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## UNCOVER YOUR VOCATION

The second Sunday in January (13 January) celebrated the Baptism of Christ and marked the beginning of the 'Year of Vocation'. This is a Diocesan initiative to help us to understand more fully God's calling to us both individually and corporately as a Diocese. The Year will celebrate vocation in its broadest sense. How do we live out our life in Christ fully every day of the week and at different times of life. ?

In this issue you can explore some of the activities on offer for you and your church community to help you engage with the Year of Vocation.

As we move towards Lent on the 6 March it is encouraging to report a good number of parishes planning to run the diocesan Lent course for the Year of Vocation. There is also help for parishes to access the excellent videos that accompany the course - you can read more about this, and the specially adapted version for youth groups, on pages 10 and 11.

We are excited to share with you plans for our vocational lay conference at Sussex University on March 6. Registration is now open and you can read more about the Everyday Disciple conference on page 12.

Plans for our big Pentecost event for Thy Kingdom Come on June 9 are being finalised. More about this on page 17 but please put the date in your diary now.

You can also read about the new annual award for lay people on page 13. The Order of St Richard is a new initiative from Bishop Martin to reward those whose ministry should be recognised and celebrated.

I hope you enjoy this issue which includes all the regular features and also welcomes a few new faces.

**Richard Jackson**  
Bishop of Lewes







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# NEWS

## ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

### FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

ELLE Weaver has been appointed as mental health and wellbeing adviser for Together In Sussex, the joint venture between the diocese and the Church Urban Fund.

Elle has worked in safeguarding for the Diocese of Europe and Canterbury and is currently involved in outreach work with homeless and vulnerable people.

She joins Together in Sussex development officer, Diane Watts to help churches and communities across Sussex respond well to those experiencing poor mental health. Diane said: "Elle's role will include signposting appropriate resources and training for local parishes and helping communities to work together to become places where all are welcome."



REV LUKE IRVINE-CAPEL SSC

### DIOCESAN HEALING CONFERENCE

Since 2000 the Diocese of Chichester has resourced a high-profile day devoted to the ministry of healing.

A keynote address will be given by Rosemary Phillips, founder of the Lazarus Healing Trust, followed by teaching seminars led by Bishop Richard Jackson, Rev Rob Dillingham and Rev Giles Carpenter. The day concludes with worship and a reflection with an opportunity for anointing with oil, confession and extended prayer ministry.

The event is on Saturday, March 2. Victoria Baptist Church in Eldon Road, Eastbourne. There is good access, facilities and parking. There is a charge of £10 for the day which includes tea and coffee but not lunch. Booking details are on the diocesan website events page.

### ARCHDEACON FOR CHICHESTER

REV Luke Irvine-Capel SSC, currently rector of Christ Church, St Leonards, has been announced as the next archdeacon of Chichester.

Bishop Martin welcomed the appointment. He said: "Luke Irvine-Capel has rapidly been recognised in this diocese as a prayerful, wise and effective pastor, a missionary priest who has seen his congregation grow, and a person of theological depth who can apply his intellect to the wide range of complex issues that face any incumbent."

### ROLES AT CHURCH HOUSE HOVE

CANON Lisa Barnett has been appointed as deputy diocesan director of ordinands (DDDO).

Lisa joins the staff at Church House Hove part time and continues her role as vicar of Scaynes Hill.

Current DDO Dan Inman continues his role but will be working one day a week as associate vicar at All Saints Hove and was licensed on January 21 by the archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes.

Katherine Prior joined the church buildings team at Church House in January as the diocesan fundraising adviser.

She has previously served on the diocesan advisory committee and comes with a background in heritage work and hands-on experience as a churchwarden.

Initially she is focusing on collating resources and drafting guidance for the assistance of parishes across the diocese but from March she will be available to advise individual parishes on funding options for their church building projects. She can be contacted at [katherine.prior@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:katherine.prior@chichester.anglican.org)

### DIOCESAN INTERFAITH ADVISER APPOINTED



REV DR GODFREY KESARI

THE Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, has announced the appointment of the new diocesan interfaith adviser. Rev Dr Godfrey Kesari, vicar of Southwater since November 2010, will represent the diocese in the national presence and engagement network alongside his parish responsibilities.

Bishop Richard said: "I'm delighted to welcome Godfrey. He brings great insight and knowledge to the role and this will undoubtedly help us develop our partnership with the interfaith network."

### NEW FACE AT CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

RUTH Andoh-Baxter has been appointed as The Children's Society (TCS) relationship manager for Guildford, Portsmouth, Winchester and Chichester.

Ruth is available to talk about the work of The Children's Society at your school, church or group. If you are interested, contact Ruth on 07714 412 191 or email [ruth.andoh-baxter@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:ruth.andoh-baxter@childrenssociety.org.uk)



RUTH ANDOH-BAXTER



# NEWS CONTINUED

## NEW APPOINTMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS

AMBER Jackson joined the communications team in January and is looking forward to helping churches spread their message.

Amber graduated from the University of Sussex with a degree in media practice, specialising in communication design. She said: "During my time at university, I played a vital role in creating videos for CPO (Christian Publishing and Outreach) which were featured in Thy Kingdom Come promotion materials in 2018."

Lisa Williamson, diocesan communications officer, said: "I'm delighted to welcome Amber to the team. She has a creative eye and an insight into social media analytics, vital in our work in digital evangelism. Amber will be on hand to support the diocese and parishes with all aspects of communication with a particular focus on social media and video content."



AMBER JACKSON



## MEANINGFUL CHOCOLATE GOES PLASTIC FREE

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box. It's made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects. Also this year the Original and Dark egg are both plastic free.

To date, more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets.

The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £275,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

Where to buy

The whole range can be ordered online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)

You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose, Morrisons and Asda.

See the full shop list or order at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)

## THE CLEWER INITIATIVE - TACKLING MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Around 80 people attended an event at Brighton's i360 hosted by the Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson, to learn more about modern slavery, and how we can tackle it together and make a difference.

The guests heard from the Police who gave an inside look into where slavery is prevalent in the Diocese of Chichester and Helena Croft spoke about the work of Streetlight UK and Caroline Virgo spoke about The Clewer Initiative and how our churches and communities could respond. A report of the event will be published on the diocesan website in due course.

## DAME JUNE WHITFIELD 1925 - 2018

REV Debbie Smith, All Hallows Tillington, took the funeral service for Dame June Whitfield (Aitchinson) radio, television and film actress.

June lived in Tillington for 10 years. Her husband Tim Aitchinson is buried in the churchyard there. Around 300 family and friends joined June's daughter Suzy and her husband Terry to say farewell. Absolutely Fabulous co-stars Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Saunders and Julia Sawalha attended and comedian Roy Hudd gave a moving Eulogy.

Reverend Debbie Smith, who led the service, told the congregation: "We are holding the balance between June as just a wonderful woman who was part of this community and contributed wonderfully, as well as having a public face. She is remembered as an adorable, much-loved woman, known as a national treasure, a role model to many."

## PUBLIC MINISTRY

THIRTY-SEVEN candidates from across the diocese were commissioned at a special service in Chichester Cathedral on Sunday, January 13, the first time the event has been held.

