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BISHOP RICHARD WRITES..

Advent 2016 (November 27) will begin the Year of the Bible, the next strand of the Diocesan Strategy. A team has been working behind the scenes for some months now, preparing materials and events, organising the Lent course and getting ready for what I hope will be an exciting year in the life of the Diocese.

Many Christians find it hard to get into regular Bible reading and find bits of it difficult to understand. We hope that over the course of this year we'll be able to face some of these difficulties and fears head on, improve our knowledge of the scriptures and how they hang together, and put the Bible at the heart of our personal discipleship.

The year will be launched at Diocesan Synod on November 15th, with events throughout 2017. Do watch out for further details of these in the magazine, e-news and website.

With best wishes,

+Richard Lewes

November 2016





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NEWS

ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

NEW APPOINTMENT

The Rev Dr Daniel Inman is the new diocesan director of ordinands after being licensed at Evensong on Monday, October 10.

Dan has served as chaplain at Queen's College Oxford since 2013 and a junior research fellow in the history of theology. He was also a vocations adviser, with particular responsibility for members of the University of Oxford.

He said: "I'm hugely excited to be joining the diocese and its vocations team as we seek to fan into flame God's gifts among the people of Sussex.

"For the past three years, I've been active as a vocations adviser in the Diocese of Oxford, working in particular with younger ordinands, and I'm especially passionate about nurturing vocations among millennials.

"There are great opportunities ahead for the Church with the resources now being set aside for ministerial training and I look forward to working with clergy and laity across the diocese to

bring forward a new generation of clergy to help build up the body of Christ through word and sacrament."



Revd Dr Daniel Inman with Bishop Martin and Canon Rebecca Swyer.

DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETING

The next Diocesan Synod is at St John's Church, St John's Road, Eastbourne BN20 7ND on Saturday, November 12.

As well as the usual diocesan business Synod will say farewell to Dr Alan Thurlow, DAC chairman and welcome the new Archdeacon of Hastings and the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands. Synod will hear from Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes about strategic development funding and Bishop Richard will update on plans for the Year of the

Bible 2017. Revd Sandra Tebbutt, a senior church relationship manager from the bible society will be giving a presentation.

The Diocesan Synod is made up of the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. When appropriate, these houses meet separately, for instance when a matter before the Diocesan Synod affects the clergy and laity in different ways.

READERS' CHAIRMAN

The Rt Rev Martyn Snow, Bishop of Leicester, has been appointed the next chairman of the Central Readers' Council. Bishop Martyn will take up the role on November 11.

He will also become a member of the Ministry Council of the Archbishops' Council, with a particular brief for lay ministries.

The Central Readers' Council works to enhance the contribution of readers to the overall ministry of the Church, particularly to encourage the most effective collaboration with other forms of ministry, ordained and lay.

BAPTISM MATTERS CONFERENCE

"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.

The conference is led by Canon Sandra Millar, Archbishops' Council Head of Projects and Development Date: 10th November 2016 Venue: St Andrew's Church, Cants Lane, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0LG Cost £10 plus booking fee (cost includes a pack of resources) To book a place contact Rob Dillingham 01273 421021

FAITH IN THE CITY

BRIGHTON and Hove Faith in Action is organising an event to celebrate faith in our communities. This networking event will bring together people from all sectors in Brighton and Hove and showcase the social action work of faith groups across the city. It is an opportunity to network and build partnerships with other organisations.

The event is on Tuesday, November 15, from 11am to 3pm, at St Peter's Church, Brighton. There will be information stalls, presentations, performances and a wide range of foods and drink from different faith traditions.

The Diocese of Chichester will be taking part as will some of our churches, including the parish of Ovingdean.



WELCOMING ARCHDEACON EDWARD

Dr Edward Dowler will begin his new ministry as Archdeacon of Hastings this week.

The new archdeacon, Dr Edward Dowler, was officially collated and licensed in Rye Parish Church on Sunday (18 September).

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, welcomed Dr Dowler, who serves as one of four archdeacon across the Diocese of Chichester.

Chichester Cathedral Choir marked the occasion by singing at the service in Rye.

SPOTLIGHT ON ST MARY'S

Historic England has published the findings of a significant study of major parish churches which features St Mary's in Kemp Town, Brighton, one of only 12 in-depth case studies in the report.

The project was an attempt to find out how churches that are roughly the size of a cathedral but don't have a cathedral's resources function and whether they have sufficient points in common to make the category of major parish church a semi-formal designation for policy purposes.

The Church of England, in particular the Church Buildings Council, had significant input into the research and discussions.

Read the full report on the Historic England website: <https://historicengland.org.uk/research/current-research/>

NEWS CONTINUED

NEW DEPUTY LIEUTENANTS

John Booth, chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, is one of six new deputy lieutenants appointed by Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex Susan Pyper.

They join the 40 current office holders spread across the county, appointed in recognition of service to the community, predominantly in a voluntary capacity, or to the country or county.

John, who lives in Arundel, is chairman of Pallant House Gallery and of the Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance. His career has been spent in finance and equity investment and he is non-executive chairman of a number of public and private companies including the London

Theatre Company and Maintel Plc.

He is a trustee of several arts, educational and religious charities and vice-chairman of the governing body of St Stephen's House, Oxford, where he is also a fellow of Merton College and a member of the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors of Oxford University. He is an enterprise fellow of The Prince's Trust, which helps and mentors young people as they establish their own businesses.

In 2009, he established his own charitable foundation, which makes grants in a number of areas and is an active supporter of many community initiatives in East and West Sussex.

Susan Pyper is appointed by the Queen to be her personal representative in the county.



INTRODUCING THE ANGLICAN CENTRE IN ROME

In order to increase awareness and encourage more people to get involved in the Centre's work of Hospitality, Education and Worship, the centre has established a system of Diocesan Representatives to raise awareness. Canon Robert Fayers has taken on this role for the Diocese of Chichester.

Further information is available on the Centre's website www.anglicancentreinrome.org



DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2017

A new diocesan directory is due to be published in the New Year. Work is already well under way and parishes will be able to place their orders now. The cost of a directory will be £10 staying at the same price as it was in 2013. Distribution logistics are still being finalised and will be communicated in due course. Order your directory by emailing number required along with your parish/church name, a mailing address and contact details to directory@chichester.anglican.org



FOCUS ON HASTINGS

A DETAILED report examining the opportunities and challenges facing the Anglican Church in Hastings has been published.

A review of the Hastings Deanery, which contains all Church of England parishes in the Hastings area, was authored by Bishop Peter Wheatley, a former bishop of Edmonton.

It reflects the Diocese of Chichester's strategy to develop the church numerically and spiritually, to reimagine ministry and contribute to the common good. For a copy of the full report, contact Archdeacon of Hastings Edward Dowler on 01273 421021.

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE?

The diocese publishes a regular weekly e-news with the latest news, training and events to support the mission and ministry of our churches. Please encourage your church officer and members to subscribe free from the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org/e-bulletin/

LOOKING AHEAD TO THY KINGDOM COME 2017

This year the Pentecost initiative Thy Kingdom Come brought thousands together in prayer across the country for people to know Jesus Christ. Next year it's going global, writes the Archbishop. Take a look at the web page for the latest information www.thykingdom.co.uk

NEW VISION FOR THE MAGNET LIBRARY

A collaboration by the Mother Agnes Trust and St Augustine's College of Theology, formerly known as SEITE, will allow the Magnet Library to be used by many more people.

It will be moved to a purpose-built location in the grounds of the St Benedict Centre at Malling Abbey, home to St Augustine's College, which trains ordinands, readers and others in theology.

The new library resource will be available to theological students and alumni together with clergy and laity of the dioceses of Chichester, Rochester, Canterbury and Southwark. Work is already under way to put the existing Magnet building to future good use in the community. An announcement is expected shortly and meanwhile the Magnet rooms remain available for hire via the Church House Admin Team at Adminhelpdesk@chichester.anglican.org

GOD'S NAME IS MERCY" – AN EVENING OF WORSHIP, TEACHING AND CELEBRATION

To mark the end of the Year of Mercy, and to pray for God's blessing on our city, the Chemin Neuf Community is inviting Christians from across all the churches in Brighton to gather together for an evening of praise, teaching, and fellowship at St Patrick's Hove on Saturday 24 November, 7:30pm-10pm.

Worship will be led by One Hope Project – www.onehopeproject.co.uk – an exciting collective of young people passionate about connecting people with the heart of God through music and praise.

St Patrick's is easily accessible by bus (stop: Brunswick Square, on Western Road). The nearest car park is in Norton Road, Hove BN3 3BE (10 mins walk). St Patrick's Church, Cambridge Road, Hove BN3 1DE

ST AUGUSTINE'S
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UNITY IN DIVERSITY



FOR more than 30 years, the Feuerstein conference has brought together seminarians and newly ordained ministers from the Lutheran, Anglican, and Roman Catholic churches for a week of dialogue aimed at increasing mutual affection and understanding.

