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VERY, very occasionally, people say to me that the quality of the clergy is not what it was. And, in reply, I want to say the problem is that when it comes to selection and ordination, we only have the laity to choose from!

The point is not entirely flippant. It was someone like you, reading this, who prompted and nurtured faith in those who were ordained deacon and priest this summer. They became part of your worshipping congregation. That was where their knowledge of God was expanded and they heard the disturbing but ultimately irresistible call to ordination.

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NEWS ACROSS OUR DIOCESE

BISHOP MARTIN SPEAKS IN THE LORDS



BISHOP MARTIN IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

THE Bishop of Chichester responded to the House of Lords debate recently on a motion from the Liberal Democrats on the impact of recent benefit changes. Dr Martin Warner cited the work of diocesan partner charity Family Support Work and said: “urgent reconsideration is needed of the impact of the two-child limit, a policy which could eventually affect over three million children, pushing more than a million who are already in poverty into deeper material and emotional misery.”

You can read the full article at <https://churchinparliament.org/>

NEW FEATURES FOR WEBSITE

THE Church of England has added new features to A Church Near You (ACNY) for editors. They include the ability to add clergy biographies and videos to pages, Instagram integration and changes to the inbox. You can read more about it on the Labs Learning blog on the Church of England website, www.churchofengland.org.uk.

REFUGEE TALES

BISHOP Richard joined part of the route for Refugee Tales Walk in July which is held every year to campaign for an end to indefinite detention for refugees.

He said: “The refugee tales walk is now in its fifth year and 150 of us walked from Eastbourne to Bexhill. We came from a huge variety of backgrounds. We were joined by a number of folk whose immigration status remains perilous. However, indefinite detention is not a civilised way to address this issue.”

Well-known authors, poets and musicians come together with the language of welcome, sharing of other people’s tales and communicating experiences of migration. Find out more about the project and be part of a movement for change at www.refugeetales.org.



BISHOP RICHARD WITH DIANE WATTS SUSSEX TOGETHER CO-ORDINATOR (PICTURED LEFT)

45 YEARS OF AIRPORT CHAPLAINCY

Archdeacon Fiona joined the Anglican chaplain to Gatwick Airport, Rev Canon Jonathan Baldwin, and others for a special service to mark the 45 years of airport chaplaincy.

Around 70 people gathered in July for the thanksgiving celebration which was held in the airport chapel and was led by Canon Jonathan.

The team are responsible for regular multi-denominational services at both the South and North terminal chapels and are available for pastoral support. Chaplains are also trained as Emergency Responders.

Archdeacon Fiona said: “This is such an important ministry and one which many people know little about.

“Airports are places where people begin a journey of adventure and discovery, often embarking on visits to other countries for the very first time and they can be very nervous and anxious and want to pray or be prayed for. They may be going to see a loved one in need or facing a bereavement.

“The chaplaincy team, ordained and trained, are made up of all faiths, they worship in a multi-faith chapel and are there for pastoral support for everyone including people arriving at Gatwick for the very first time who may be fleeing difficult situations in their own countries.”



ENGAGING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

We posted this community engagement photo on our Facebook page and you loved it. Rev Arwen Folkes is the rector for East Blatchington and Bishopstone. She said she had fun mapping out all the current community engagement to try and visually show / remind / teach people what a parish church does and is for.

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING

THERE has been growing interest in social media training especially since the publication of the Church of England Guidelines. The second social media training day in the diocese will be on Tuesday, September 17 which is now full. Dates for November will follow soon. If anyone in your parish is interested in free social media training for churches in November, email Amber.Jackson@chichester.anglican.org.



HOW TO MAP A COMMUNITY

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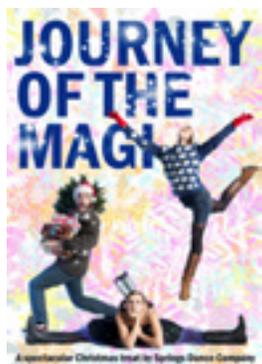
IS YOUR CONGREGATION SAFE?