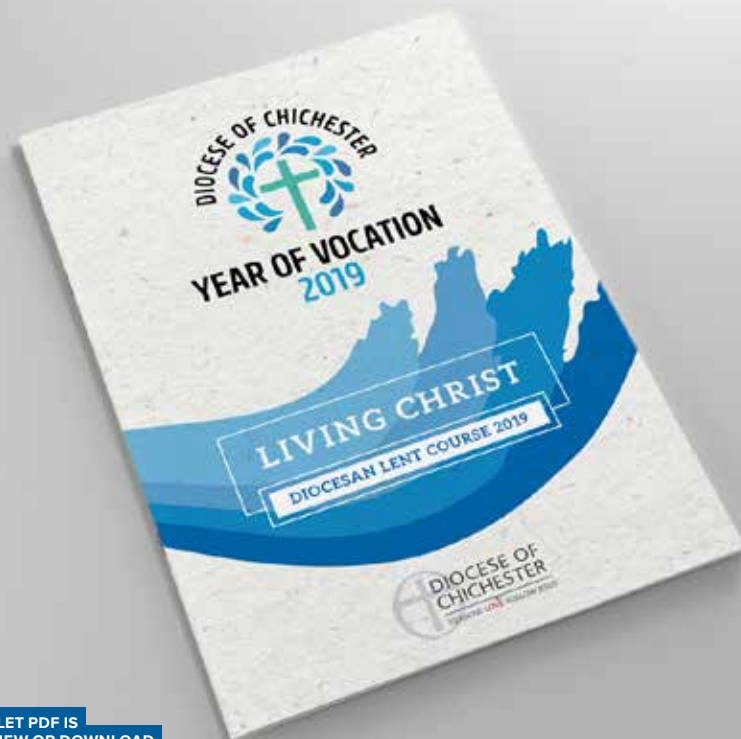
The 37 candidates were recognised for the completion of their studies - the culmination of skills-based training for authorised lay ministry. Authorised lay ministers share in the public ministry of the church as they serve their local parishes. Contact Sam Alsop for further information about ALM ministry training (01273 421021).



THE CANDIDATES REPRESENTED CHURCHES ACROSS THE DIOCESE



# LIVING CHRIST



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## THIS YEARS' DIOCESAN LENT COURSE EXPLORES VOCATION

**Lent groups and individuals are being encouraged to explore vocations through the lens of the Diocesan Lent course this year.**

In this Year of Vocation the course, Living Christ, written by Revd Dominic Keech and Revd Nicol Kinrade, we hear from 10 people in our communities who are living out their vocation.

Dan Inman, Diocesan Director of Ordinands, oversaw the planning for the Year of Vocation. He said: "We encounter Christians across Sussex exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus."

This year we invite participants in the course to ponder how they are living out their own baptism.

"With video contributions from a farmer, an artist, a mental-health campaigner, a carer and many others, the course consists of five sessions exploring: our life's work; family, friendship and community; a good childhood; health and vulnerability; and how we draw close to Christ at the end of our lives."

"Along with Scripture, prayer and discussion, it is hoped that Living Christ will be an engaging resource for small groups across the Diocese in the Year of Vocation."



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BISHOP MARTIN



LAURA



TOM

Rev Rob Dillingham Deputy Director of Apostolic Life said: "To help us understand how parishes and schools engage with the resource it would be very helpful if parishes and individuals register their interest."

Register your interest by emailing [amber.jackson@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:amber.jackson@chichester.anglican.org) The Lent booklet PDF is available to view or download from the diocesan website Year of vocation website page or you can simply order booklets

for your group free from the diocesan online shop via the diocesan website. [www.chichester.anglican.org](http://www.chichester.anglican.org)

There are five sessions and 10 videos which make up this year's Lent course - these can be found on the diocesan website page for Year of Vocations. The videos for the course can be downloaded from the diocesan website or speak to Lucy Fievet 01273 421021 and she will arrange for them to be posted to you on a memory stick.

## A lent course for young people

### The Year of Vocation Lent course for young people – Who Am I?

Six youth group sessions that take young people on a journey of discovery to see that within the Kingdom of God they are called, included, alive, destined and most importantly have a story to tell and a story to live out.

The materials for this are now available. Please email [sam.alsop@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:sam.alsop@chichester.anglican.org)

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019 and ends on Saturday 20 April.









# Explore your Vocation

A SERIES OF EXPLORATION DAYS AS PART OF OUR YEAR OF VOCATION

## 1: EXPLORING THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

4 May 2019 10.30 - 15.30 @ Church House  
211 New Church Road, Hove, BN3 4ED

This Year of Vocation Exploration Day seeks to help people understand the character of the Church of England through the prism of history. We will look at the themes of continuity and change, diversity and unity from the Reformation to the present day. There is such a variety of church practice, liturgy and even doctrine in the Church of England, so we will ask the question of where these traditions have come from. We will use the changing prayer books and patterns of worship in the Church of England as the basis of our exploration as well as looking at some of the great examples of Anglican spirituality. This is much more than a dry, academic exercise, rather akin to opening the doors of a treasure house.



Led by the Rev Vanessa Baron, Associate Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster. Vanessa was previously Chaplain of St Paul's Girls School in London, where she also taught Theology.

This Day may be of particular interest to people exploring authorized ministries in the Church of England but is open to all.

## 2: CALLED TO PREACHING

1 June 2019, 10 am - 4 pm,  
All Saints' Eastbourne

This day seeks to bring a biblical foundation and contours to the ministry of preaching the good news of Jesus Christ, a panel discussion with preachers (ordained and lay), and opportunities to ponder how preaching finds its role within the ordained ministry of the Church of England as well as authorized lay ministries.

With contributions from the Rev Dr Tim Ward (Tutor in Homiletics, Oak Hill College), the Rev Canon Joanna Collicut McGrath (Ripon College Cuddesdon) and others.

## 3: CALLED TO SOCIAL ACTION

7 September 2019, 10 am - 4 pm,  
All Saints' Hove.

Do you feel angry with the injustices that you see in your community and society, and feel God calling you to make a difference? In this Exploration Day, we are delighted to welcome the Chief Executive of the Church Army, Mark Russell, and the Rev Dr Simon Cuff (St Mellitus College, London) With the Rev Diane Watts (Church Urban Fund) they will explore how we as churches can listen to the needs of our communities and speak and act prophetically.



## 4: CALLED TO THE SACRAMENTS

5 October 2019, 10 am - 4 pm,  
St Paul's Brighton

This Exploration Day seeks to help people understand how the sacraments are at the heart of the Christian life and how they resource mission and evangelism in the Church today. Time will also be given to those who feel called to be ministers of the Sacraments in the ordained ministry of the Church of England.

With contributions from Fr Andrew Walker (Vicar, St Mary Bourne Street), Fr Robert Norbury (Vicar of St Paul's and St Michael's and All Angels, Brighton, and Young Vocations Officer in the Diocese) and Canon Ann Waizeneker (Vicar, St Mary de Haura, Shoreham, and Dean of Women's Ministry) and the Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Rev Dr Dan Inman).



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To book on any of these events please go to the diocesan website events page,  
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# Healing

BISHOP of Lewes Richard Jackson has commended the healing ministry taking place at the Chanctonbury group of churches in the archdeaconry of Horsham. He said:

“It is heart-warming to hear what God has been doing through the ministry of ordinary people stepping out in faith. In this issue of Faith In Sussex, we hear from lay reader Patrick Pearson-Miles as he describes how this healing ministry began. I hope we can all learn something from these stories of God at work in Sussex.”

**FOR about four years, we have been meeting monthly on a Thursday evening at our church in Washington. It started as a small gathering with just a handful of people, but grew to about 20. We saw the Lord do all sorts of things, from lengthening legs and healing prolapsed discs in backs to a particular highlight - a man who wasn't a Christian but was desperate for healing for aggressive cancer. He then met with Jesus, and the doctors confirmed that all the cancer was gone.**

During the first six months of 2018, we sensed the Lord wanted this monthly meeting to evolve. As a result, Chanctonbury Healing Centre (CHC) was launched in September at Ashington Church. It now takes place on the second Saturday of the month during term time (check the website for details), between 10am and 11am. We have a team of about 20

who give their morning to minister the love, healing and miraculous power of our living God into people's lives. We hope that everyone who comes will experience healing in body, mind and spirit, and encounter a good Father, who loves them more than they could ever understand.

At our first CHC morning in September, we had no idea if anyone would turn up, but 15 people arrived. At the end of the session, 11 of them told us they experienced an improvement in their condition or complete healing. In October, we welcomed 25 people. Ten experienced improvement or complete healing. Nine of those who came were asking us to pray for things for which it wasn't possible to measure if anything had changed. We felt that all 25 left feeling encouraged, with a renewed sense of hope from having been in an environment with a tangible sense of God's presence.

Every month the Triune God astounds us with his amazing love for people. Our focus has been healing and we are seeing healings every month. By Christmas we had ministered with two unchurched people who gave their lives to Jesus. In January, two more people gave their lives to Jesus for the first time, one of whom was healed of severe sciatic pain. Another person reaffirmed their faith, having not been to church for decades, and came to church the next morning. These people came to be healed, and left as “new creations”. God is doing wonderful things, and we love being a part of it. Our next healing training morning is on Saturday, May 18.