This year, a delegation of five from the Diocese of Chichester met ministers from the Lutheran diocese of Bayreuth, the Lutheran diocese of Berlin and the Roman Catholic Arch-diocese of Bamberg to discuss the theme of unity in diversity.

The Rev Jamie Gater, currently serving his curacy in the parish of Ifield, found there was a common bond shared at the event.

He said: “The conference was hosted by our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters and was set in the context of the year of mercy thanks to some wonderful lectures by professors from the local seminaries.

“But we also had time to share and reflect on our own traditions and were able to discuss the upcoming events which will be held by Lutherans across Germany to mark 500 years of reformation.

“Our group was able to talk about the ecumenical spirit of the year of mercy and the conference was impressed and encouraged to see pictures of the bishops of Chichester and Arundel and Brighton working collaboratively.

“We spoke to of the diocesan strategy (of course) and of the many opportunities we had, in working for the common good, to share with other Christians in making the kingdom of God a reality for a world in need.

“A lasting impression for us, as we reflected, was the very real pain which still exists in Germany regarding the reformation. We felt fortunate to have time to think about the Church of England and to give thanks for the unique treasures we possess in being both catholic and reformed, however messy this might sometimes feel. We left with new working relationships, a new impression of our place in the family of the Church and with only a couple of bottles of good German beer.”



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

ECO PARTNERSHIP HELPS CHURCHES ADOPT AWARD SCHEME

A Rocha UK's already popular Eco Church initiative now has a new dimension, Eco Diocese. In partnership with the Anglican environmental initiative Shrinking The Footprint the new initiative enables more churches to sign up for an award scheme which equips them to become environmentally friendly.

Conservation charity A Rocha UK's Churches And Theology Director Dr Ruth Valerio introduced Eco Diocese during a special breakfast launch at the College of Bishops meeting in Oxford earlier this summer. In attendance was The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner who committed to work towards Eco Diocese status, signing a letter of registration.

THE BRONZE AWARD IS NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE STANDARD TO ACHIEVE FOR ANY OF OUR CHURCHES

'Following on from the success of Eco Church, we began receiving requests to develop something that would act as an incentive at diocesan level,' said Dr Ruth Valerio, 'and encourage parishes to engage with Eco Church.'

'Green shoots of environmental care are springing up across the Church of England. Eco Diocese encourages those shoots to grow strongly and bear fruit, helping churches take action for God's world.'

Mark Betson Rural and Environment Officer for the Diocese explains what the priorities are now that Chichester has Eco Diocese status.

'Our aim in the first year of becoming an Eco Diocese is to go for a Bronze award requiring us to have 10% (37) of our churches signed up to

becoming an Eco Church and 5% (18) achieving at least Bronze standard. So far we have about 10 churches signed up of which one has registered a Bronze award.

'The Bronze award is not an impossible standard to achieve for any of our churches and you would be surprised to learn how close you are to being one with what you are doing now.'

'We are encouraging Churches to have a look at the Eco Church website and have a go with the assessment tool to see where they are now and look at what they would have to do to get the Bronze standard.' (ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/).

More than 350 congregations have registered with Eco Church, since it was launched at St Paul's Cathedral earlier this year. One of them has scooped the gold award, three have earned their silver and 22 have now achieved the bronze.

Already people from Forest Row, Hellingly and Upper Dicker and Steyning have been to an event to take them through this process. Further help is available if your parish is interested. Please email Mark Betson (mark.betson@chichester.anglican.org) or Ruth Valerio (ruth.valerio@arocha.org)



Caption is Bishop Martin is pictured with David Urquhart from Birmingham and Trevor Willmott from Canterbury and Ruth Valerio.

MISSION FUND NEWS

The diocesan mission fund was introduced to support outreach mission initiatives within the diocese. Projects that get funded submit progress reports at intervals and we share news of the development and outcomes of two projects.

WHITEHAWK

Support from the Mission Fund has enabled a parish in the Brighton deanery to launch new activities and build on others.

St Cuthman's in Whitehawk received the funding to employ a young people and families worker.

Steve Tennant, curate in the parish, said the Mission Fund was vital from the outset in helping to engage with children, young people and families. He said: "Kidz Klub, our fortnightly children's group, has over 25 children attend regularly and the service connected to it has seen a number of new families try out church.

"Our youth group Glow has grown to over 30 young people each session and we hope to take more young people than ever to May Camp – last year we took 15.

"This coming year we are looking to build on those developments by launching a mentoring programme and small groups for young people and strengthening our relationships with the schools the young people attend.

"In short we can point to over 100 people who are engaged with the church and the message of God is somewhere on their radar through the grant the Mission Fund gave us to make the employment of a children's and youth worker."



NURSE POST A REALITY

THE first parish nurse post in the deanery of East Grinstead has been made official thanks to a grant from the mission fund.

Juliette Williams was inaugurated in her new role at Christ the Lord, Broadfield, Crawley, on Sunday, October 23.

Bishop of Chichester Dr Martin Warner joined the parish, civic leaders and representatives of the national and regional Parish Nursing UK network to welcome Juliette.

Rev Howard Schnaar, vicar of Broadfield, said: "Juliette has already been a great blessing to many in Broadfield with her warm and kind yet professional approach. She is a great listener, non-judgemental and offers sound advice rooted in her professional knowledge and experience. This is an exciting post in Broadfield and I am thankful to the Church Mission Fund which helped make this innovative post a reality."

The Ven Fiona Windsor, Archdeacon, said the idea for the post came out of the Crawley and Horsham review. She said: "This is a really positive initiative.

Often people feel that reviews can be quite threatening but this is such a positive story and outcome for the mission and ministry of Broadfield."

To find out more about parish nursing ministries, visit www.parnursing.org.uk.

To find out more about how to apply for a Mission Fund take a look at www.chichester.anglican.org.uk/mission-fund/

Photo: In church in front of the Lord's table: Jill Eveleigh, regional parish nursing rep; Dr Helen Wordsworth, director of Parish Nursing UK; The Ven Fiona Windsor, Archdeacon of Horsham; Rev Howard Schnaar, vicar of Broadfield; Deirdre Schnaar, licensed reader; Crawley Mayor Raj Sharma; Juliette Williams, parish nurse for Broadfield; The Right Reverend Dr Martin Warner; Rev Liz Logan, diocesan parish nursing link





BUILD YOUR **WELCOME**

Andy Moreman (CPO) John Sherlock, Mark Langham (CPO) and Lisa Williamson

AN INITIATIVE has been launched to help parishes develop their own free welcome packs.

The idea is led by Archdeacon of Horsham Fiona Windsor, working in partnership with Christian Publishing Outreach (CPO) of Worthing.

She said: "When someone receives a pack of high-quality printed material, they feel valued. Many churches offer newcomers to their community an exemplary welcome, which will often include a pack of printed material as well as personal contact such as a phone call or a visit.

"Research has shown that more than anything, welcome

is about friendliness and follow up – smiling, chatting, being interested in people's lives – and paper tools only support that genuine warmth.

"The free resources parishes can now download are to help them produce high-quality printed material to help with welcoming people."

CPO is already a Church print hub for parishes, a resource set up by Dr Sandra Millar, head of projects for the Archbishops' Council, to make it easier for parishes to access quality resources.

Now the Church of England is encouraging other dioceses to take the initiative and create their own print hubs to distribute

their resources effectively. This works well on specific projects such as welcome packs and diocesan strategy materials.

Catherine Butcher, a reader at St John's Mead, Eastbourne, was one of the first to use the service. She said: "It is lovely to have something of good quality to use. We will put together extra pages from St John's to make it local for our parish."

The facility is still in its early days and is likely to have a few changes with new resources added in future. Resources from the diocese are free to print with only post and packing to pay. CPO has added some free resources too. Take a look at www.chichester.anglican.org/welcome/.

BOYS, YOUR CATHEDRAL NEEDS YOU

CATHEDRAL choirs are deeply woven into the cultural fabric of our country – and Chichester's has an international reputation for the quality of its performances.

Its boy choristers are at the heart of the cathedral's life and mission. Typically, they begin their musical education aged seven or eight and will go on to sing regular services in the cathedral, broadcast to hundreds of thousands of radio listeners, make recordings and travel abroad for concert tours.

All this is in addition to a school curriculum that includes sport, drama and field trips as well as academic work.

Regular evensong-goers can experience the choir's music several times each week. For others, Christmas broadcasts or great state occasions will offer a glimpse of this priceless musical heritage.

Whether we are avid devotees of choral music or encounter it occasionally in passing, most of us are glad and reassured that it is there.

The top line of cathedral choirs is typically provided by children, who devote many hours a week to their singing and achieve standards of extraordinary professionalism.

The chorister life is about much more than music: the boys are constantly encouraged and developed within a caring and close-knit community, setting goals and high standards for themselves.

As they rise through the ranks of the choir, choristers develop invaluable skills: concentration, teamwork and organisation. The experience is an excellent preparation for life ahead, giving them the confidence to pursue future opportunities and success.

These qualities are highly valued by employers, universities and secondary schools and nearly all Chichester's choristers gain scholarships when they leave the choir.

