the local branch of Rotary.

Fr Kevin O'Brien, parish priest at St John the Evangelist in Burgess Hill, explained why the church is such a good place for a defibrillator to be installed. He said: "Churches are really good places to store this life-saving equipment because they are often located in central points in communities and many of them, including St John's, are open during the day."

The project also supports the Save a Life campaign backed by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, when he registered the diocese as a partner earlier this year.

Fr Kevin added: "We have been fundraising for this for several months, but it is good to feel that we were becoming part of something bigger for the wider community to get behind.

"Local community groups are often happy to part sponsor some initiatives and so even churches with limited budgets should be able to take up +Martin's challenge as they won't necessarily need to fund the equipment all on their own. And more important than that it is another way in which we can work together and recognise the value in each other. This is the glue of community."

You can find out more about this life saving equipment from Malcolm Legg, Community Partnership Lead (Sussex)

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

Mobile: 07887 633008

Work: 01273 484675

Malcolm.Legg@secamb.nhs.uk



GOOD TIMING FOR CHURCH REPAIRS

Maria Caulfield, the Conservative MP for Lewes visited St Thomas a Becket on Trinity Sunday as the parish church of The Cliffe launched its £60,000 fundraising effort for vital renovation work.

The Rector of Lewes, Rev Canon Richard Moatt, preached on the life of Thomas Becket, coinciding with national celebrations marking the return of a bone fragment of St Thomas from Hungary for the first time in 800 years. The service was also attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Lewes, local councillors and Trustees of the Cliffe Feoffees Charity.

The project sees one of the oldest working clocks in the UK being restored, as well as repairs to crumbling stonework, restoration of stained glass and removing deathwatch beetle infestation which is threatening the roof structure.

It is said that the Lewes church, originally a chapel of ease of the college of Malling, was built by the direct order of Archbishop Thomas Becket, to whose martyrdom it is dedicated. Commenting, Ms Caulfield said, "St Thomas a Becket church has held an important, historic role within the town and more widely within the community for hundreds of years, which is a testament to the value it holds. Appeal supporters have done a fantastic amount of work so far, however, with such a large project, more help is needed to restore this church for hundreds of years to come."



BOOKS AND REVIEWS



EVANGELICAL LEADERSHIP: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

IAN PAUL

IAN Paul's new book is a classic Grove Booklet – a short guide but lots of meat if you want to explore further.

Paul looks at the biblical idea of leadership from his own view but also highlighting the thoughts of several other writers as well as touching on some of the recent reports on leadership in the Church.

He also looks at what it means to be an evangelical, highlighting some of the key issues and needs for evangelical leaders today.

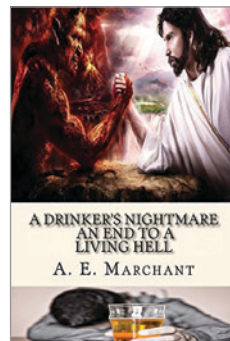
Paul doesn't shy away from the tough stuff either, in fact he openly embraces it and rather insightfully notes how we can deal with it.

Each chapter has helpful points of reflection to take the reader further and encourage them to look at both their own style of leadership but also that of the congregation.

It is both interesting and yet useful (not always an easy match to make), theoretical without going too deep and touches on both the individual and corporate.

Published by Grove Books, £3.95 for paperback or PDF download.

Reviewed by Rev Jules Middleton, curate Trinity Churches, Lewes



A DRINKER'S NIGHTMARE

ALAN MARCHANT

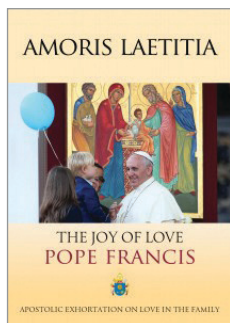
GOD is a saving God, a higher power. Alcoholics healed by trust in that power witness to how practical and life enhancing salvation is.

Alan Marchant gives such a witness in what is, by its own description, a down-to-earth book handy especially for alcoholic sufferers. Alan who is on the PCC at St Andrew, Fairlight, writes graphically of his former plight and how God rescued him and called him to his praise and service.

It's the graphic story of a troubled life told in language that will be more familiar in the pub than church which could make it just the book to hand to a friend in need, especially with its catching cover.

Available from H.Harman@sky.com

Reviewed by Canon John Twisleton, rector of St Giles, Horsted Keynes



AMORIS LAETITIAE

THE JOY OF LOVE

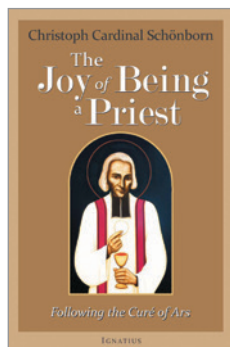
POPE FRANCIS

"FAMILIES are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity" writes Pope Francis in his new exhortation distilling pastoral wisdom from the Church's coal face of engagement with families across the world.

The core biblical material is a study of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and there is much stress on mitigating factors in pastoral situations and "the logic of pastoral mercy" with this heartfelt plea from the Pope: "I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street."

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Reviewed by Canon John Twisleton, rector of St Giles, Horsted Keynes



THE JOY OF BEING

A PRIEST

CHRISTOPH CARDINAL SCHONBORN

THIS book is about priests and starts with a lovely story of the Curé d'Ars unable to find the way to Ars asking a shepherd boy who shows him the road.