Rev James de Castiglione, rector of Chanctonbury churches, said: “I am so excited to witness the atmosphere set and fruit being born in people's lives from the healing centre.”

Find out more at [www.chanctonbury.org.uk](http://www.chanctonbury.org.uk).

# Join the Pilgrimage



**THERE are exciting plans afoot to build on the success of last year's Thy Kingdom Come prayer pilgrimage, which culminated in the cathedral celebration on Pentecost Sunday attended by hundreds of people from all corners of the diocese.**

This year the event will take place at the Dome in Brighton on Sunday, June 9. The keynote speaker will be Roy Crowne from Hope Together. Roy became Hope Together's executive director in March 2010 and was previously the national director of youth for Christ in Britain for 12 years.

Stuart Barbour, a singer and songwriter from Sussex, will

**The celebration at the Dome will bring us together across the whole range of Anglican worship.**

be providing worship music and Rev Martin Poole will be applying his usual creativity, using both traditional and contemporary ways, to provide a visual effect in a way that helps everyone to worship God and be inspired by the Spirit.

Bishop Richard is leading on the day. He said: “The programme is still being developed but as well as Roy and contributions from other speakers we will have a family prayer space, a healing space and a contemplative prayer space. Prayer spaces will be open from 2.00pm-6.00pm for people to drop in any time they like, and a programme of workshops on these themes will be available soon. This ecumenical event will be followed by an evening of worship music from 7.00pm.

“Leading up to Pentecost Sunday there are plans being formulated for a prayer pilgrimage taking in as many

parishes as we can across the diocese. We will communicate as soon as we can about the plans for this and how parishes can get involved again this year.

“Last year we prayed in all sorts of different ways, from an hour at the sacrament to the more extemporary, but the main thrust was always the needs of the local churches and their fruitfulness in witness. The celebration at the Dome will bring us together across the whole range of Anglican worship. Each will be given a message to take out with them which I hope will inspire everyone who take part in some way. It will be great to see the Dome full on the Sunday.”



# SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS AND INSECURELY HOUSED

Turning Tides, a local homeless charity, are once again holding their annual Worthing and Littlehampton Sleep Out's, where participants can experience rough sleeping for a night, helping to raise both vital funds and awareness for the charity.

Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester will be participating this year and raising funds for the charity to highlight the hardship and danger of sleeping rough in our community.

Homelessness is increasing rapidly and Turning Tides have seen a rise in the use of their services, they helped 1,700 in the last year and see on average 65 people a day in their Community Hubs. There are many reasons people become homeless, however, the current housing crisis and changes to the benefits system play a large role.

The Bishop had this to say: "It is all too easy to end up homeless with no other option than sleeping rough.

**"This is not about statistics; it is about the plight of human beings and the complicated situations some of us have to face."**

"By choosing to take part in this sleepout challenge I want to support Turning Tides in raising funds to tackle homelessness on our own doorstep.

"This is not about statistics; it is about the plight of human beings and the complicated situations some of us have to face. The Turning Tide sleepout is an opportunity to draw attention to the needs of the homeless in Littlehampton and across the whole of Sussex."

Joining Turning Tides sponsored Sleepout is a great way to show your support for those homeless and insecurely housed in our community.

The event brings much-needed funds and awareness to the cause. A previous participant Michaela said "The sleepout was a real life-changing experience it makes you

begin to think you can't even imagine how on earth anyone can do that every day and every night not knowing when it will end. After the sleep, out you feel a real sense of emotion of how lucky you really are and you really want to help the people who are homeless and insecurely housed because no one deserves to live like that."

You can sponsor Bishop Martin's sleepout on-line by going to the mydonate page and search for Bishop of Chichester alternatively if you prefer to fundraise off-line please send the donations to Turning Tides – and don't forget to indicate that you are donating to the bishop of Chichester's off-line donations. Please inform LisaWilliamson so that she can update the offline contributions.







**AS WORLD** leaders gathered in Paris to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War armistice, Bishop Martin addressed a special service of remembrance and reconciliation at Chichester Cathedral. He spoke about the horror and suffering endured by a generation of young people.

"The impact of their loss on our social and cultural history demands that we do more than remember them," he said.

"It requires us to act, to honour the generation of a century ago by our decisive investment in the future of the generation that is now the age they were when they died so memorably and shockingly."

Across the diocese on November 11 unprecedented numbers of people attended

churches to mark the anniversary. Churches and schools created stunning displays commemorating the fallen and marking armistice. Many churches, schools and other public spaces displayed the lifesized Tommy figures such as the one seen here outside Newick's church, St Mary.

Maresfield had its largest service and event of the year with some 250 people at the Remembrance Sunday service. People lined the march route and stood around the centre of the village to listen to the Last Post and hear the final prayers said at the war memorial. The service was led by the regimental chaplain, Rev Paul Neiland.

Hove MP Peter Kyle paid tribute on Facebook, saying: "All of the services this year

seemed so personal. Music and choirs were used in new ways, poems and readings were so moving. I was really so proud to be a part of so many special moments throughout the day."

As well as laying a wreath at Hove War Memorial, Peter attended St Leonard's Church Aldrington as well as All Saints church in Hove.

Singleton CE Primary school created a stunning art display from an Army camouflage net, handcrafted poppies and a "silent" soldier silhouette.

At St Mary's Chidham it was standing room only. A moving service was led by Father Andrew Stamp. The church's exhibition resonated with the whole community and beyond and remained in place for a further week.

## "The impact of their loss on our social and cultural history demands that we do more than remember them,"

The parish magazine for St Giles in Horsted Keynes reported on a two-week project by Year 5 and 6 pupils at St Giles school, who learned all about the Great War. Each child "adopted" a fallen soldier, finding out where they lived, who their families were and how old they were when they died. Having this local connection really helped them to understand the impact of losing so many men.



The work culminated in pupils delivering their own remembrance service. The audience of pupils, staff and parishioners was moved by the sight of children acting out scenes depicting under-age boys trying to enlist, as well as parents receiving a telegram containing bad news. In the most poignant moment, pupils called the roll of the 33 local men who died during the war.

The service culminated with the children serving tea and coffee and showing off their work documenting the lives of local men lost in service. Every child in the school had made a poppy which formed a stunning display in the school hall.





# PARISHES ENCOURAGED IN GOOD STEWARDSHIP

**Chris Wallace-Tarry talks about his role as Diocesan Database and Statistics Administrator and how he can help parishes develop good stewardship principles.**

There is a lot of information that parishes are asked to send to us at Church House, Hove. With the annual cycles of Electoral Roll, APCM, Statistics for Mission and Mission Finance, this also amounts to a lot of paperwork.

Part of my job is to record the data you provide to keep our database current. This includes updating information about church officer roles in your parish.

Recently, I've emailed parishes about the forthcoming renewal of the electoral roll. I wouldn't be able to speak to you all about this if I didn't have an accurate record of who to get in touch with.

Understanding how you'd like your information to be stored and used also helps us comply with the government's regulations on data protection. The database is very important to help every part of our Diocese to keep in touch and work together.

It's also important that it's as easy as possible for you to keep in touch with us and the last thing we want is for you to feel like paperwork is a burdensome chore on top of your parish duties.

**This is why we are encouraging parishes to think about submitting information on-line. It is more time efficient and is a convenient way to get complete information to us at Church House.**

Submitting information on-line using digital forms allow us to verify the integrity and completeness of information as it's entered. This means we don't have to chase anybody for clarification if it's unclear or incomplete. There's no emailing, printing, filling out, scanning, or posting of forms.

The moment it's submitted it comes directly to me. There are also advantages in helping to reduce the carbon footprint of the Diocese. Printer ink and paper can be saved, reducing the amount of these resources that need to be bought and thrown away.

I'll be encouraging parish administrators to use the forms on our website, starting with the electoral roll. They're simple to use, easy to understand, and friendlier on your budget, your time, and the planet.

As the Reverend Danny Pegg said to me earlier this month, "Having our parish data processed digitally should enable us to have access to statistics about our communities in an easily-digestible way that can only help us - and the entire diocese - in our service, outreach and evangelistic work."