If your son has shown an interest in music, enjoys singing or is just interested in finding out a little more, go along to a sung service where you can see and hear the choir at work.

Alternatively, make an appointment to meet the cathedral's master of the choristers, Charles Harrison. Friendly and informal auditions are held all year round and the next open day will be on March 4 next year.

Boys often join the choir in year 4 but vacancies sometimes arise in other year groups so it is always worth contacting Charles to discuss places. To find out more, call 01243 812486 or email organist@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

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- A world class musical education
- A foundation for continuing success
- An exceptional opportunity
- Generous scholarships

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PLACES AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 3 & 4 BOYS FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

Contact Charles Harrison, Director of Music, either by phone 01243 812486 or e-mail organist@chichestercathedral.org.uk to find out more or to arrange an informal audition

Open Day on March 4th – a chance for your son to have fun finding out what the Chorister's Life is all about

See: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/cathedral-choir/

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6.6 TONS AND COUNTING...

BRIGHTON and Hove City Mission has been supporting people since 1849. Its mission to serve the city, Church and Christ is evident in the successful projects it runs in schools and rest homes and its food bank. BHCM often works with other charities and institutions, such as the Diocese of Chichester, to provide services, training and resources. The team is now preparing for the cold winter when many people will seek assistance from the food bank. BHCM director Julian Haddow tells us how it all started and how you can help.

For nearly 170 years, missionaries have worked in Brighton and Hove, caring for individuals and families who are poor and vulnerable. For decades we went to people's houses and would help feed those in need. In 2000, inspired by Southampton City Mission, we started what is now known as Brighton Food Bank.

This exists to serve those in financial crisis. Each client must be referred by one of the 50 agencies we work with. They will then receive an appointment for their first food parcel and an assessment of the severity of the situation. Depending

on their income, benefits and dependents, clients will then receive a fixed amount of weekly food parcels to see them through their crisis.

We also provide start-up packs for those moving into new accommodation. This is a unique service providing essential homeware, bedding and utensils. We also offer help through our fuel aid service for those who have to choose between feeding their family and heating their home. The fuel aid provision is a one-off gift in exceptional circumstances.

Fifteen years on, we are proud to have been named "potentially one of the UK's best food banks" by Nathan Au, national development manager of Fareshare. We are praised for our strict referral-only policy, our tailored support to understand the underlying cause of the crisis, empowering clients and for our genuine care and compassion to help them move on.

In October, 32 churches, 19 schools, five supermarkets, three banks, and two businesses donated over a four-week period, totalling 6.6 tons of food. From us, and the 530 clients who benefited from your

generosity, thank you.

Brighton Food Bank is continuously seeking to better serve and unite the church and we now offer advice to others setting up food banks. In early 2017, we hope to launch a manual on how to run a food bank, in conjunction with the Church of England.

Alongside Christians Against Poverty we will host a new Christians in poverty forum in the city. This is for all Christians working anywhere in the poverty sector to get together to network and support each other.

How can you help?

- » • Join the team of volunteers at Brighton Food Bank – apply online
- » • Collect food all year round as a church – we can provide a food bin
- » • Financially support the running costs of the food bank – as a church or individual
- » • Sign up for our newsletter and pray for us regularly.

Find more information at www.bhcm.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS 2016

We are short of the following items -

TINNED FOOD

Tuna and Vegetables

PACKETS OF FOOD

Biscuits and Rice

JARS & BOTTLES

Jams and UHT Milk



BRIGHTON AND HOVE
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Thank you for your fantastic support!

DELIVERING THE DIOCESAN STRATEGY

CELEBRATING YEAR OF THE BIBLE IN 2017

In issue 11 of Faith in Sussex The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner announced 2017 was to be designated The Year of The Bible to be launched in Advent 2016

"I hope it will be as challenging and as thought-provoking for service of neighbour and as devotionally formative as the Year of Mercy has been," said Bishop Martin.

Clergy, congregations, chaplains, church schools and students will be challenged to examine the importance of the books of the Bible in daily life and contemporary culture.

The Bishop has set up a working party to produce resources for parishes and schools to grapple with the subject. A range of ideas and initiatives are being planned for people of all ages. Visiting scholars will look at the bible in politics, science, the media and scholarship in a series of lectures across Sussex. A special Lent Course is being produced through which church goers will be challenged to get to know their bibles better and to understand the origin and purpose of key biblical texts.

"The Christian faith flows out of the holy Scriptures as the definitive guide to God's love. But the Bible is not a dusty rule book; it comes in a rich wrapping of centuries of Christian experience and interpretation. We need to know it better and allow the experience of our own generation to be viewed

through its rich message of hope, peace and joy for all people," added Dr Warner.

The Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, Chair of the Strategy Working Party, said he was looking forward to 2017 and to all that the Year of the Bible promised: "Our goal is to encourage individual Christians to engage with the Bible as part of their discipleship and to look closely at how these texts feature in their spiritual life."

Plans for the year will be unveiled at a meeting of the Chichester Diocesan Synod this month. (November) The Year of the Bible will run from Advent Sunday (27 November 2016)

HOW WAS IT FOR YOU?

In 2015 the parishes were asked to come up with "one thing" for 2016 to focus their efforts to embrace the strategy: Bishop Richard described how parishes engaged with the initiative. He said: "Nearly all of the benefices in the Diocese have submitted ideas around the 'one thing' and I am impressed with the range of schemes they have come up with."

Bishop Jackson added: "They are significant achievements. Foundation stones for the future. Certainly, the catch line adopted by the strategy To Know, Love, Follow Jesus is encouraging people to go deeper in faith."

A SNAPSHOT OF A FEW OF THE SCHEMES:

Wadhurst, Stonegate & Tidebrook - Friends across Wadhurst is a befriending scheme for the community facilitated by the church. Individuals who for one reason or another are isolated are linked up with befrienders. These befrienders are volunteers who are trained and then carefully matched to the clients whom they will visit, usually for an hour once a week.

Frant & Eridge - We want to improve our communication. This will mean re-evaluating and trying to improve all our different ways of communicating the good news with those around us, including things like our website, our noticeboards, and most importantly, ourselves.

OTHER PROJECTS RELATING TO THE 'ONE THING'

Brighton Saint Luke, Queens Park is focussing on a Community space project; Burton w Coates is developing Bible study; Crawley Down All Saints is increasing its work with schools; Horsham: St Mary the Virgin Holy Trinity will be developing its Web presence; Chichester: St Pancras is involved in a project Financing a school in Lebanon; Eastbourne: St Andrew has opened a Drop-in café for the school run; Berwick: St Michael & All Angels is planning a Pilgrimage route with other churches in the vicinity.

A full list can be found on the diocesan website – www.chichester.Anglican.org

2018 IS DESIGNATED AS THE YEAR OF PRAYER

DELIVERING THE DIOCESAN STRATEGY

RECOMMENDED READING FOR **YEAR OF THE BIBLE**

Bishop Martin recommends:

Tom Wright's recent publication, *God in Public*, is a collection of talks that he has given in the past decade. Building on his popular and instructive biblical commentaries, this collection relates that area of study to what's happening on the world stage, assessing "how the Bible speaks truth to power today".

The starting point for most of his talks is a frank recognition that "we are in the middle of enormous cultural changes within Western society". As a biblical scholar, Tom Wright sets out the case for taking the Bible seriously as a guide to recovery in areas of life where the promises of atheism, the free market, and media-fuelled consumerism simply have not produced peace, prosperity, or human flourishing.

The book is characteristic of Tom Wright's rather swashbuckling style and one might not agree with

everything he writes. It's also evident that in the period of a decade things have changed; religion is now very much more central to world politics than when Alastair Campbell famously said, "We don't do God". However, the energy that Tom Wright injects into the use of the Bible as a foundation for Christian apologetics in the public square is very refreshing indeed. More of this, please.

Recommended by Bishop Richard:

God's Big Picture: Vaughan Roberts
InterVarsity Press
Originally published: 2003
ISBN: 9781844743704

Recommended by Bishop Mark:

Joseph Ratzinger's 'Joseph of Nazareth, The Infancy Narratives' (Third in the *Jesus of Nazareth Trilogy*) Published by Bloomsbury 2012
ISBN: 978 1 4081 94539

JOIN US FOR AN EXPLORATION OF THE BIBLE

Led By Bishop Richard Jackson

The Ascension Church, Vale Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4JS
February 11th 2017 - 10.00 for 10.30 - 3.00

Session 1- The Bible - an overview
Session 2 - What about the smiting!
Session 3 - It's all about interpretation

*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH - TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE



HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PARISH WEBSITE

In the era of computers and the internet, it's important for every church to have a presence online. For some people it will be their first point of contact for a church and the first impression they have of a website will be very important in determining whether they visit the church or not. You never get a second chance to make a first impression.

It can seem daunting and too technical setting up a website, but there is help and advice. With the right resources, anyone can put together a simple website. Here are a few things to think about:

1 Before setting up a website, think carefully about the design. What colours will you use, what is your logo etc The design has to reflect the style of the church and be easy to read. Don't overcomplicate things with different fonts and colours. If possible, employ a graphic designer.