THE Simple Quality Protects (SQP) tool was introduced to parishes as a way of responding to the question “how do I know my parish is safe?”. It offers parishes the reassurance that they are doing all that is required to keep their congregations safe.

From now until Christmas, members of the safeguarding team, along with volunteer helpers, will visit every deanery to look at the evidence produced by the parishes there.

Assistant diocesan safeguarding adviser Morag Keane said: “Bishop Martin has shared the next phase of our strategy for 2020 and beyond as ‘focusing more clearly on needs, challenges and opportunities and seeing the church as a family of all ages, loving, serving, contributing and receiving together’. By overseeing this important piece of work, it should reassure the parishes that they are doing all they can to ensure the safety of the congregation is paramount.”

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE FOR YOUR CHURCH



Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your church and local community through an exhilarating, critically acclaimed performance.

Churches can now host a performance of Journey of the Magi which will be

available nationally from 23rd November to 23rd December 2019. It's a festive, light-hearted, joyful event with a moving and profound message, has plenty of sparkle and songs to keep the children engrossed and bags of good humour for the grown-ups. Journey of the Magi delights audiences of all ages and offers a chance to reflect and refocus.

Contact Springs Dance Company by emailing touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk or by calling 07876 752 910

OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE

THE pilgrimage, from August 14 to 21 next year, will be led by Bishop Martin. It will begin with five nights in Austria in the village of Waidring, visit Salzburg and then travel to Oberammergau for two nights with top grade tickets for a performance of the Passion Play.

A brochure covering the programme, costs and travel details is available from Lightline pilgrimages www.lightline.org.uk/

OCCASIONAL PREACHERS & LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

THIS autumn we will be offering training in preaching and worship leading for those preparing for authorised lay ministry in the diocese. This training is also open to all those who hold the bishop's occasional permission to preach and to lay worship leaders. Training costs £40 and takes place at venues in Hove and Hastings. For more details and to apply contact Jayne.Prestwood@Chichester.Anglican.Org.

MOTHERS' UNION AT GENERAL SYNOD IN YORK

CHICHESTER representatives attended General Synod in York, in July where Mothers' Union Worldwide president Sheran Harper spoke of the MU being “the best-kept secret”. The charity has been running for 142 years and has a membership of more than four million, making it the longest standing and largest women's movement in the world.

She also mentioned the Diocese of Chichester, saying she had visited a parish outreach project in Chichester that “moved her to tears”. She said: “I had never been to Chichester but I felt I knew them already because they were always on social media, posting good news about the impact of their amazing work and the changes they make to families and communities.”

Sheran visited the Away From It All Caravan in Selsey and the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, where she witnessed the “Ministry of Cake,” meeting MU members in the chapel. She said “I fought back the tears as I realised that the cake was only a very small part



SHERAN AT GENERAL SYNOD

of the ministry taking place there. Members make themselves available to the parents whose babies are required to stay in hospital longer than is normal or for those who do not make it.”

Sheran visited many other important projects in the diocese before heading to other parts of the country ahead of her inauguration speech at General Synod.

PRISON WEEK, OCT 13 TO 19

FOR 40 years, Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of prisons.

Prisons Week raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their own communities. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind.

Prisons Sunday, the second Sunday in October, marks the beginning of the week of prayer each year, running through until the following Saturday.

If your church is supporting Prison Week or is involved in prison visit projects, please share with us via Communications@chichester.anglican.org





Welcoming our new deacons

IT WAS a joyous occasion when 14 new deacons were ordained by the Bishop of Chichester.

Family, friends and parish supporters packed Chichester Cathedral on June 29 and were welcomed by the dean, the Very Rev Stephen Waine.

In his sermon, Bishop Martin preached about the deacons being “gifted by God”. He said: “They are now handing themselves over to Christ to serve the people of God in making Christ known and

offering in worship praise and thanksgiving to God the Father.”