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# CONTACTLESS GIVING

Our regular money and mission page for parishes by John Kemp, Diocesan Parish Advisor (Finance, Stewardship and Governance)

**In just a decade, contactless cards have gone from a niche offering enjoyed by a few tech-minded individuals, to becoming the first-choice payment in all kinds of situations today.**

Consumers have embraced the speed and convenience of contactless, with many using it as the preferred way to pay for everything from commuting to grocery shopping. One out of three card payments currently are contactless.

On some contactless devices, such as smartphones and watches, users can also make higher value contactless payments, in excess of the £30 limit existing on cards. The payment is verified using a fingerprint, face recognition or the phone's passcode.

If the future of giving is becoming digital, how can our churches embrace the new technology and avoid becoming out of date?

Some churches in the Diocese are reporting already that appeals for donations from wedding parties are not eliciting much in the way of cash. By making contactless giving available to our

parishioners, perhaps the amounts donated at weddings, funerals, auctions and concerts may become so much more? Churches that are using the technology in other Dioceses certainly seem to think so!

There are now 36 churches in the Diocese using contactless devices since they became available in March, last year.

Mike Parry from St Mark's Holbrook told us that the church used the SumUp device when they held a quiz/auction and also a concert, to raise funds during 2018. He said, "Many were non-church folk from the community, and all were ready to pay by card. Several people commented that being able to take payments in this way was so useful, and it enabled us to collect money quickly and efficiently on the night with nothing owed at the end of the event. I suspect that the majority were gifts that we would not otherwise have received, as people had cards/phones with them, but not necessarily cash."

If smartphone users never carry cash or chequebooks, and 50% say that they never do so, digital seems to be the best

approach to adopt to enable them to continue giving to our churches. Wedding fees are a good example of one-off contactless donations that are particularly suited to the smartphone generation

Any church adopting the technology for one-off donations simply needs a smartphone with suitable sim-card and a hand-held contactless device costing around £20-£30, which the user can touch to indicate how much they are proposing to give: £5, £10, £50, £500 ... and so on.

We suggest that you don't delay the inevitability of including contactless in the methods of giving available to your donors. John Kemp has more information to share if your church is considering using contactless devices so why not contact him today, to find out how to trial them.

To find out more about the card readers available please register for free with the Parish Buying service. You will then be able to view suppliers, pricing information, and the negotiated transaction rates. [www.parishbuying.org.uk](http://www.parishbuying.org.uk)





# DITCHING PLASTICS

The Church of England is urging Christians to give up single-use plastics during Lent, in a bid to cut the environmental damage it can cause. Worshippers have been offered tips to cut plastic use for each day up to Easter, such as choosing a refillable fountain pen over a plastic ballpoint pen and buying music electronically rather than on CD.

Ruth Knight, the Church's environmental policy officer, said: "The Lent challenge is about raising our awareness of how much we rely on single-use plastics and challenging ourselves to see where we can reduce that use. "It ties in closely with our calling as Christians to care for God's creation."

The calendar of tips can be found online at: [www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint/news-and-campaigns/shrinking-the-footprint-news/1078-lent-plastics-challenge](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint/news-and-campaigns/shrinking-the-footprint-news/1078-lent-plastics-challenge).

Each week of the Lent Plastic Challenge has a theme, for example food and drink, kitchen, clothing and travel.

Tips include bringing your own reusable bags for shopping, using a bamboo toothbrush and buying bread that is not pre-packaged. Other suggestions are to carry a set of non-plastic cutlery, place a "no junk mail" sticker on your letterbox and take your own toiletries to hotels rather than using the free travel size bottles.

Debbie Beer, Environment Officer for the Diocese said: "Plastic pollution is slowly destroying the life of our planet's seas and rivers – and their beauty. We've also no idea of the medium term impact on human health, as plastic waste breaks down into micro-particles which find their way into the food chain."

"Churches can do a lot to reduce their by looking carefully at what they buy and use. Buy in bulk to minimize

packaging. Switch to refillable liquid soap dispensers, or even bar soap, instead of individual plastic bottles of hand wash. Use natural fibre cleaning cloths – and avoid wet wipes. Avoid disposable cups, single use plastic bottles and over-packaged food.

Why not spend a short time each week of Lent, talking together about the Plastic Challenge ideas? Find out your own plastic footprint ([secure.greenpeace.org.uk/page/content/plastics-calculator](http://secure.greenpeace.org.uk/page/content/plastics-calculator)) – and together try working it out for your church. "It's also important to tell decision makers that you care about this. Ask your local supermarket what they are doing to reduce plastic use. Write to your MP – what are they doing to tackle single use plastics?"

To find out more about the plastic pollution problem go to: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-42264788](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-42264788)

## COULD YOUR CHURCH BECOME AN

# Eco Church?

New Diocesan Environment Officer Rev Debbie Beer is keen to see more churches in the diocese achieve Eco Church status.

Chichester is one of 18 dioceses committed to moving forward as Eco Dioceses. Rev Debbie would love to see more churches across Sussex fully explore the role of the environment in mission and evangelism and work towards Eco Church status.

She said: "Eco Church is a project run by the Christian environmental charity A Rocha UK, to help churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.

"There is a free online survey and supporting resources designed to equip each church to express its care for God's world in: its worship and teaching, how it looks after its buildings and land, how it engages with its local community and in global campaigns, and the personal lifestyles of the congregation.

"The survey acts as a tool for the church to carry out an initial audit in these areas

and then record progress. Registering with the scheme allows a church to save its survey answers and then update them as it undertakes new actions and initiatives.

"As a church completes the survey it collects points towards an Eco Church Award. In the Diocese of Chichester churches which have already achieved Silver awards are Trinity Lewes, St Mary's East Grinstead and St Mark's Holbrook. Among those with Bronze awards are: Holy Trinity Forest Row, St John the Evangelist Brighton, St Paul's Chichester and the Cathedral."

### GETTING STARTED IN 3 EASY STEPS:

1: Take a look at the Eco Church website: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

2: Register as an Eco Church – it's simple and starts your journey. You don't have to be doing any activity just sign up at A Rocha UK

3: Complete the Eco Survey. It will help you to identify the environmental work that your church is already doing and what else you could do.

Revd Debbie Beer, Associate Vicar at Holy Trinity Hurstpierpoint, has been appointed as the Diocesan Environmental Officer.

The role is to resource and support parishes and senior staff on environmental issues relating to the diocese.

"I'm delighted to have the privilege of serving the diocese as Environment Officer. I'm looking forward to working with churches, communities and organisations across Sussex, and our dedicated Diocesan Environmental Action Group.





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# SOCIAL MEDIA THE BASICS

By Amber Jackson, diocesan communications



“WE ALL want growth, in depth and breadth, and it is happening in many places. It is never accidental and always through the grace of God. But we still need to think clearly about it.”

These were the words of Archbishop Justin, commenting on the paper What Makes For A Good Diocesan Mission Strategy by The Ven Bob Jackson.

As the Diocese of Chichester, our mission strategy holds three fundamental principles: reimage ministry, contribute to the common good and church growth, numerical and spiritual.

We continually endeavour to fulfil our statement and are keen to see our parishes utilise all the resources available to them.

Social media is a mission tool and a platform for digital evangelism, a platform that allows you to engage with your audience. You can build new relationships alongside maintaining existing online and face-to-face contacts.

Consider appointing an individual to take charge of your parish social media to draw upon the most effective communication.

Latest UK statistics show the numbers of people who use social media daily:

Facebook: 40 million (to give perspective, if Facebook was a country, it would be the third largest in the world)

Twitter: 13.7 million

Instagram: 17.2 million.

That is a lot of people. Take the opportunity to show those who do not go to church that your church is a warm, inviting place by posting pictures and comments about your events and daily activities. It is also useful to spread information or gentle reminders to regular members.

Don't just use Facebook because it is the biggest. Social media is not a “one size fits all”. Putting your posts on multiple platforms allows you to reach a wider audience.