2 Do you want your website to be unique and stand out? It is worth a little research into what other churches are doing for ideas

3 Think about the layout for the website ahead of time. Make sure every link is self-explanatory and information such as contact details are in a prime position.

Details that every website should have are:

- » Contact Details
- » Location and visitor information
- » Who's who
- » Events/news
- » Service times
- » Partner and community links

4 Try and include photos and stories of things happening in the parish to show that it's an active and vibrant church. Maybe start a blog or a twitter account linked to your website. You could also add other things such as:

- » Audio of sermons
- » Youtube videos of church events
- » The parish magazine

- » News (either from the community or from the diocese)
- » Church history
- » The Church's vision
- » Links to other websites (such as www.achurchnearyou.com)
- » Information about regular groups and clubs

5 As with your parish magazine, keep jargon to a minimum. Make it as welcoming and clear to as many people as possible.

6 Get the website road-tested by a focus group. This helps to iron out any issues and broken links etc.

7 Keep the website up to date. Out of date information or no information won't get visitors staying long on the site or visiting again.

Church Edit offer easy to update Church Websites and will help you with your website development projects. www.churchedit.co.uk/



PARISH NEWS

TAPESTRY TRIBUTES

Archdeacon of Hastings Edward Dowler paid tribute to The People's Tapestry created by the community of St Clements Church in Hastings.

It was inspired by the Battle of Hastings' 950th anniversary celebrations.

The tapestry, with some 450 panels, was unveiled on Sunday, October 16, and blessed by Archdeacon Edward, followed by a Bible reading and a reading of the Lord's prayer in Anglo-Saxon.

There was a rousing rendition of Jerusalem and reflection gave people who had sewn a panel a chance to find themselves on the banners.

Church member Heather Leech and her husband Keith organised the project. She said: "It was an opportunity to consider the effects of the famous battle, of war in general and how we are affected by war in 2016 through a range of song, poetry and readings.

"The tone ranged from the light-hearted to the more sombre Anglo-Saxon Chronicle which recorded the events of 1066. Candles for peace were lit by individuals representing all levels of society, from four-year-old Willemina Hinton to the mayor and High Sheriff of Sussex."

Archdeacon Edward said: "I hope the tapestry will inspire local people to visit the church and encourage new visitors and tourists."

The project has not yet closed and it is still possible to participate or view the panels. The register of panels is being assembled into a book so people can find themselves and see what others have done.

It was a stated aim from the outset that no one should be anonymous on the tapestry.



WORKING WITH NURSERY CHILDREN

The government will introduce new legislation in September 2017 to increase the hours and nursery places available to parents.

Rev Andrew Manson Brailsford, vicar of St Georges Kemp Town discusses why churches should provide this provision and how the new legislation might impact on those churches already involved in providing nursery provision.

I am old enough to remember that wonderful ambiguously titled report “Children in the Way”. Today it would seem almost alien to have a church or congregation who didn’t want to work with children and young people. I did however, find myself asking what that engagement really meant and if it really had an impact on the faith lives of young people.

At St George’s in Brighton we have a nursery which was opened in 2006, and is fully Ofsted regulated. St George’s Church has invested a lot in supporting the nursery and keeping it going through difficult times and an ever changing environment. Is the effort they are making worthwhile, and should it be a focus of our energies as Christians in Kemp Town?

The difficulty for nurseries has been the way in which the government funds places. Parents only seeking 15 hours of nursery care has meant a fall in possible income, whilst the overheads remained the same!

But why should St George’s support the nursery through the difficult times?

First of all, I believe that it is a living out of the Gospel – not just talking about the Good Samaritan but actually offering a helping hand. And making that offer even when it proves difficult for us as a church community.

The nursery provides around ten full-time jobs. In a time when the financial circumstances surrounding so many people are proving difficult, it remains a huge and valuable incentive to keep these jobs alive.

What do we get out of it? It was interesting when St George’s Church was flooding because of heavy rain – just like an indoor shower – the first people to come and offer help were the nursery staff. They didn’t need to be asked, and they didn’t want any reward, albeit tea and praise was forthcoming from members of the congregation. It seems to me that it is so important to foster good relationships, and from them many things may grow. It certainly helps to soften what often appears to be the contemporary secular world’s approach to the church.

The nursery also offers a big start by having 38 places to fill. The number of children can often be more, since some only use it on a part-time basis. They get a grounding in simple educational skills which always helps when they go to school, and they learn to get along with other children – a very necessary skill in an age when life seems to be so often “on line” rather than in the room.

The economic reality is that parents and carers need extra income to meet the needs of those they care for. We provide a safe environment for their children whilst they are earning that income.

Whilst allowing people to see the Gospel in action and through that finding encouragement and incentive to get involved in the life of the church, there is also a place for direct teaching. The demands of the religious education curriculum, which is of course multi faith, together with the setting, provide an ample opportunity to do just that. Showing young children around church, teaching them about Christmas and Easter events, is so wonderful.

On a personal level, seeing the appreciation on a group of young people’s faces having worked with them, is an uplifting experience.

So it seems that we may well have a good reason to support education and small nurseries – even in the difficult times. We could be planting the seeds of good memories which will blossom in later life. At the very least we are serving the people, in a very practical way, in a particular part of God’s vineyard.

St George’s nursery, along with other church run nurseries, are always looking for help – so why not consider volunteering?

They are also looking for children to take up the places in nurseries, so why not make sure your family and friends know about them and support them. It is such a good start to a young life. And in this case one which is open to the possibilities of a working relationship with faith communities.



WHERE WORSHIP IS POWERFUL AND HOPE INSPIRING

MY SUMMER VISIT TO PAKISTAN WITH RELEASE INTERNATIONAL

By Richard Jackson, Bishop of Lewes

MORE than 30 years ago, long before I was ordained, I worked in Pakistan for the American Presbyterian Church.

It was one of the most formative times of my life, setting the stage for subsequent ministry, so I was delighted to accept an invitation to Lahore earlier this year.

Some things have changed hugely, notably the economic development. Thirty two years ago cars and even motorbikes were comparatively rare. Nowadays the urban centres are virtually impassable at times.

The security situation is much more grave, with genuine threats to life for our Christian brothers and sisters.

However some things are much the same. The driving remains chaotic. The stench of open

sewers, while improved, remains a health hazard.

Persecution and discrimination against Christians is depressingly familiar. The volume of worship services is still either deafening or off.



Bishop Richard at Christ Church, Youhanabad, a Christian suburb of Lahore, where I preached at the beginning of September.

However, the hospitality and warmth of Pakistani Christians is as it always has been. They were genuinely pleased to see us and affirmed and supported by our visit.

We visited a family who had lost loved ones in the Easter bomb blast. We prayed for a young man recovering from his injuries, the scars still fresh where ball bearings had been removed from his body. The psychological scars will take much longer to heal.

In one home I baptised their two-year-old daughter, something the family had been unable to do because of their nomadic lifestyle running from a family who meant them harm.

The stories of many were accompanied by tears. Imagine life as a Christian convert not only dealing with the stress of moving from safe house to safe house with virtually nothing to live on but also with the knowledge her own mother had arranged someone to pour petrol on her and set her alight for her bold step of faith.

We rejoice when people decide to follow Jesus but in Pakistan that has huge implications for family relationships. Without the work of Release partners, many would be destitute and quite likely forced back into their former faith.

Many Christians work in brick kilns. They are paid insufficient to live on and have to borrow from their employers, often at prohibitive rates of interest.

Children have few opportunities, their health is poor and there is little hope in a human sense

beyond a life of drudgery. However, their worship was powerful, their trust in the Lord strong and their resolute hope inspiring.

I haven't recovered from the novelty of Kalashnikov-wielding armed guards at Christ Church, Youhounabad, site of a suicide bombing that killed 12 a year ago.

Sadly, the Taliban's growing cunning means guns are unlikely to be sufficient deterrent. One of the security team would physically need to stop any attacker, with likely fatal consequences.

This constant danger did not stop 800 worshippers joining us. It has not stopped growth, both in numbers and, most noticeably, in depth of discipleship among the Christian community.

There were opportunities to teach on leadership. Material I would have considered basic was a revelation to them. There was always the challenge of translating principles, which might have a very different application in their culture.

The pastor Bill Hybels said: "The local church is the hope of the world and its future lies chiefly in the hands of its leaders." On the basis of my experiences with the bright young people I encountered, the future looks more hopeful than we could imagine.

Finally, it was the persistent courage of our partners and converts who in Jesus have found an anchor in every storm. One can over-romanticise their bravery. Such constant anxiety takes its toll on marriages, health



and family. But there is a light from Jesus that shines out of broken lives that is humbling and inspiring.

My lasting image is of Peter, who used to be an Imam. He announced his conversion through the mosque loudspeaker and then had to run for his life. I have met few people who shone with the love of Christ like he did. He, like all the folk I met, was an inspiration to deeper encounter with God and greater obedience.