The Rev Dr Dan Inman, diocesan director of ordinands, has overseen their training in preparation for ordination and said: “These 14 new deacons bring a wealth of wisdom, energy and experience to their ministry, each in their own way committed to proclaiming the gospel afresh to this generation and to reaching the forgotten corners of their communities. I am sure they will each be a great blessing

to their parishes. It’s been a privilege to accompany them to this day.”

Special thanks go to the various training colleges who have supported, nurtured and prepared the candidates for ordination. Thanks also to the Rev Vanessa Barón who led the pre-ordination retreat at the Torch Centre in Hurstpierpoint.

The new deacons will now go on to serve in parishes across East and West Sussex and Brighton and Hove.

Please pray for the candidates and the parishes in which they serve:

Dominik Chmielewski
to serve in the parish of St Nicholas, Arundel

Mike Milmine
to serve in the parish of St Pancras, Chichester

Sally Mitchell
to serve in the parish of West Grinstead

Torhild Fikseanet
to serve in the parish of Heathfield

Emma Ham-Riche
to serve in the parish of East Preston

Alex Wheeler
to serve in the parish of St John the Divine, Copthorne

Thomas Fink-Jensen
to serve in the parish of St Michael’s and All Angels, Lancing

Sandi Wickens
to serve in the parish of Rotherfield

Shirley Tupper
to serve in the parish of Beeding and Bramber, Botolphs

Lizzie Green
to serve in the parish of St Alban’s, Gossops Green and Bewbush

Neill Stannard
to serve in the parish of St Matthew’s, Worthing

Ali Marshall
to serve in the parish of St Peter’s, Brighton

Thomas Crowley
to serve in the parish of St Saviour’s, Eastbourne

Elizabeth Jink
to serve in the parish of St Mark’s, Holbrook

Special thanks to:

Cathedral staff and choir.

Old Testament Reading from Jeremiah 1: 4-10 was read by Nakita Ainsworth, ordinand in training. New Testament Reading from Philippians 2: 5-11 was read by Steve Emerson, ordinand in training. Organist before the service was Mitchell Farquharson, the organ scholar and organist after the service was Timothy Ravalde. The trumpeters were Andrew Baxter, Steve Morris and Dean Pelling.

The full transcript of Bishop Martin’s sermon can be found on the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org and photos from the day can be found on the Diocesan Facebook page [@dioceseofchichester](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofchichester).





NEW PRIESTS ORDAINED ACROSS SUSSEX

Parishes turned out in great numbers to support the eleven women and men who were ordained priest in the Diocese of Chichester at the weekend (Saturday 15 and 16 June)

As priests, the newly ordained will now be able to celebrate the Eucharist and offer God's blessing. Please pray for their continued ministry.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner ordained at St Andrew's West Tarring (Saturday); the Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby, ordained at St Mary's Horsham (also Saturday) and the Bishop

of Lewes, Richard Jackson ordained at St John's Meads (Saturday) and All Saints, Hove (Sunday)

Those priested and the parishes in which they continue to serve:

Ian Edgar
West Tarring and Worthing

Jon Haines
All Saints', Eastbourne

Tim Hiorns
All Saints', Crowborough

Jez Lowries
St Leonard's, Denton, with South Heighton and Tarring Neville

Danny Pegg
Stone Cross with North Langney

Angus Reid
All Saints', Hove

Simon Shorey
The Point Church, Burgess Hill

Ben Sleep
St John's Meads, Eastbourne

Lucy Sullivan
Rottingdean

Rebecca Tuck
St Mary the Virgin, in the Horsham Team Ministry

Martin Walker
St John the Baptist, Crawley





A Fond Farewell

THE Bishop of Horsham, Mark Sowerby, has left the Diocese of Chichester to become principal of the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, West Yorkshire.

A farewell ceremony was held at St Mary's Church in Horsham, attended by friends, family and colleagues.

The bishop's wife Ruth read the first lesson, Isaiah 52. 7-10, followed by Father Russell Stagg reading the second lesson, 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25, then Father Kevin Agnew led the congregation in the Prayer of the Faithful.

Bishop Mark, who has three adult daughters, joined the diocese in 2009. He previously worked for the Ministry

Division for the Church of England.