If you would like help with your parish or church social media or if you have any questions please contact Amber on 01273 421021 or email her at [amber.jackson@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:amber.jackson@chichester.anglican.org)

## FIVE TOP TIPS

1. Make sure you have a welcoming and high-quality profile and cover picture.
2. Your followers want to know who they are talking to. Don't be a faceless organisation - demonstrate there is a person behind the screen.
3. Encourage conversations. Social media was intended for social purposes. Don't talk all about yourself but engage with your followers on posts and comments.
4. When creating a post, write a caption to go alongside your picture that is meaningful yet concise. Include key information and employ “exciting” buzz words.
5. Before you click the “post” button, answer these three questions:  
What is the purpose of this post?  
How will it benefit my audience?  
Do I find it interesting and, if not, how can you improve it?



# PARISH NEWS

## THE RESTORATION OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

### THE ARCHITECTS' VIEW...

The small rural village of Whatlington lies next to Battle in East Sussex and has been served by the modest two cell church of St Mary Magdalene from the late thirteenth century. Little happened to it until 1862 when it was restored by the little-known architect S. W. Tracy.

A north tower replaced its Medieval bellcote, a gallery was built at the west end and the interior was pewed and fitted out with all the High Victorian trappings of the age, including a dwarfing pulpit supported by three angels. At some point an organ was located on the gallery, cutting out light from the west window.

On a fine day in July 2010, an electrical fire started in the organ. It quickly ascended into the roof, and, fanned by the west wind, spread

along the nave roof into the chancel. The church being isolated and without vehicular access, by the time the fire was extinguished it was substantially gutted, leaving little more than the walls, the skeleton of the roof, and the tower which alone escaped serious damage. With the help of insurers the shell was protected by a temporary roof until it could be decided how to proceed.

In burning off the Victorian ceiling lining, the fire had revealed the Medieval roof structure, which being of oak was charred and repairable: this seemed a magnificent structure around which to rebuild the church. And it was decided to aim for a much simpler appearance reflecting the church's Medieval origins, but with facilities that would make it more useful for its community. It was therefore

decided to put a gallery back, but with an accessible WC and a small kitchen underneath. The rest of the nave and west part of the chancel would have a plain oak floor with underfloor heating, and the sanctuary, with its Early English architecture, would retain some of the decoration and fittings that had existed previously

Over the next three years the church was rebuilt. The oak roof was removed to a barn, repaired, and brought back and re-erected. Drainage was put in, connected to a neighbour's septic tank system.

Gas and water were brought over the churchyard from the main road some 100m away. Other repairs were found to be necessary: the tower, found to have been built off the nave wallplate which had rotted, had to be propped while the

base was made solid; much of the stonework had been shattered by the fire, and had to be replaced. As the church reappeared from the ashes, it was decided to commemorate and celebrate the events by installing a new stained glass west window and an engraved glass balcon balustrade, to enable the western light to spread into the church. These and a royal coat of arms inserted into a nave window to commemorate the 2012 Golden Jubilee were superbly carried out by Mel Howse.

### THE ARCHDEACON'S VIEW...

I first saw St Mary Magdalene's when I was on an introductory tour of the Battle and Bexhill deanery, soon after starting as archdeacon in autumn 2016. I was immediately struck by the simplicity and beauty of the church, the striking roof, and the abundance of light. It seemed like an example of everything that ancient rural churches might be but, sadly, often are not.

Looking at the photographs of the church as it used to be, it is impossible not to feel some sense of loss. In what looks to the untrained eye like an accumulation of clutter and cumbersome dark furniture will have resided many precious memories of people and events in the village, built up over the years since the Victorian restoration.

And yet, as the architect notes above, whilst some memories were demolished by the fire, the overall effect

## History has been destroyed, but it has also been recovered.

of the restoration has been to uncover the deeper structure and history of this Medieval building. History has been destroyed, but it has also been recovered.

Churches are primarily spaces for the worship of God. The effect of the restoration is to highlight the focal points of the Christian liturgy: altar, lectern and president's chair – all reclaimed from before the fire. The flexibility of the liturgical space will now make possible a far richer worshipping life than the fixed and static rows of pews in the building's Victorian iteration.

Moreover, the flexibility and adaptability of the building, helped by the portable, stackable and elegant benches from Luke Hughes, now suit it for a whole range of uses within its small village community.

The result, I would hope, is to make us courageous about church reorderings: at Whatlington, heritage has been uncovered; community use has been enhanced and worship has been given a fitting home. These purposes, sometimes seen as discordant, can in fact find perfect harmony.

### AND A FINAL COMMENT FROM THE PARISH PRIEST...

Since re-opening the church we have had many visitors who have been unanimous in their comments that the restoration has transformed a tired ancient church into a place which retains its original purpose of being a spiritual place of worship, but also is inspirational for new and varied uses so that it remains a central part of the changing community. It has become a timeless link between the history of the past, and the promise of the future.

Richard Andrews, Architect;  
The Ven Dr Edward Dowler.

This article was first published in CHURCH & HERITAGE ISSUE 174 written by The Ven Dr Edward Dowler, Archdeacon of Hastings



ST MARY MAGDALENE AFTER THE 2010 FIRE



PAT AND MIMA

TIME TO TALK

# Befriending

HONOURING, CONNECTING AND ENGAGING  
WITH OLDER PEOPLE IN SUSSEX

Have you ever heard someone tell you that they don't want to live anymore because they feel so lonely? Or that they are living without hope or would rather go without food than a forty-five-minute visit every fortnight from their friend? Sadly, at Time to Talk Befriending we hear these comments from older people almost every day.

Time to Talk Befriending is a local charity rooted in the Sussex communities it serves. We offer a personalised model of intergenerational befriending, community

outreach and seasonal campaigning, signposting and group befriending across the City of Brighton and Hove. As a result of a pilot in 2017 we also currently support a small number of older people in Adur and Worthing. We work with older people aged 65+ who experience feelings of chronic loneliness caused by social isolation. The foundation of the Charity is built on Christian values. We are motivated by our belief that older people should be honoured and respected. We continue to work collaboratively with individuals and organisations from

different backgrounds, faiths and beliefs to tackle the serious issue of loneliness head on.

Through the Charity we witness first-hand how friendship and connection through befriending and events in partnership with local Churches and schools can bring a sense of belonging to people who usually go for weeks or months with minimal human contact.

Although, not everyone will experience feelings of loneliness in their older years, the current Prime Minister Theresa May, is calling the

## Bringing a sense of belonging to people who usually go for weeks or months with minimal human contact.

issue 'one of the greatest public health challenges of our time' (A Connected Society, 2018). Further evidence confirms that there are staggering numbers of people living across Sussex who are at risk of loneliness which is why we have been actively providing intergenerational befriending and events, community outreach, interdenominational Church services, signposting and seasonal activities over the past five years to tackle this serious life-threatening issue head on!

Most of our work takes place across Brighton and Hove and we currently support a small number of people in Adur and Worthing. It is a genuine blessing to currently support over 300 people, most of whom are aged 80+, however we are just scratching the surface in terms of meeting the need. Our plan for 2019 is to continue grow our 'friendly and professional' award winning service in Brighton and Hove and we prayerfully hope our model will expand across Sussex in due course.

In addition, since the foundation of the Charity we have provided pastoral support on a small scale to our members who are housebound

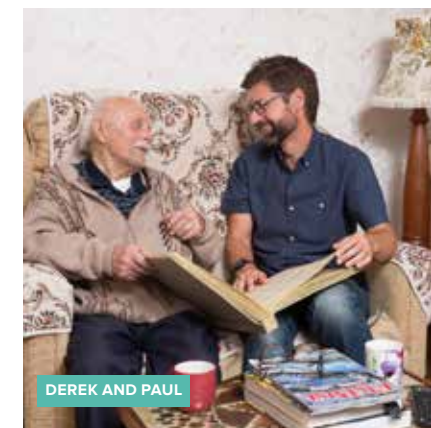
and unable to attend Church. Our hope for 2019 however is to expand this important ministry by providing Anna Chaplaincy to our members through the Bible Reading Fellowship's, Gift of Years programme.