One of the difficulties Pakistani Christians face are unwarranted accusations under the blasphemy laws. Lobbying the Pakistani government for their repeal does have some effect. You can add your voice to the campaign at www.change.org/p/prime-minister-nawaz-sharif-repeal-pakistan-s-blasphemy-laws.

Find out more about the persecution our brothers and sisters face in many countries at www.releaseinternational.org.

WELCOME NEW READERS

Four new readers were welcomed and licensed into the diocese on Saturday, September 17, at Chichester Cathedral. Kim Hill, Catherine Butcher, John Witherington and Philip Kelly, were pictured with Bishop Mark, Bishop Richard and Fr Paul Rampton, warden of readers. Here, three of them share their reflections of the day.



KIM HILL, ALL SAINTS, PATCHAM

September 17 was a pivotal moment marking the end of three years of reader training and the start of official lay ministry. The whole service at the cathedral was lovely but two moments stood out for me. One was praying together before the procession to the cathedral, which reminded me prayer is the bedrock of all we do.

As Jesus said, “Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). The other was processing out of the cathedral at the end and singing the last two verses of Christ triumphant, ever reigning outside with a crowd of onlookers around us, which reminded me we are sent out to proclaim the Gospel to the world and to glorify God.



CATHERINE BUTCHER, ST JOHN'S, MEADS, EASTBOURNE

Ezekiel's prophecy to the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37) was key to my sense of calling to be a reader so I was hugely encouraged when we came to the retreat day before the licensing service. We held the retreat at my home church, St John's Meads in Eastbourne.

At the end our vicar spent time with the four of us and gave each of us a passage of scripture. He didn't know about my sense of calling from Ezekiel but gave me that passage, which seems so appropriate for all readers in Chichester Diocese as we prepare for the year of the Bible. More than 30 members of St John's came to the licensing. It was so special to be surrounded by my family and church family for such a special occasion. Now begins the task of learning in practice what it means to preach God's life-giving word.



JOHN WITHERINGTON, ST PETER'S, ARDINGLY

It's easy to get this day wrong. You are made to feel very special: the privilege of a beautiful cathedral set aside just for you, a joyful liturgy planned with you in mind, for you a bishop's blessing, a congregation's prayers, your incumbent to uphold and invest you, your family, friends and parishioners to encourage you. You are admitted and licensed, loved and affirmed. But memo to self: it's not about you, it's about God. It was he who brought you here and he who will take you on.

For me, this day was a long time coming, for God even longer. So, an emotional mix of relief, disbelief, joy, excitement and thanksgiving. As we emerged, still singing, from the shade of the nave into the sunshine of the precinct, the final words of the hymn seemed appropriate: “Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.”



Please pray for the readers and their parish communities as they continue in their mission and ministry. You can find out about reader ministry training at www.chichester.anglican.org/reader-training

Walsingham

A PLACE OF TRANSFORMATION

Lisa Williamson, communications officer for the Diocese of Chichester joined Fr Robert Norbury, Fr Rob Coupland and a group of pilgrims from St Michael and All Angels Brighton and St Paul's Brighton on a pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in August.

Walsingham is a village in the county of Norfolk known world-wide for its religious shrines in honour of the Virgin Mary and is a major pilgrimage centre. Known as England's Nazareth it also contains the ruins of two medieval monastic houses.

I'd heard numerous stories of how rudimentary the facilities used to be at Walsingham back in the day where ice cold buckets of water were metered out to guests for washing and the

catering was at best unimaginative. Seeking out better hospitality of an evening guests would visit the local establishments and often, forgetting the lateness of the hour, would need to draw on their creative resources to get back into their accommodation having been locked out after the midnight curfew!

People say you wouldn't recognise Walsingham today. There have been many changes over the past 20 years with the latest modern additions introduced in 2008. However, the blend of the traditional and new is so successful that the original beauty of its collection of buildings has only been enhanced.

A programme of improvement and development allowed the centre to cater for larger groups and now boasts hugely improved hospitality with a smart refectory and a cafe bar. The building of the new Milner wing means the centre also offers excellent accommodation for disabled people.

I caught up with interim priest administrator Fr Philip Barnes who explained that on top of the pilgrimage bookings Walsingham also attracts and caters for thousands of day tourists each year. 'We are open to turning tourists into pilgrims. Any pilgrimage will involve proclamation of good news and Mary has a role in encouraging our faith in following Jesus. Pilgrimage is about renewal, making space to be with God. It's about fellowship, a time to enjoy one another's company in coming together as a group.'

Walsingham has been a very popular destination for children and youth pilgrimages. The diocese has been sending these groups to Walsingham for





many years. On top of this many of our churches organise parish pilgrimages such as ours.

Fr Robert and curate Fr Rob were exemplary leaders. We started our journey with a Blessing of Pilgrims at St Michael and All Angels in Brighton before making our way to Walsingham.

As well as the fellowship enjoyed by us all there were many highlights of the pilgrimage. These included Stations of the Cross, which Fr Rob led and we pilgrims read out passages from the Bible,

a candle-lit procession and Benediction with Ministry of Healing and Reconciliation in the Shrine Church, the Sprinkling with Ministry of Healing also in the Shrine Church and on our last day a very special Mass of Requiem for Shirley Steers at the Holy House.

For me it was a special four days. The opportunity to be in a place of significance, the services, conversation and fellowship added to a deeper acknowledgment of my own faith.

Parishes should be encouraged to explore Walsingham. You won't be disappointed!

Fellow pilgrims had this to say:

"It's like a spiritual renewal, a personal thing. You come back for your own reason." *Shirley Derkson St Michael and All Angels*

"Walsingham opens your mind. You don't often get the opportunity to be yourself and here is somewhere to come and unwind and think for yourself." *Phyllis Zmac St Michael and All Angels*

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

According to legend in 1061 Richeldis de Faverche, had a vision of the Virgin Mary, requesting her to build a replica of the house at Nazareth where the angel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation, 'And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus' (Luke 1.31). Richeldis built the house, which was later enclosed in a chapel. Later, her son Geoffrey, placed its guardianship in the hands of the Augustinian Canons.

So strong was Marian devotion in this country, that England was known throughout Europe as Mary's Dowry. Walsingham flourished as a place of pilgrimage until the Reformation when, with the dissolution of the monasteries, the Shrine was destroyed on the orders of Henry VIII.

In 1922, the Vicar of Walsingham, Fr Hope Patten, installed a new statue of Our Lady, based on the image depicted on the seal of the

medieval priory, in the Parish Church. Later he was the visionary behind the rebuilding of the Shrine and Holy House, which is today once again a place of pilgrimage.

Walsingham speaks so powerfully because as Christians we see our lives in terms of a journey, we are a pilgrim people, on a journey from, and returning to God, from earth to heaven. Pilgrimage, which is at the very heart of Walsingham, makes that journey into a physical experience for us.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham, naturally has a special focus on the Incarnation of Our Lord, when the Word became flesh. This belief, which is central to our faith, is that at a point in history, in a certain place, God himself was born of a woman. The small Holy House, encased in the Shrine Church, shows us that timeless truth that God in Jesus had a human family and home in Nazareth and we, in turn, by coming to Walsingham can glimpse that mystery.

www.walsingham.org.uk

EDUCATION NEWS

INTRODUCING THE NEW CEO FOR DCAT

Lesley Gannon was appointed to the post of CEO of the Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust (DCAT) in September into a fast-paced demanding role. Here she outlines DCAT's current priorities.

"I joined at an exciting time. DCAT currently has four open academies and a number of other schools currently in the process of converting. We offer both primary and secondary education and have recently submitted a bid to open an all-through academy in Burgess Hill.

"There are plans for over 5,000 new homes to the north of town and this school would support the emerging community. The proposal is for the school to open with one form entry in 2019 and grow in line with housing growth. Once full to capacity the school would be two form entry at primary and six forms of entry at secondary school.

"Central to all that we do is a mission to ensure that every child in our academies enjoys the very

best education possible; inspirational, fully-rounded and rooted in our Christian beliefs and values. DCAT is also committed to engaging fully with the communities we serve."



If you would like to know more about our work, or are interested in getting involved please contact us at: contactdcat@chichester.anglican.org

To find out more information about the Burgess Hill plans go to www.burgesshillceallthrougthschool.org





CHURCH OF ENGLAND FREE SCHOOL PROPOSALS

The Diocese of Chichester Education department has been working with partners on further proposals for new Church of England schools in the Diocese. These bids were submitted to the Department for Education at the end of September. All of the proposals have been developed in areas where new schools are needed as a result of increasing populations due to new house building and are therefore required to alleviate pressure on current schools.

In Hellingly, East Sussex, a proposal for a new two-form entry primary school was developed working with Tenax Schools Trust, led by the outstanding Bennett Memorial Diocesan School. This new school would open in 2018 and would include a nursery for 2 and 3 year olds. The proposed name for the school is St Peter and St Paul CE Primary School. The bid has benefitted from the strong support of Revd David Farey the local vicar who has galvanised community support. Further information and a survey are available at <https://stpeterstpaulhellingly.school/>

A further proposal was submitted for Church of England schools in West Sussex. A bid for a new primary school in Shoreham-by-Sea was developed by St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary for a replica 'sister' two form entry primary school with a nursery in the town. The school would be called St Clement CE Primary Academy, named after the patron saint of mariners, perfect for a school in a seaside town with a busy working harbour. More information is on the St Nicolas and St Mary website here <http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/>.