Diocesan Bishop Dr Martin Warner said: "From the moment of his arrival in the Diocese of Chichester, Bishop Mark has been involved in challenging circumstances that have concerned safeguarding. His attention to detail and process has won widespread recognition and respect, locally and at national level.

"In this, as in the pastoral and teaching office of a bishop, he has been a consistently cheerful and encouraging presence and more recently adding to his commitments a lively interest in our church schools."

Bishop Mark said: "Throughout my ten years in Sussex, I have especially enjoyed time spent in parishes. It has been a huge privilege to confirm adults and young people and to encourage them to explore their individual vocations and I shall always be thankful to God for the faithful clergy and people of Sussex, in whose mission, for a time, I have had a share."

"We'll miss him more than I can say, and I wish him God bless and God speed."

Trevor Cristin, director for education for the diocese, said Bishop Mark had contributed to an appetite for innovation that has "enabled us to grow as a team".

He added: "The education team has greatly benefited from the leadership of Bishop Mark. His contribution to the diocesan board of education, most recently as chairman, has been characterised by kindness, wisdom and sensitivity."

The Archdeacon of Horsham, Fiona Windsor, spoke of Bishop Mark as inspirational, a much-valued colleague with an easy, approachable manner and a tenacity in grappling with highly, often complex situations.

She said: "Bishop Mark and I have travelled the length and breadth of West Sussex together, come hail or shine, to license priests to new parishes and benefices often to places where the sat nav hasn't a clue or has given up. I remember on one occasion when we found ourselves in the middle of a field with no church in sight we just laughed, turned the sat nav off and got the map out. We've never been

late for a single service and that's because + Mark always insists, quite rightly on leaving 6 hours before the start of the service! Punctuality is his middle name. We'll miss him more than I can say, and I wish him God bless and God speed.

SOME OF BISHOP MARK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Bishop Mark greeted Justin Welby in 2013 when the Archbishop of Canterbury visited Sussex to take part in the final part of his "journey in prayer" pilgrimage ahead of his enthronement in 2013.

He led the diocesan safeguarding programme and chaired the national Safeguarding Training Working Group, overseeing safeguarding policy development at national level.

As chairman of the Overseas Council he visited Cameroon and attended the consecration of the new bishop of Nakuru in Kenya, one of our linked dioceses in West Africa, and presented Bishop Joseph with a silver pectoral cross from the Diocese of Chichester and the Friends.

He supported and judged the successful diocesan schools' art competition for our Year Of The Bible, run by our education team in 2017.

Bishop Mark celebrated his 25 years of his ordination to the priesthood in 2013 at St Michael and All Angels in Brighton and welcomed many friends, old and new. He successfully encouraged parishes across the diocese to respond to an appeal for funds for a caseworker to provide vital support for refugees in Sussex. It raised the much-needed funds and more. And last year he spoke out about library closures, saying: "We should all be concerned that there remain adequate resources of all kinds for teaching and nurture across the county."

Bishop Mark, we wish you the best and lift our prayers to you for this new chapter.

A bit about Mark

Born in Ripon, Bishop Mark trained for ordination at the College of the Resurrection, served his first curacy in Knaresborough and, after several years in the Blackburn Diocese, spent eight years at St Wilfrid's, Harrogate.

From 1997 to 2001, Bishop Mark served as the Church of England's vocations officer and as a selection secretary for the ministry division. More recently he has chaired the national Safeguarding Training Working Group.



THE BISHOPS DROP IN

A FOOD bank and homeless projects are among those to have received an Episcopal visitation.

The Bishop of Chichester Dr Martin Warner, along with Bishop Mark Horsham and Bishop Richard Lewes, have between them been to the 21 deaneries in the Diocese of Chichester.

They are now moving towards the final quarter of their scheduled visitations, which have included the Deaneries of Arundel and Bognor, Battle and Bexhill, Chichester, Cuckfield, Dallington, Horsham, Hove, Lewes and Seaford, Midhurst, Petworth, Rotherfield, Rye, Storrington, Uckfield, Westbourne and Worthing.