The Anna Chaplaincy service at Time to Talk Befriending was commissioned on the 24th January 2019. The special event was held at Holland Road Baptist Church led by ex-Broadcaster Debbie Thrower who heads up the Gift of Years programme and the Rt. Revd. Richard Jackson Bishop of Lewes. This new offer at Time to Talk Befriending has been developed in response to an unmet need to bring Church out to individuals in the community who experience feelings of deep loneliness caused by social isolation. The Anna Chaplaincy service at Time to Talk Befriending will be respectful to the cultural and religious beliefs of all faiths and to those searching for meaning in and for their lives. The newly commissioned Anna Chaplain's will be responsible for inspiring and supervising trained Anna friends who will volunteer their time to provide a menu of prayer, spiritual reflection, devotional studies, worshipful music, Holy Communion and support to access places of Worship upon request.

To sustain the Charity and grow this ministry we are seeking financial support. Just twenty pounds per month would go a very long way and the majority of funds will go

straight to the front line, so if you can help us to tackle the serious issue of loneliness by giving, please kindly visit our website for further details <http://www.ttbt.org.uk/donate/>.

Dianne Watts, Together in Sussex parish development officer, said: "It's wonderful that Anna Chaplaincy is active and spreading through the Diocese. The value of a listening ear for so many in our communities cannot be underestimated and I would encourage as many as possible to get involved and benefit from the mutual blessing of working with those in older age."



DEREK AND PAUL



CHARLOTTE AND HARRIET





## A gap year with a difference

**PURSUIT is a new diocesan initiative which will give young people a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.**

They will be able to spend a year, unhindered by responsibility, listening to God, serving in the local church and discerning their vocation and call.

Pursuit is also a chance for a parish to enrich the life of a young person through funding and placement, and also to be blessed by their service within the church.

"This is a great development which will bear so much fruit for the whole church in years to come," said Rob Dillingham, deputy director of the Apostolic Life Team.

Our vision for the Pursuit year is to see a generation of young leaders released to learn, grow, be challenged, make mistakes and, most of all, to lead in step with Jesus. However, our vision is beyond a year - the journey towards being a great leader is a lifetime pursuit. We want the young people to catch God's vision for his people and to be the outworking of that in the world.

The associates who embark on this year will have the opportunity to love and serve the local church and their community as well as give time to God and deepen their knowledge, theologically, biblically, spiritually and practically.

We want all associates to be able to gain hands-on experience that comes from pursuing God, seeing where he's working and joining in.

Each associate will have the opportunity to be involved with our flagship diocesan youth event, May Camp. They will be given the chance to plan, lead and experience more than 500 young people coming together to worship and learn about Jesus. They will also embark on a two-week overseas mission trip, experiencing serving Jesus in a new and challenging location.

We are now looking for placement churches and organisations to take on an associate from September.

You will give an associate the chance to grow in their faith by participating in the ministry in your church. This year is about experience; meeting real people and real mission. You will work together to see people come to know, love and follow Jesus in your community. There could be opportunities to work with children and young people, music, chaplaincy, the elderly, community outreach and other social action projects. We want to make the year as bespoke as possible for both the placement and the associate.

For more information or to talk through ideas, contact Dani Taylor at [dani.taylor@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:dani.taylor@chichester.anglican.org) (01273 421021) or go to our website [www.pursuitchichester.org](http://www.pursuitchichester.org).

Rev Carl Smith, rector of St Mary's, Slaughtam and St Mark's, Staplefield did the YES scheme (Youth Equipped to Serve) at St Luke's Prestonville in Brighton in 2000.

He said: "When I reached the end of my time at college, I knew I wanted to do something for God but was unsure as to what that could be. A number of people suggested I try a year out in the diocese.

## We are now looking for placement churches and organisations to take on an associate from September.

I worked for a church in Brighton, mainly with the young people, but also getting involved in the worship music, PCC, as well as some city-wide ministries. It was great to have a year in which I was able to explore different aspects of ministry inside and outside church, aided both by an amazing mentor and a great vicar. It was also really formative for me to share this experience with five others who were doing the same year out in other churches.

"I highly commend a church-based year out

to any young person who wants to explore ministry in any capacity. So much of what you learn will be transferable to so many situations in your future ministry, whatever that may look like.

"I hope that, now I am ordained, I will be able to encourage someone in the early explorations of their vocation the way I was encouraged in my year out, and hope that St Mary's and St Mark's can become a placement for someone who wants to go on this adventure of discovery with Jesus."

**Are you looking for an adventure? Do you have a year to give to God and the local church?**

Pursuit is a year of training and experience in leadership and ministry both local and overseas. Our vision is to see you released into your calling as a young leader of this generation.

For more information please contact Dani Taylor at Church House: [dani.taylor@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:dani.taylor@chichester.anglican.org)

*Join us for an amazing year*

[pursuitchichester.org](http://pursuitchichester.org)



# CHURCH SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED

Do you care  
about improving  
education and  
would you  
like to make  
a contribution  
to your local  
community?

Are you looking  
for a new  
challenge?

Would you like to be  
part of a committed,  
dedicated and  
inclusive team?

The Diocese of Chichester has 155 schools and academies across West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Our schools are situated in rural and urban areas and across the city of Brighton & Hove.

We are looking for foundation governors who can help to provide strategic leadership and who will bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role and the wider school community. If you are a regular member of your local Church we would love to talk to you about becoming a Foundation Governor. Along with the Local Authorities we offer training and support to help you develop in this important role.

If you are interested in becoming a governor or would just like to have an informal conversation to find out more at this stage please do get in touch with either Rose Wisdom, Governor Development Officer or Michelle Perry, Governor Services Administrator at [schoolgovernors@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:schoolgovernors@chichester.anglican.org) or phone 01273 425687.

## EDUCATION NEWS

### HEAD TEACHER CONFERENCE

Have you booked your place yet? Places are now filling fast for the Head Teachers Conference, taking place on Friday 29 March. The focus this year is on the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our school communities, looking at both staff and pupils. The aim of this day is to equip delegates with both knowledge and practical ideas to help to support our school communities.

The confirmed speaker line up for this year bring a breadth of knowledge and experience to support head teachers in their work:

Inspirational speaker, **Jaz Ampaw – Farr**; Policy and Research Manager at The Children's Society, **Richard Crellin**; Chief Executive of Fegans, **Ian Soars** and UKCP accredited Child Psychotherapist, and Director of Your Space Therapies Limited, **Emma Connor**

Education; Brighton and Hove City Mission, who will provide a Prayer Space for delegate

during the day and Epiphany Music, who will be on hand to create Sound Portraits of delegates as school leaders.

Epiphany Music is an innovative music group who love improvisation and creativity. Members of Epiphany have a passion for excellence in the arts. They believe that music should be expressed in creative ways; that it has a role not just to entertain but also to enhance the quality of life itself by bringing space into our fast-paced, hectic lives, relieving stress and printing new perspectives.

Throughout the day there will be a chance to talk with a number of organisations who are able to offer help and support to school communities. The venue is Ashdown Park Hotel in East Grinstead and the day runs from 9.30 – 4.30pm. Please book via Eventbrite to secure your place from the Education website pages <https://schools.chichester.anglican.org/>

### YEAR OF VOCATION FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Plans are developing for the Diocesan Year of Vocation for our schools. There will be resources to highlight teaching and careers in schools as vocations. More information about this will be available soon. Keep an eye on the education website and the regular news bulletins, which are archived on the website. <https://schools.chichester.anglican.org/>

### A GRAND OPENING

On Monday 14th January, British athletics star Sally Gunnell OBE, opened the new all-weather running track at St. Peter's CE (Aided) Primary School in Henfield.

Headteacher Denise Maurice said: "On behalf of all who attend St. Peter's, we thank Sally for visiting us; Mr Nick Matthews, our previous Head of School for placing the bid and the Diocese of Chichester in supporting our efforts to maintaining a healthy lifestyle at St. Peter's."





## HYMNS UNPACKED

BY REV NEVILLE MANNING

## PRAISE TO THE HOLIEST

*In the height*

Way back in the 1850s Dr. R. W. Dale, a Free Church preacher in Birmingham, said: "Let me write the hymns of a church and I care not who writes the theology".

What he was saying was that the hymns we sing are a vital part of how we come to understand our Christian beliefs. One well-known hymn which illustrates that conviction is Praise to the holiest in the height, a hymn found in many standard hymn books across the main Christian denominations.