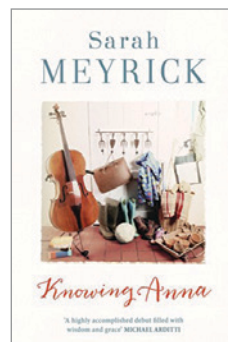
The future saint thanks him saying: "My young friend, you have shown me the way to Ars; I shall show you the way to heaven."

That heaven-pointing role of priests by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church is given through the sacrament of holy orders.

The author brings his readers back to basics on ministerial priesthood which is leadership in the profoundest sense. Having read many books on leadership in the Church today it was good to pick up one that sees ordination and priesthood as pivotal with pastoral wisdom warning all the time against clerical self interest.

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Reviewed by Canon John Twisleton, rector of St Giles, Horsted Keynes



KNOWING ANNA

SARAH MEYRICK

WHEN musician Anna Greene dies at the untimely age of 42, her family and friends are stunned by their sudden loss.

But Anna has left one last request: that those who love her should walk the Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury in her memory.

Four months later, her family and friends set out on a hundred-mile journey that will change their lives for ever.

Over the course of nine days, the pilgrims share their memories of Anna and gradually the layers of her life are peeled back to uncover secrets no one ever suspected. Can those who love her live with all that is past?

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CATHEDRAL NEWS

Flower Festival success for Trust

The Chichester Cathedral Restoration & Development Trust is pleased to announce that through the dedication and talents of over 700 volunteers and the generosity of our supporters, £175,434 was raised towards the restoration needs of Chichester Cathedral. Thus helping to secure the future of the building for generations to come. You can read more about the Trust on the cathedral website www.chichestercathedraltrust.org.uk

Celebrations as Grant is received from First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund

Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust has been awarded £160,000 grant from the First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund. Grants from the fund, announced at Budget 2016, allow cathedrals to undertake urgent repair work.

The Trust successfully applied for partnership funding towards the cost of essential conservation and restoration to the Cathedral's western Cloister. Chichester Cathedral's 15th century Cloisters are non-monastic and consist of three covered passageways to the south of the Cathedral. There are five public entrances into the Cloisters making this a busy thoroughfare used daily by clergy, lay staff, worshippers and visitors for over 600 years.



CATHEDRAL EVENTS:

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

Until Monday 14th November 2016

The Cathedral is excited to be hosting a powerful installation by the internationally acclaimed artist and sculptor, Ana Maria Pacheco. These outstanding – and thought provoking – sculptures present ten over life-size darkly robed figures as they witness the struggle of a young man to carry an older man on his shoulders. This piece speaks strongly of current issues, resonating with the plight of refugees fleeing from places of destruction in our own time. The displaced, the wanderer, the nomad who carries his own history on his back looks towards a new transformation

‘Salt and Light: Christianity and Contemporary Culture’: A lecture by the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford.

Monday 19th September at 6.30pm

Churches sometimes seem to be struggling in a culture of consumerism and an age of apathy. In this fascinating lecture, the Very Revd Martyn Percy will be exploring how Christianity should engage with contemporary culture and what lessons from the past might be applied to the present and the future.

In the Cathedral Nave.

Free entry. All are very welcome.

Colin Wiggins in conversation with acclaimed artist Ana Maria Pacheco

Thursday 6th October 2016 at 6.30pm

Ana Maria Pacheco, creator of the sculpture installation ‘Shadows of the Wanderer’ currently in the Cathedral, was born in Brazil and is an internationally acclaimed artist known for her striking sculptures and artworks. We are delighted that she will be in conversation with Colin Wiggins, Special Projects Curator at the National Gallery. In the Cathedral nave with free entry, open to all.

The gospel according to paul: a study afternoon

Saturday 5th November, 1.30pm to 5.00pm

The gospel according to paul: a study afternoon Having held well attended and much appreciated study days on each of the four Gospels, later this year the Cathedral will be focussing on the writings of St Paul.

Professor Jimmy Dunn, is joined by Professor Steve Moyise, Professor David Catchpole, Dr Hannah Strommen (University of Chichester) and Dr Alison Green. Further speakers will be announced later in the year.

Tickets will be priced at £7 and will be available from early September. Get the date in your diary now.

Open daily with free entry.
Supporting Events:

Thursday 6th October at 6.30pm

Thursday 6th October at 6.30pm Colin Wiggins will be ‘in conversation’ with Ana Maria Pacheco (see separate entry below for details). Free entry.

September and October: ‘People on the Move: Exploring refugee experience’. A series of workshops for schools and colleges developed with Amnesty International. For more information see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

See ‘Behind the Scenes’ at Chichester Cathedral

Saturday 10th September: 11.00am – 2.00pm

As part of Heritage Open Days three fascinating areas of the Cathedral that are 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.

Weekly Lunchtime Concerts at Chichester Cathedral – Autumn 2016

Tuesdays from 13th September to 15th November 1.10pm – 2.00pm

Admission is free. Bring your sandwiches and come along and enjoy the concert. Coffee provided. All are very welcome.

Special Services

Wednesday 12th October – St Wilfrid

5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)

5.30pm Sung Eucharist

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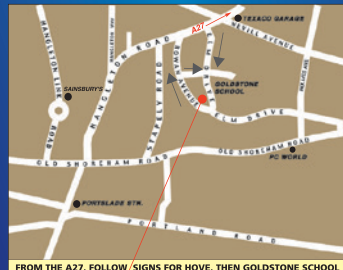
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