Visitations to take place later this year are Brighton (September) and Hastings (October).

The bishops have met clergy and laity and listened to what is happening in the parishes. Through a programme of engagement they have visited school assemblies, held confirmation services and attended numerous parish and community events such as food banks, children's clubs, breakfast and lunch clubs and homeless projects, to name just a few.

“I am very grateful to all those involved in the planning of these deanery visits”

The Bishop of Chichester

Part of the Episcopal Visitations programme is the Deanery Synod. This meeting is an open invitation for anyone within the deanery, particularly churchwardens and members of PCCs, and is an opportunity for everyone to hear about and respond to the plans for the next stage of the 2020 Diocesan strategy.

Bishop Martin visited Messy Church in North Bersted, Holy Cross. Messy Church is a fresh expression of church for young children, and recent research has highlighted it as a significant factor in church growth.

Bishop Mark had a “fascinating time” in the Fittleworth Store, a venture that is building community in Petworth Deanery. He also witnessed the progression of a new hospice being built in Bosham.

Bishop Richard was guest speaker at the opening of a community homeless shelter in Lewes.

A common denominator in all these visitations was plenty of bacon rolls and afternoon tea and cake served by parishioners.

Dr Warner said: “I am very grateful to all those involved in the planning of these deanery visits which are aimed at introducing us to the key issues affecting both the church and local communities which they are called on to serve.”



MANY VOICES, JOIN IN PRAYER

By Rev Martin Poole, vicar of St Luke's, Prestonville Brighton



HUNDREDS of people attended the Many Voices, One Spirit celebration at Brighton Dome on Pentecost Sunday.

There were personal messages of support from Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu and the Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson was delighted to see all the churches coming together for the event, with church leaders from across the city involved.

He toured the venue to meet all the exhibitors and said: "What they do is a blessing to our communities."

The event was part of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative and it was curated by Rev Martin Poole, vicar at St Luke's Brighton.

It included prayer stations during the day, which were fully booked, workshops for children and families and evening worship which nearly 1,000 people attended, and support from partner organisations - Mothers' Union, Family Support Work, YMCA Downlink Hove, Bible Society, USPG, Refugee Tales and Together In Sussex.

Rev Poole said: "It was wonderful to know that a secular venue in central Brighton was dedicated to prayer and worship for the whole of Pentecost Sunday.

"The Brighton Dome staff really engaged with the event and we believe it's the first time anything like this has been done there.

"The evening worship was a perfect reflection of the Many

Voices, One Spirit theme as we had attendees from a broad range of churches other than Anglican, including Roman Catholic and Baptist, all united in our worship and prayer by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"I'd like to extend our thanks to our support partners, to Stuart Barbour and his band for delighting the audience with their music and to our main speaker Roy Crowne for a truly inspirational talk.

Thanks also to our guests speaking in languages: Max from Zimbabwe in Ndebele; Ouldouz - Farsi speaker from Iran; Joshua - Portuguese speaker from Brazil and Priscilla - Hindi speaker from India. Also, Bishop Richard and Archdeacon of Brighton and Lewes, Martin Lloyd Williams for their support and to Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner for concluding the event with prayers."

Readers were Hazel and Alice and flash mob was the Brightsoul Singers.

CALL FOR CHANGE

By John Lewry, Children and Young People Co-ordinator for Brighton Deanery

HOMELESSNESS, young people's mental health and affordable housing are the top priorities for many in Brighton and Hove.

They were identified as key issues during a meeting of more than 200 people who gathered for an evening of powerful stories, questions, thoughtful responses but most of all commitment to change under the banner of Brighton and Hove Citizens.

The event, three days before the local elections, was the culmination of an initiative started some two years before and led by seven local organisations which recognised the possibility for change when people come together.

As founding member and leader of One Church, Brighton, Dave Steell said in his opening speech: "If history shows us anything it's that if you try to do things on your own, you do too little, if you wait for the government or big organisations to do it, if there is any change at all, it comes too late but when small groups come together and work for a common cause there is no problem too large to overcome."