The author of the hymn, John Henry Newman (1801-1900), was ordained as a priest in the Church of England, becoming for a time the Vicar of St. Mary's Church in the centre of Oxford, often referred to as The University Church. He gradually became dissatisfied with the Church of England and became a Roman Catholic, eventually becoming a Cardinal and much respected Christian leader in the Victorian era.

The hymn in question originated as part of Newman's work, The Dream of Gerontius, a poetic work about a soul on its journey to heaven, later set to music by Elgar. From

## A SECOND ADAM TO THE FIGHT, AND TO THE RESCUE CAME

there the hymn found its way into many hymn books. It is a splendid example of the sentiment Dr. Dale had expressed, particularly in its understanding of the significance of Jesus Christ. Newman invites us to think of Jesus in various ways. First of all he is seen as the Second Adam:

**"A second Adam to the fight,  
and to the rescue came"**

Here Newman picks up on language used by St. Paul. Adam in Genesis represents us as human beings in our flawed humanity, Jesus is the one who transforms that situation who by life, death and resurrection to make possible a new creation.

In Newman's hymn Jesus is also described as a higher gift than grace:

**"And that a higher gift than grace,  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all divine."**

If that verse puzzles us, and we ask how can there ever be a higher gift than grace, bearing in mind that Grace is outgoing, undeserved, forgiving love, perhaps the answer is that in the Coming of Jesus Christ we have not only the gift but also the giver in person.

The verses which follow speak of the victory of the Cross against evil by the one who "smote in Man for man the foe" and remind us that Christ's call to us is to follow the way of the Cross:

**"And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross and high,  
should teach his brethren  
and inspire,  
to suffer and to die."**

In The Diocesan Year of Vocation that call to a life of sacrificial service also needs to be on our personal life-agendas. Appropriately the hymn begins and ends on the note of praise, Praise to the holiest in the height. The hymn is blest with the provision of a good choice of tunes, including Gerontius, Richmond and the very stirring Somervell.

## CHURCH BUILDINGS NEWS

## INSURANCE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY EVENTS

We are pleased to advise that we will be hosting an event to support the role of Treasurers, Church Wardens, PCC members and others involved in looking after church buildings.

## OUR SPEAKERS

**Rebecca Chantler Dip CII** -  
Church Insurance Consultant for Chichester

## WHAT WE WILL COVER

Our speaker will help to broaden your knowledge on a range of topics to help support you in your day-to-day church duties. We will cover:

- A meet and greet - with your Church Insurance Consultant Rebecca.
- Your Church insurance policy - with an emphasis on key covers and exclusions.
- How to keep visitors safe - advice on health and safety in Churches, fire risk assessments and how to comply with legislation.
- Risk management advice - where to find our newly-refreshed risk assessment templates, guidance notes, made-simple guides and health and safety policy template.
- A question and answer session - to address any further queries.
- Networking - A chance to chat with other church representatives

## BOOKING YOUR PLACE

There are limited spaces available please book your place early to avoid disappointment by emailing

Alex.Senior@Chichester.Anglican.org  
and confirm:

- Your name, Church and role within your church
- The session you wish to attend
- Any special dietary requirements

## VENUES AND TIMES

We are running this event four times in the Diocese so the training is as accessible as possible to our customers whom we appreciate are mainly volunteers with other commitments.

## Date: Thursday 21 February

Time: 11:00 -13:30  
with lunch provided after the event

Venue: St Mary Magdalene Church,  
Whatlington, TN33 0NE

Parking: Small private car park able to accommodate a maximum of 15 cars. There is also the larger village hall car park a 5 minute walk away, church use of this car park is shared with the hall.

## Date: Saturday 2 March

Time: 10:00 -12:30  
with lunch provided after the event

Venue: St Mark's Church, Holbrook, RH12 5PU

Parking: Church car park

## Date: Thursday 7 March

Time: 11:00 -13:30  
with lunch provided after the event

Venue: The Palace, Chichester, PO19 1PU

Parking: Limited parking on site but numerous public car parks within walking distance

## Date: Thursday 21 March

Time: 19:30 - 21:30  
with a buffet provided from 19:00

Venue: St John sub Castro, Lewes, BN7 2QA

Parking: On street parking and a car park close to Lewes station



# SEASON OF GIVING

An FSW update by Nikki Kerr



**DURING Advent, FSW does all it can to give the families it supports a memorable Christmas, whatever their circumstances.**

In addition to FSW's usual work supporting families, during December our practitioners, play team and wonderful volunteers were busy with pantomime visits, school holiday craft and activity sessions and of course, Christmas parties.

We held parties in Hastings, Storrington, Crowborough, Lewes, Midhurst, Cuckfield, Bognor, Coldean and Worthing

and welcomed more than 330 adults and 500 children in total across Sussex.

We were honoured to have Bishop Richard as a guest at our Crowborough party and Bishop Mark in Worthing. Bishop Mark was also at our family carol service at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint.

We also took 148 adults and children to pantomimes - some of them had never experienced one before.

We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of the churches and parishes across the diocese

who support us during the Advent season with offertory collections, toy collections and additional food donations to enable us to provide hampers to our families.

This year was no exception and we were able to give each child a present as well as deliver a hamper to each family with all the food needed to create a fantastic Christmas dinner, including free range turkeys generously donated by Anthony Harris at Bridgers Farm in Hurstpierpoint.

The ongoing support of the church community, whether practically or in prayer, means a great deal to us and we remain grateful for all it helps us achieve.

We are now looking towards the next phase of our expansion in line with our five-year vision, which will involve creating new practitioner posts in rural areas where there is little access to other support services. Please keep us in your prayers as we investigate how we might fund this vital work.

You can find us on Facebook (@FswFamilySupportWork) and Twitter (@FSWSussex) or email [admin@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:admin@familysupportwork.org.uk).

## MOTHERS UNION

# Gifts of love

By Karen Hill, MU branch leader St Andrew West Tarring



**MOTHERS' Union is an international Christian charity working with people of all ages and denominations (including non denomination) to improve communities worldwide. At the heart of MU is prayer but our projects are practical and often at grass roots level.**

For the past 20 years we have been supplying bags for women admitted as emergencies to Worthing Hospital maternity ward and have few or none of the essentials they need. The bags contain items such as nappies, breast pads, maternity pads, vests and babygrows, toothbrush, toothpaste, brushes/comb, tissues and toiletries.

They look like shoe bags and are handmade using a simple pattern.

For the first 17 years we supplied about 40 bags per year but that figure has grown to at least 12 a month.

Then in May 2017 we started to work alongside staff in the hospital's Bluefin children's ward and Beeding special baby unit, providing practical support to parents of young patients. The aim is to alleviate the anxiety of those whose

children are often extremely ill while providing support to the staff.

We provide this on Mondays through the "Ministry of Cake", offering tea and homemade cake and cheese scones to parents and staff. Often parents just want to talk and we are able to give them the time - we listen. We provide the "ordinary" when what is happening in their life is far from that.

Children admitted to Bluefin may be there for just one day or for months. Some young patients are terminally ill and are later transferred to Chestnut Tree House children's hospice.

The Ministry of Cake, an MU national project in hospitals, is a gentle way of helping families and making Mondays special. One mother said: "I look forward to Monday now because I know the cake ladies are coming. Although they are strangers they care enough about me and my child to come every week and make me smile."

Beeding Ward is for premature babies and, sadly, some do not survive. By talking to parents and staff we saw how important it was to have proof

of a baby's progression as they got stronger. It was agreed we would provide a smaller version of the maternity bags, which we call memory bags, made in bright fabric.

This project supplies handmade bags for all parents of these babies. They contain tiny vests and nappies or keepsakes such as babies' name bands, providing both practical help and also precious memories.

We provide about 15 bags a month. Father Mark Lyon, our parish priest, blesses them and the families who receive them.

All our time is given voluntarily but the cost of providing the bags and the training we have to undertake must be met. We constantly fundraise, an increasing challenge as the projects have grown. Every year we look to raise at least £1,200 - the average cost for emergency maternity bags is £8.50.

It doesn't sound much, a cup of tea and a slice of cake or some wash bits in a homemade bag, but to those who give and those who receive they are gifts of love.