Your support is vital for all of these projects, please do look at the websites and complete surveys to show your support for new Church of England schools.

HAVE YOU GOT A LICENCE FOR THAT?



Churches are increasingly embracing new technologies and multimedia in worship and in outreach and social activities. However, keeping up with copyright can be a challenge. Rich Burrough, from Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI), explains where a licence might be required.

CCLI exists to support churches in this area, providing various licences that simplify legal access to copyright material while ensuring rights holders are fairly paid for the use of their work.

Many churches already enjoy the protection of the Church Copyright Licence and the Music Reproduction Licence for the reproduction of songs used during worship. There are other common activities where copyright should be a consideration.

Playing and performing music

Music played or performed live within an act of worship (regular worship services) does not currently require the cover of any licence. However, playing music for entertainment or ambiance in church activities such as youth clubs, community events and socials does require licensing.

As agent for PRS for Music and PPL, CCLI offers two licences that cover music played on church premises. The PRS for Music Church Licence permits you to hold up to six live concerts/recitals per year. When playing commercial music recordings (eg CDs or MP3s), both a PRS for Music Church Licence and the PPL Church Licence are required as they each protect different rights within a recording.

Community use of church buildings

The PRS for Music and PPL Church Licence usually cover all buildings within the curtilage of the church. If you have a separate hall, it's covered provided the predominant use of music within it is by the church. This means that in many circumstances these licences will cover third party hirers such as community groups using church facilities.

Showing films

The use of popular films to entertain or communicate the gospel is a great way to bring teaching to life and engage those outside the church in a culturally relevant way. CCLI's Church Video Licence covers most mainstream film studios, including Disney, Universal, 20th Century Fox, Paramount and MGM. If you show films outside acts of worship you'll also require the PRS for Music Church Licence to cover music on the soundtrack.

Recording services

Churches which hold the Church Video Licence are permitted to record their services, including the worship, for those unable to attend. However, a church wishing to upload or stream their services online will need a Limited Online Music Licence directly from PRS for Music (prsformusic.com/loml).

Further support

Activities such as uploading multimedia content to websites and social media pages, streaming video in their services and scanning and sharing files digitally are becoming more and more common in churches. CCLI is here to offer guidance where copyright may be affected. Even if we can't provide cover, we can usually point you in the right direction.

You'll find lots more information at uk.ccli.com/ churches. For handy printable guides to copyright in various areas of church life, go to uk.ccli.com/fact-files.

Our friendly and knowledgeable team is here to help – email uk@ccli.com or call 01323 436100.

FELLOWSHIP & SPIRITUAL FEEDING IN YORK

CURSILLO is a movement in the Anglican church, open to all Christians, with the aim of helping and supporting one another on a spiritual journey through regular prayer groups, diocesan get togethers and national gatherings. Judy Lowe travelled to York with fellow Christians from the Chichester Diocese to join about 500 others from across the UK for the annual national gathering of "Cursillistas". She shares her reflections.

YORK is a beautiful city and we processed through its streets on a busy and wet Saturday morning, singing and waving colourful diocesan banners. We were kept in tune along the way by the magnificent sounds of the Golden Rail band. We brought a smile to many faces and a quizzical look to others and we handed out flyers explaining who we were.

We filed in to York Minster, where we filled the choir section, and a special Eucharist service followed, presided over by The Right Reverend Dr John Thomson, Bishop Suffragan of Selby. The service and our singing could be heard

throughout the Minster, a great witness to our Lord in such a beautiful place.

In the afternoon we came together for our ultreya, a Spanish word which means "keep going, don't give up". It is a word of encouragement, which is exactly what an ultreya does. As we share fellowship, singing and a witness talk we are encouraging one another on our Christian journey.

York University was our "base camp" for the weekend, offering us bed, breakfast and an evening meal on Saturday. Considering the numbers involved this was a huge task but



Pictured Judy Lowe

it was carried out without any hitches. I guess they are used to catering for many students.

The organisation by my brothers and sisters in the York Diocese to put this national ultreya together has been a year in the making and my sincere thanks go to all of them for making our stay in York so wonderful. We all received a "goodie bag" with information about York city, a map of the campus, a timetable of events, a prayer card and some chocolate – a lovely gift.

I came home rejoicing and felt nourished in mind body and spirit, something we all need on our journeys from time to time. Next year it will be the Diocese of Nottingham hosting the event – count me in.

If you would like to know more about Cursillo in the Diocese of Chichester, visit chichestercursillo.co.uk/.

Judy Lowe worships at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Shoreham Beach, is a lay minister of communion and serves in the church regularly. She has been involved with Cursillo since 2007.



CURATES CORNER

BY REV JULES
MIDDLETON

CURATE AT
TRINITY, LEWES

Something I've learned more than anything else through ministerial training is that people are what matter most.

Whatever I may be charged with doing as a curate, at the heart of it all are real people and real lives. That's one reason why I became involved with starting Movement of Love, a campaign that encourages people to be a loving presence in their communities

Augustine of Hippo, the 4th century bishop and theologian, said hundreds of years ago that he was: "Entangled in a love of this present age, of temporal things, that is, and is far from loving God and his neighbour as scripture prescribes."

Sometimes it's hard to focus on how God wants you to live your life, even if you are destined for sainthood like Augustine. So, are

we too busy loving the things of this age to love those around us as the Bible tells us to? (Matt 22:39)

Christianity is all about love and yet so often the Church doesn't display that love as actively as it might. There is plenty of opportunity in our parishes – thousands of people struggle daily with loneliness, for example, and what about those with depression or mental illness, often suffering alone? Have we considered the homeless man huddled on our street corner, the family whose home has been burgled or those surviving by visiting a foodbank each week?

We are commanded to love people. Regardless of race, religion, age, sex, whether they are in church or not, we just need to love people. I think that is perhaps the greatest witness to

our faith, to demonstrate the love that God first showed to us.

And that's what Movement of Love is all about, sharing some love with those around us in the small things and the large. It's for individuals but also for us corporately as the Church or as businesses, schools and organisations. We are asking what can you do to be a loving presence in your community?

Find out more at www.facebook.com/movementoflove2016 or Twitter @movementoflove.

We are really keen to see churches engage with this project in their parishes and are in planning to develop some resources for churches. We would love to hear from you if you would like to be part of trialling this in your community.

STORIES BEHIND THE HYMNS BY NEVILLE MANNING

GREAT IS THY faithfulness

IN ONE of life's little coincidences, when I sat down to compose this article I had just been using Psalm 102, which speaks of God changing the heavens and the earth like clothing but then adds "You are the same and your years will not fail".

I started to think about our hymn for this issue and realised its theme was almost identical, the unchanging faithfulness of God.

"Great is thy faithfulness" began to be widely known in Britain when young American evangelist Dr Billy Graham arrived in London in 1954 to conduct his Harringay Crusades in a manner which quite disturbed the religious establishment of the day.

In the meetings, George Beverly Shea often sang the hymn, which has since become very popular and much loved.

It was written by Thomas Chisholm in 1923. Chisholm came from humble origins, born in a log cabin in Kentucky, USA, to a family often referred to as dirt poor. After a limited

education he became a schoolteacher and was later ordained as a Methodist minister, moving with his family to Indiana.

He wrote many poems, including the words of "Great is thy faithfulness", which he sent to a musical friend William Runyan, who was so moved by the words he wrote the tune which now normally accompanies them.

"YOU ARE THE
SAME AND YOUR
YEARS WILL
NOT FAIL"

Like many good hymns this is a thoroughly Biblical one. Clearly in the background is the inspiration of words in the Book of Lamentations 3 v22/23: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Linked with these are the words of St James in his epistle at 1v17, with its reference to "the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change".

The opening verse, "Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee", affirms the faithfulness of God, one of the constant themes of the Bible.

The middle verse sees that faithfulness witnessed to in the created order, "Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above", even if the effects of climate change bring us a few nasty surprises. Perhaps Chisholm had Genesis 8 v22 in mind in that second verse: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease".

The final verse speaks of the faithfulness of God known in the gifts of "pardon for sin" (the heart of the Good News of Christ), "the peace that endureth" and the presence of God, "Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide". Like so many hymns these realities all chime in with the year of mercy that is our present focus.

HELP CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE



By **Jessica Meale**, regional fundraising manager, The Children's Society

SINCE 1881, The Children's Society has been supporting vulnerable children and young people across the country to have the greatest chance in life.

With an estimated 70,890 children living in poverty across the Diocese of Chichester, The Children's Society is asking you to do "one thing" as part of your diocesan strategy. Pray, act or give.

The Church has always played an integral part in being at the forefront of social action. For many years it has championed young people and fought to ensure that every child flourishes.