The three party leaders Daniel Yates (Labour), Tony Janio (Conservatives) and Phelim MacCafferty (Greens) listened to presentations which brought together the views of thousands of people who had fed into our listening campaigns.

The priorities were identified as affordable housing and fair landlords, young people's mental health and homelessness. One of the member organisations, Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue, presented on accessible toilet provision in the Hove North Cemetery.

Members told personal accounts of their struggles - the loneliness and despair of navigating the children and adolescent mental health services system and managing transition to adult services with little support; the fear of a mother unable to get appropriate support for her child and seeing their life spiral out of control while they waited; the powerlessness of being a tenant in unacceptable living conditions trying to be heard by the landlord, the indignity of not being able to grieve for friends and loved

ones because of inadequate toilets. Their stories were heartfelt and powerful.

Councillors responded to requests to work together with Brighton and Hove Citizens Assembly to bring about change on these issues. The assembly applauded the joint commitment from all party leaders to work with us to move forward on specific proposals in each area. Campaign groups have been established to engage with political representatives to implement some of the agreed changes. The work of Citizens UK relies on its membership and working together with existing groups in its communities. We hope many more churches in Brighton and Hove will join under the diocesan banner. Mental health campaigns, housing campaigns and lobbying for toilets may not be traditional expressions of faith, however, the diocesan strategy calls us to contribute to the common good with partners of good will. Such partnerships build relationships, express concern and allow us to demonstrate the life-changing reality of faith as we share a common cause.



The Journey

Children's and Family Work
Leaders Conference

The Diocese of Chichester is hosting a conference for children's leaders and clergy to address what is happening across the Diocese of Chichester in children's and family work.

Irene Smale, Diocesan Children's and Families Work Adviser, is leading the conference called, *The Journey*. She said: "This conference is a must for every parish.

"Statistics demonstrate the shifting patterns between church goers and the association with younger people. Recent research has revealed the continuing decline of not only children's and young people's church attendance but their spiritual and mental well-being. An outcome of this conference is the hope that we can reverse this trend through learning from and sharing with each other new ideas and initiatives to renew and revitalise our work.

"The conference is titled 'The Journey' because we are all on a journey with God. To change the course of continuing decline we need to learn lessons from the past. We need to take stock of the present and offer some strategic thinking about how we can not only sustain our ministry with children but improve it.

"Our hope is that by listening to people who are experienced at grass roots level working daily with children and families we can gain some insight into how we can adapt our current thinking and practice and therefore initiate change."

One of the key speakers will be the Bishop of Lewes, Richard Jackson. He said: "Work with children and young people must be one of our top priorities in the next five years of our diocesan life. Do make a priority in your diaries to come with your team"

The conference includes 12 workshops led by practitioners drawn from across the diocese currently working at grass roots level with children and families. Delegates will learn how to embed practical solutions into their parish life. From first-hand experience they will offer advice on best practice, creative ideas and resources to reach out and support our ministry to the children and families in our local communities.

The Journey takes place on Friday 6 -7 September at St Andrew's Burgess Hill and the cost is £5 per person per day. Further information about the programme and booking details are available on the web site: <http://youth.chichester.anglican.org/>

From Narnia to May Camp

MORE than 550 people attended an action-packed May Camp this year, meaning the annual diocesan youth event has nearly doubled in size in the last five years.

Dan Jenkins, diocesan youth officer, said: "We worked hard again this year to pack in as many activities, seminars, sports and workshops as we can as well as loads of opportunities for worship, prayer and teaching.

"This year to enter our café venue you had to walk through an 8ft tall wardrobe set in an entrance room complete with oak-panelled walls, beautiful painted landscape and chesterfield sofa and step through the wardrobe into Narnia complete with snowy forest. The café venue is the place to hang out with friends, play wacky games and enjoy some light (if not sugary) snacks.