If you could help in any way, please call me on 01903 202522.



# BOOKS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS BY CANON JOHN TWISLETON



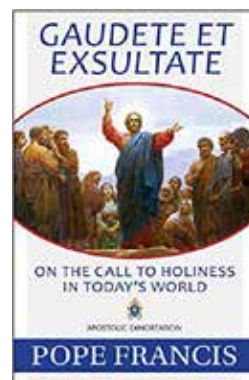
## THE RESHAPING OF BRITAIN

CLIFFORD HILL

### Church and State since the 1960s - A Personal Reflection

‘Tell my people I love them’ is an unforgettable prophetic word granted Clifford Hill in the 1980s when he saw a father rescue his daughter from falling over an Alpine precipice putting his life at risk. It provides an analogy for the love of God who allowed his own Child, Jesus, to go beyond the edge into death for our salvation. In this book Hill reviews events in our nation over the last 60 years from a biblical and prophetic standpoint. Himself a congregationalist Hill has worked with the Church of England at a national level bringing to bear his passion for community-based evangelism and prophetic capacity for speaking truth to power. His new book challenges Christians to be more courageous about announcing God’s love to their circle.

Wilberforce Publications 2018 £12 ISBN 978 0 9956832 9 7 345pp



## GAUDETE ET EXULTATE

POPE FRANCIS

### On the call to holiness in today’s world

It’s refreshing to read of holiness being fullness of humanity accessible to all and no prerogative of the few.

In this joyous booklet Pope Francis writes practically about attaining such humanity though what’s written in it has a sting in its tail. We need to leave ourselves behind! It’s a rich and persuasive meditation on Matthew Chapters 5 and 25 and Christ’s call to seek God ‘in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified’.

To gain holiness we must never set worship above service nor allow service to happen in our own strength, we need help from one another in the Church and we need to beware of the devil. I’ve already resolved to make this grounded naturally-supernatural booklet my next year’s retreat guide.

Kindle edition £7.34 96pp



## MAD OR GOD?

PABLO MARTINEZ & ANDREW SIM

It’s a delight to see psychiatry harnessed in the promotion of Christianity as far from a delusion but founded in the sanity of the Son of God made flesh.

Two Christian psychiatrists examine the biblical Christ providing a defence of his mental health. Their inspiration came from the need to challenge those speaking of Christianity as delusional as well as the opportunity to use their skills to amplify the first part of C.S.Lewis’s trilemma about whether Christ is ‘mad, bad or God’.

The book brings us close to Jesus as the Gospels describe him in a scientific study with warmth about it. As John Lennox summarises in his Foreword the authors’ psychiatric insight brings us close to Jesus ‘the sheer wonder and balance of his personality and the lucidity, peace and tranquillity of his mind’.

Canon John Twisleton 16 October 2018



## GOD & MY MOBILE

NIGEL CAMERON

### Keeping the faith in a digital world

I have an eccentric friend who never side steps a mobile reading pedestrian heading for him because he has a mission to alert them to their rudeness. Nigel Cameron’s book is less direct but nonetheless a wake up call to better stewardship of the digital world we own more and more but which so often owns us. ‘God & My Mobile’ charts the extraordinary benefits of mobiles, smart technology and social networking whilst reminding us of the price we pay for this like the rise of multi-tasking which leaves us distracted and unable to concentrate when away from our phones. It’s a helpful book which, recognising damage being done and calling for imaginative countering of it, is optimistic overall calling for Christians to take a lead in promoting good practice in the digital world.

CARE 2018 £8 ISBN 978-0-905195-24-7 168pp



## CATHEDRAL EVENTS



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION BY ALYS TOMLINSON.

### 'EX-VOTO':

A Photographic Exhibition by Alys Tomlinson.

Friday 1st March –  
Monday 22nd April

Alys Tomlinson is an award-winning editorial and fine art photographer based in London. Named Sony World Photographer of the Year 2018 her work has been exhibited in the UK, France, Ireland and the USA. The 'Ex-Voto' exhibition is a study of offerings of religious devotion – a hand written note neatly folded and hidden in a crevice, crosses etched onto stone or ribbon

carefully wrapped around a pile of twigs - found at pilgrimage sites across the world. Open daily with free entry.

### LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Tuesdays from 15th January – 19th March: 1.10pm – 2.00pm and Tuesdays from 30th April – 25th June: 1.10pm – 2.00pm. Admission is free. Bring your sandwiches and come and enjoy the concert. Coffee provided. All are very welcome. Further information on the Cathedral's website.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

#### Wonderful Water

Friday 22nd February: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Come along to the Cathedral for some holiday fun! Families can take part in some marvellous water themed crafts and then follow the clues on the Cathedral trail before collecting a prize. For children aged 3-12. £2.50 per child. No need to book, just drop in. For further details call 01243 812986 or email luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk

### BERNSTEIN AND THE CHICHESTER PSALMS':

A talk by Alan Bradford,  
Cathedral Guide.

Wednesday 27th February:  
10.30am

Following the 2018 Centenary celebrations for the life of Leonard Bernstein, Alan Bradford will be talk about the background to Dean Walter Hussey's commissioning of Bernstein's 'Chichester Psalms' for the 1965 Southern Cathedral's Festival. In the Dresden Room, 4 Canon Lane. Tickets are £7.50 from [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)

### 'BE A CHORISTER DAY' AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Saturday 2nd March: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Come and spend an afternoon with the junior choristers and sing with Chichester Cathedral's famous choir. If you know a boy who is interested in music and singing, and is in year 2 or 3, or are the parent of younger children who would like to hear more about life as a chorister, then this will be an unmissable opportunity. To book a place contact Lesa Burchell at the Prebendal School on 01243 520970.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

#### – Birds and Bugs!

Tuesday 9th April 10.00am – 3.00pm (Last entry 2.30pm)

Get creative with bird and bug themed activities at Chichester Cathedral. Follow a seasonal trail before collecting a prize



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT  
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

from the shop. For children aged 3-12. £2.50 per child. No need to book, just come along. For further details call 01243 812986 or email luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk

### ILLUMINATING CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Tours: January to May 2019

Uncover what the Cathedral building itself teaches us as well as learning more about John Flaxman, Memorials in Metal and Religious Art. Each tour is led by Cathedral Guides. Booking in advance is essential. Tickets are £7.50 (includes coffee) for each tour, see website for details: [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 6th March

5.00pm Evening Prayer (said)  
5.30pm Sung Eucharist with  
imposition of ashes

### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 14th April

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Mattins  
11.00am Sung Eucharist  
3.30pm Evensong

### HOLY WEEK

Monday 15th April

6.30pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 16th April

12 noon Chrism Mass  
6.30pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th April

6.30pm Holy Communion

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 18th April

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)  
7.30pm Sung Eucharist and  
Watch of Prayer

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 19th April

10.00am Mattins  
12 noon Three hours Devotion  
including -

1.30pm Liturgy of the Passion  
5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Saturday 20th April

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)  
7.30pm Easter Vigil and First  
Eucharist of Easter

### EASTER DAY

Sunday 21st April

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Easter Mattins  
11.00am Easter Sung  
Eucharist  
3.30pm Easter Evensong

Services are held daily and all are welcome – see [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk) for details.





# THE EGG THAT SHARES THE EASTER STORY



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## The egg that shares the Easter story

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and which supports charitable projects.

This year the Original and Dark egg are both plastic free. The Original contains a prize competition and a super thick milk chocolate egg and a large 24 page Easter story-activity book. The Dark egg, which is also suitable for adults, contains the 24 page book, plus a simple Easter guide, 3 dark chocolate Mini Squares (3x5g) and a luxury smooth dark chocolate egg (165g). The Special Edition comes with a bookmark/keepsake made by disabled craft artisans in India, a simple guide to Easter, an orange milk chocolate bar (80g) and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200g).

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea at first. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to make The Real Easter Egg.

To date, more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets.

The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £275,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

### Where to buy

The whole range can be ordered online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East and Redemptorist Publications. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stock.

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This year there is a chance to reach out to the wider community by taking part in the National Real Easter Egg Hunt using our Sharing Box. See [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)