While The Children's Society's work has changed over the past 135 years, the vision remains the same: a country where children are free from disadvantage. Together, united by a common vision, we can make a difference.

The Children's Society now provides direct, intense support to the most vulnerable 10 to 18-year-olds across the country in five main areas of work:

- » Young carers
- » Young runaways
- » Refugee and asylum seekers
- » Drug and alcohol abuse
- » Child sexual exploitation

With 3.7 million children living in poverty across the UK, its policy team works to lobby and influence decision makers so disadvantaged families are supported and enabled and have access to services they need to escape poverty and give their children the best start in life.

We want to strengthen the relationship between The Children's Society and the Church to have an even greater impact on the lives of vulnerable children and young people.

Pray

Through the power of prayer, you can make a difference. Whether individually or as a church, The Children's Society offers a range of topical prayers to use. We also offer a monthly prayer email straight to your inbox. Please visit childrenssociety.org.uk/pray for more information.

We offer resources which will help you to engage with what the Bible says about those facing disadvantage. On our website you will find essays which explore the challenges of child poverty and the impact of debt on children within a theological framework. Visit childrenssociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do-your-church/study/theology-and-debt.

Act

In 2015/2016, 49,541 campaign actions were taken. In the South and South West, this resulted in 20 policy changes affecting children and young people. Nationally, these policy changes contributed to more than 5.6 million positive changes to children's lives. The more support we get for our campaigns, the more impact they will have. You can support our campaigns by signing our petitions, asking your family and friends to get involved and also lobby your local MP. For

"We want to make a difference to those living locally and to our wider society. In this year of mercy, the congregation has found that if we want to give in love and compassion then it's even more important to engage with our chosen charities. We've found that The Children's Society helps us to do this."

Rev Paul Doick – St Peter's Church, Henfield

more information on our current campaigns and how to get involved, visit childrenssociety.org.uk/campaigns.

The Children's Society offers a free speaker programme, where someone can come and talk about their work at your church or group. If you are interested, please contact me.

Give

With part of the diocesan strategy being to increase the church audience, hosting a fundraising event can be a great way to engage with the community. The Children's Society has a huge variety of fundraising ideas on offer with lots of materials to help you prepare. We would also love to hear your ideas and will offer lots of support. Visit childrenssociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/your-church/fundraise for inspiration.

The Children's Society is probably best known for Christingle, which raises more than £1 million each year. Whether you host a traditional Christingle, messy Christingle or another type of service, it is a great way to engage with a younger audience. For more information about Christingle, please visit childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle.

Remember:

£10 could help us to reach a young person in danger

£25 could pay for a hot meal, shower and living essentials for a young runaway

£50 could secure mobile phones for project workers so children in danger can contact them at any time.

Find out more by calling me on 0208 3909730 or email jessica.meale@childrenssociety.org.uk.

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

(Psalms 127:3-5 ESV)



CATHEDRAL NEWS

Christmas Carol Services at Chichester Cathedral

Chichester Cathedral's carol services are immensely popular so to avoid overcrowding inside the cathedral, admission to the two evening services is strictly by ticket only. Tickets are free of charge, and all applications for tickets must be submitted in writing. Applications in person, by email or by telephone will not be accepted.

Generally, there are two evening services followed by an afternoon service. The afternoon service is not ticketed, but be prepared for long queues. Places at the afternoon service cannot be reserved.

Priority is given to Friends of Chichester Cathedral, Cathedral staff and regular members of the

congregation. After this, tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To apply, please send a written request with a S.A.E. to:

**Liturgy and Music Assistant
The Royal Chantry
Cathedral Cloisters
Chichester
PO19 1PX**

Tickets are not required for the carol services conducted and performed by the various other schools, colleges and other institutions. Nor are they required for any of the other Christmas and Advent daytime services held in the cathedral.

The carol service on Thursday 22nd December at 3pm is not ticketed. The doors will open 1 hour before this service begins.



CATHEDRAL ADVENT EVENTS:

Weekly lunchtime concerts

Tuesdays until November 15, 1.10pm–2pm

The performers during the autumn term include Christ's Hospital Chamber Orchestra, Artur Hafman (piano) and Claire Innes-Hopkins (organ). Admission is free. Bring your sandwiches and come along and enjoy the concert. Coffee provided. All are welcome.

Cathedral Friends' food for thought

Wednesday, November 16, Vicars' Hall, 12.30pm

A topical lunchtime talk in the unique ambience and elegance of the cathedral's Vicars' Hall. The guest speaker is Sarah Casdagli who will be talking about Canine Partners, the dog assistance charity set up in 1990 which is dedicated to providing assistance dogs to help transform the lives of people with physical disabilities. A dog may even attend the lunch as part of its training. Tickets are £13, which includes a light lunch and coffee. For more information, call 01243 812980.

G4's Christmas by Candlelight Tour

Thursday, December 8, 7.30pm

G4 shot to fame on the first series of ITV's X Factor in 2004, where they pioneered the world of popular opera. The multi-platinum selling vocal quartet is back with their atmospheric Christmas by Candlelight show. For ticket information, visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/evening-concerts

Cathedral Fellowship Talk:

Monday, December 5, Vicars' Hall, 2.30pm

Christmas tea and entertainment. The fellowship meets monthly (not July and August) to hear a talk, followed by refreshments. All are welcome and a donation of £1 is suggested. For more information, call the cathedral office on 01243 782595 or reception@chichestercathedral.org.uk.



Special services for Advent and Christmas:

Saturday, November, 26 – Advent

5pm Evening prayer (said)

6pm Advent procession

Saturday, December 3

7.30pm BBC Radio Sussex carol service

Tuesday, December 20

6pm Cathedral carol service 1

Wednesday, December 21

6pm Cathedral carol service 2

Thursday, December 22

3pm Cathedral carol service 3

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4pm crib service

5.30pm Evensong

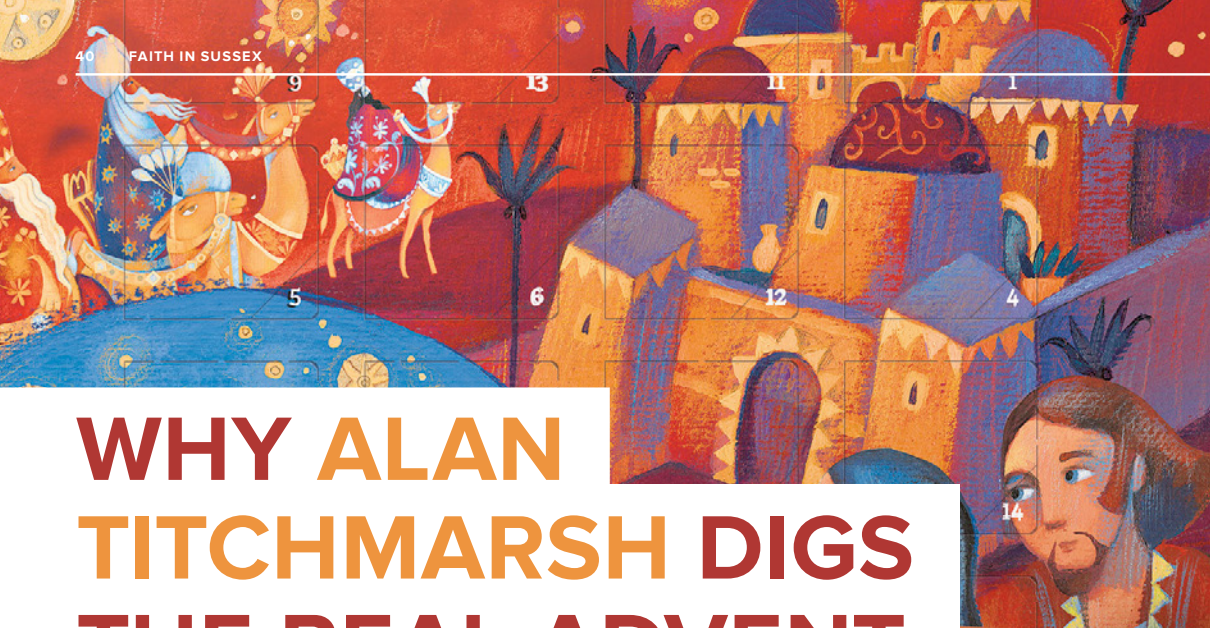
11pm Midnight Eucharist

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

8am Holy communion

10am Mattins

11am Sung Eucharist



WHY ALAN TITCHMARSH DIGS THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

TV gardener Alan Titchmarsh has welcomed the launch of the 2016 Real Advent Calendar, saying it is a "great idea".

Each calendar comes with a free 28-page copy of the Christmas story in the box and 24 Fairtrade chocolates and sales of the calendar support charitable causes.

David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company which makes the calendars, said: "Three years ago we saw survey research which showed that knowledge of the Christmas story was fading.