"We saw dozens of young people respond to God to become Christians. Feedback we've been passed by youth leaders has told us about young people filled with a new excitement for church and pursuing God. We always tell young people and leaders that what happens at May Camp cannot stay at May Camp and we work hard to try to support

churches as they go back to real life in supporting young people in these journeys of faith that are started at camp.

"In our last session this year young people had the chance to place a puzzle piece on a giant board representing the importance of living out our faith in community with others.

"As well as opportunities to take part in craft, graffiti, carpentry, axe throwing, archery, capture the flag, giant slip and slide, football tournaments, giant inflatables, festival make-up, disco, movie night, talent shows to name just a few, we also provided a wide range of seminars discussing a wide variety of topics.

"Hundreds of young people engaged with seminars on mental health, the environment, sex and relationships, sharing their faith at school, youth alpha, poverty and justice and more.

"We work hard to make sure that May Camp is relevant and engaging for young people. As the event grows we are also trying to keep on top of the administration of ticket sales and bookings. We're revamping the ticketing this year and we'll be launching our super early bird tickets very soon."

If you've been to May Camp and would like to get involved behind the scenes, supporting the core team as they grow and develop the event, they would love to hear from you. Email youth@chichester.anglican.org

We would love 2020 to be a bumper year and if you've never been before please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you getting involved. To find out more, offer sponsorship or view this year's event programme visit www.maycamp.org. For anything else get in touch via youth@chichester.anglican.org





YEAR OF VOCATION
2019

VOCATIONS A LIFE-LONG JOURNEY

CHURCHES and schools across Chichester Diocese have engaged with the Year of Vocation. We have heard many stories about how Christians have been exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus and to ponder how they are living out their own baptism.

“The journey is, of course, not just for one year, but life-long

The Year of Vocation, launched at Diocesan Synod in November 2018, has had a very particular aim - to give people more confidence in recognising that each one of us is being called by God into deeper encounter and service and that, in following Jesus, we will

discover life in all its fullness (John 10.10) even as we reflect the glory of our Creator.

Dan Inman, diocesan director of ordinands, said: “It’s been a real delight to see people come to life in this way as they discover their own gifts in new ways. This has been particularly noticeable in the Living Faith course, which will run again in 2020, where we’ve seen people come alive as they listen more carefully to the inner promptings of the Spirit to, for example, respond to human need in their community, share the good news of Christ with greater confidence, or indeed even explore whether they might be being called into some form of authorised ministry, whether as lay ministers or as deacons or priests.

“Certainly, the Lent course, and the striking videos that accompanied it, seems to have been a source of lively

conversation and debate, prompting many to ponder with greater clarity what their own discipleship entails and how they themselves might ‘follow Christ more closely, know him clearly and love him more dearly’.

“The journey is, of course, not just for one year, but life-long - until that moment when, we hope, we are received into the courts of Heaven and hear the words ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord’ (Matthew 25.23).”

Year of Vocation resources can be found on the diocesan website www.chichester.anglican.org

Baptism by the sea

St John’s Church in Eastbourne made a splash earlier in the summer when 11 adults and one child were baptised or re-affirmed their baptismal promises in the sea off Eastbourne.

Catherine Butcher, a reader in the church, said: “The baptism service was part of our Year of Vocation series on vocation as disciple-makers, drawing

on the Talking Jesus course as a basis for a six-week sermon series.

“After the service in church, the candidates and members of the congregation all headed for the beach where full-immersion baptisms were conducted in the sea.”

A follow-up confirmation service was held with the Bishop of Lewes on July 9.



THE CANDIDATES MAKE A SPLASH IN EASTBOURNE

HYMNS UNPACKED

BY REV NEVILLE MANNING

THROUGH ALL THE

Changing scenes of life

THE psalms, sadly neglected nowadays in some churches, have down the years been used in worship in various ways. Book of Common Prayer chanted psalms have been just one.

In the past metrical psalms were often standard fare in many churches. Two people who contributed to this way of using the psalms were Nahum Tate and Nicholas Brady. Nahum Tate (1652-1715), described by Ian Bradley as “one of the most colourful figures in the history of English hymnody”, was the son of an Irish clergyman who was appointed Poet Laureate in 1690.