"Among five to seven-year-olds, 36 per cent didn't know whose birthday was celebrated at Christmas. Among adults, fewer than 12 per cent knew the full nativity story and 51 per cent said the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas. As a result of this survey we launched The Real Advent

Calendar, hoping to help adults and children engage with the Christmas story for the full 24 days of Advent."

More than half a million Real Advent Calendars have been sold, which means more than a million people have read the Real Advent Calendar Christmas story, many for the first time. This year the story is illustrated by award-winning artist Alida Massari and includes activities and challenges.

The calendar's charitable donations have helped equip a baby clinic in Kenya and supported charities such as

Traidcraft Exchange and The Children's Society.

Alan Titchmarsh said: "The Real Advent Calendar is a great idea. Not only does it raise money for good causes and is made from Fairtrade chocolate but is also tells the Christmas story."



"..a great idea."
Alan Titchmarsh

Delivery is free on orders of at least one case of 18 calendars if made by November 1. Schools receive a 10 per cent discount for each case ordered in October. Free resources for schools and churches are also available online. Find out more at www.realadvent.co.uk



NEWS FROM FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

HARVEST THANKS

FSW gratefully accepted harvest collections from many churches and schools this autumn for distribution to vulnerable families in the diocese. The charity is now planning for Christmas and would again welcome donations of gifts and food.

It particularly needs new toys, games and clothing for children aged up to 16, toiletries and other small items for parents and non-perishable food dated late December or beyond. Gifts can be taken to participating churches.

Call 01273 832963 if your church, school or group would like to take part.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, November 24 – Ladies' Christmas shopping evening at St John's Church Hall, Polegate, from 7pm. Tickets are £3 and include nibbles and your first drink. Buy them from Janet on 01323 504019 or Maggi on 01323 841249.

Tuesday, November 29 – Coffee morning at Harvesters, Albourne Road, Hurstpierpoint, from 10am to 12 noon. Christmas raffle, cakes, bring and buy stall, craft stalls, produce, coffee and biscuits and creche.

If you would like to hold an event for FSW or can help in any other way, call 01273 832963 or email fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk.

BIG PLANS

FOLLOWING the sale of Knowles Tooth earlier this year, Family Support Work (FSW) trustees are making ambitious plans for the growth of the charity to help more children and families.

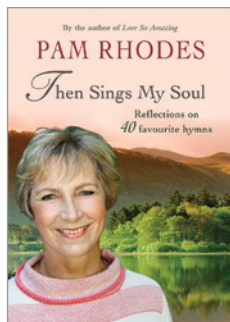
The vision is for at least one Family Support Worker in every deanery, supported by local churches and communities.

Planning permission has been granted for the charity's HQ in Brighton, which includes converting the garage to handle the storage and distribution of food for families.

If you would like to join FSW's mailing list and be kept up to date with news, email fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk.



BOOKS AND REVIEWS



THEN SINGS MY SOUL

– 40 REFLECTIONS ON

MY FAVOURITE HYMNS

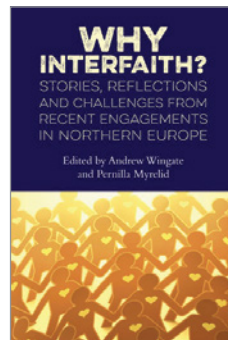
PAM RHODES

BBC Songs of Praise and Premier Radio Hearts and Hymns presenter Pam Rhodes has produced an inspirational book on hymns.

She hails Luther's conviction that "the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the word of God" and with typical balance praises the Oxford Movement for recovering hymnody and the catholic roots of the Church of England.

Reflecting on O Jesus I have promised, Pam recalls a Vietnamese priest who found his vocation after being rescued from the South China Sea. The reflection on Ye holy angels bright includes a story of an angel sent to comfort a family while a riot raged on the estate where lived. Then sings my soul will appeal to lovers of hymnody across all traditions and take them deeper into what it means to worship.

Then Sings My Soul, by Pam Rhodes, Monarch Books 2016 £9.99 ISBN 978-0-85721-720-2 (157pp)



WHY INTERFAITH?

**EDITED BY ANDREW WINGATE
AND PERNILLA MYRELID**

THIS book presents more than 40 inspiring stories from people working in interfaith relations in countries within the Porvoo Communion of churches of Northern Europe and the British Isles.

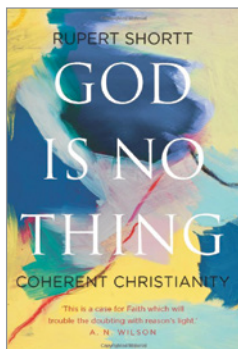
It illustrates how people of different faiths come together to meet the challenges of our lives and the world.

This joint project between the Anglican Church in the British Isles and the Church of Sweden includes contributions from the Lutheran Churches of Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland and is offered to all Christians in Europe and beyond.

Andrew Wingate is founding director of St Philip's Centre, Leicester, Canon Theologian of Leicester Cathedral and honorary interfaith adviser in the Diocese of Chichester.

Pernilla Myrelid is a parish priest and interfaith co-ordinator in the Diocese of Linköping, Sweden.

DLT Books 2016 £12.99 ISBN 978-0-232-53234-0 (272 pp)



GOD IS NO THING

RUPERT SHORTT

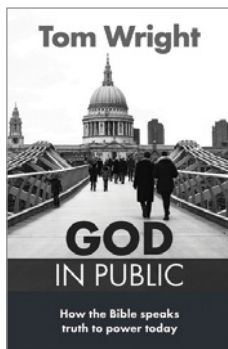
HOW wonderful to read “a case for Faith which will trouble the doubting with reason’s light” (A N Wilson).

Rupert Shortt, religion editor of the Times Literary Supplement, has experience scrutinising writings about religion. This serves tackling over-hasty verdicts on faith from our secular intellectual establishment. The book presents the main lines of Christianity, a humbling critique and a trenchant overturning of facile objections.

Its thesis is “Christianity - story of love’s mending of wounded hearts - potent resource for making sense of our existence”.

The author has a “yes, and...” approach to critics of faith and laments how religion and secularism bully rather than reason with one another. If God is seen as loving intelligence, grace is key to all such engagement. This is a deep work which will help build readers’ confidence about Christian faith in the face of secularism.

God Is No Thing, Coherent Christianity, by Rupert Shortt Hurst 2016 £9.99 ISBN 978-1-84904-637-4 (122pp)



RECOMMENDED

READING FOR YEAR OF

THE BIBLE

BISHOP MARTIN RECOMMENDS:

Tom Wright’s recent publication, *God in Public*, is a collection of talks that he has given in the past decade. Building on his popular and instructive biblical commentaries, this collection relates that area of study to what’s happening on the world stage, assessing “how the Bible speaks truth to power today”.

The starting point for most of his talks is a frank recognition that “we are in the middle of enormous cultural changes within Western society”. As a biblical scholar, Tom Wright sets out the case for taking the Bible seriously as a guide to recovery in areas of life where the promises of atheism, the free market, and media-fuelled consumerism simply have not produced peace, prosperity, or human flourishing.

The book is characteristic of Tom Wright’s rather swashbuckling style and one might not agree with everything he writes. It’s also evident that in the period of a decade things have changed; religion is now very much more central to world politics than when Alastair Campbell famously said, “We don’t do God”. However, the energy that Tom Wright injects into the use of the Bible as a foundation for Christian apologetics in the public square is very refreshing indeed. More of this, please.

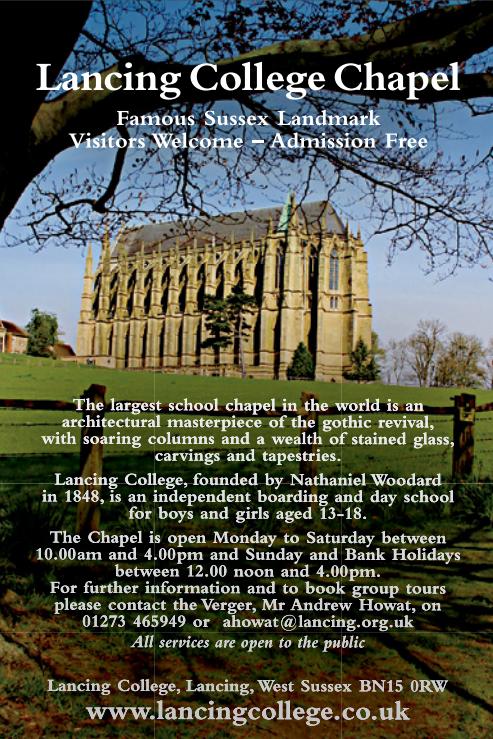
Also recommend by Bishop Richard: *God’s Big Picture* by Vaughan Roberts

God in Public: How the Bible speaks truth to power today, by Tom Wright, SPCK, 2016 £12.99 ISBN 978-0281074235 (208pp)



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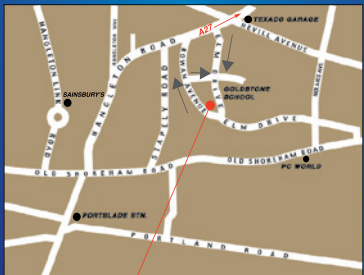
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