He was also a playwright who even tried rewriting some of Shakespeare’s plays, famously trying to give King Lear a happy ending. He was joined in his efforts in hymnody by fellow Irishman Nicholas Brady

(1655-1726), who became chaplain to King William III and incumbent of the parish of Stratford-upon-Avon, to produce the new version of metrical psalms in 1696.

One of the best known of these is “As pants the hart for cooling streams”, a paraphrase of Psalm 42. The other is “Through all the

changing scenes of life”, a loose paraphrase of parts of Psalm 34. The version in most present-day hymn books is a shortened version of the original and is usually sung to the tune “Wiltshire” by G T Smart. The wording is far from an exact rendering of the original psalm.

I WILL ALWAYS GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

One thread of both the original psalm and the metrical version is learning to be thankful for and to trust God in each and every situation and in all circumstances in human life:

v1 I will always give thanks to the Lord;

his praises shall ever be in my mouth (BCP)

V1 Through all the changing scenes of Life, in trouble and in joy,

the praises of my God shall still

my heart and tongue employ (Tate and Brady)

It is relatively easy to trust God and praise him in the

uplifting and joyful moments in life. It is not so easy to do so in the darker moments. If you look through the psalm you will see that praising God and trusting him in the darker moments of life was a lesson the psalmist had learned out of the experience of the Lord delivering him: v4 “I sought the lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear” (BCP) or as the hymn renders it “When in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came”.

Some users of the hymn may wonder about the reference to fear: “Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear”. Godly fear is very different from normal human fear, but that awesome sense of God’s greatness and faithfulness is the godly fear which helps to conquer the other fears. Just as the use of the gloria at the end of psalms in the liturgy makes sure they all have a Christian reference, so the final verse of Tate and Brady’s hymn, with its ascription to the Trinity, serves a similar purpose.

Do you have a favourite hymn you would like Neville to unpack? If so, email communications@chichester.anglican.org with your suggestion.



MORE than half the churches in the diocese are now in the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and treasurers say they never thought accounting for regular giving and claiming Gift Aid could be so easy.

Cash collections are declining as more people use smartphones to pay for things. At the same time banks are reviewing their business, closing branches and charging extra for using cash and cheques.

PGS is a simple and effective method of transferring regular giving from a donor to the PCC’s bank, even if the parishioner cannot go to church on a particular Sunday, and it is designed to suit taxpayers and non-taxpayers alike.

Treasurers are happier because they have predictable sums of money flowing into the bank each month and bills are paid without worrying whether the next Sunday collection will be sufficient. Additionally, PGS does all the administrative work for the monthly reclaim of Gift Aid from HM Revenue and Customs.

The Reverend Julie Sear, incumbent at St Mary’s Hartfield, said: “Our total planned regular giving has in-cresed by 23 per cent since

2016 to nearly £39,000, and PGS now accounts for 83 per cent of that. PGS, combined with prayer and good teaching, has been an important part of that success. In addition, PGS has significantly reduced the administrative burden which has allowed us to put more resources into building the depth of our faith and the numbers attending.”

Andrew Lamont, of St Mary’s Barcombe, said: “I would highly recommend its implementation to any parish. It brings with it a number of advantages, not least of which is it is an efficient means of engaging with regular as well as potential donors about the level of their support for their local parishes. It delivers Gift Aid returns monthly as well as enabling donors to link their pledges to the rate of inflation, thus assisting parishes as they deal with the challenges of meeting their ever-increasing costs.”

Once a church has joined the scheme, the benefits become so apparent that no one has yet asked to leave it. To help your church increase its income, why not consider joining PGS? Churches not in PGS, or who are planning a wider stewardship campaign, should contact John Kemp for further assistance.



GO CONTACTLESS

Contactless devices enable churches and charities to accept contactless donations quickly. They are compact, cost-effective and portable and allow people, especially those who may be visiting, passing by or don’t attend regularly, to give easily without cash.

The devices can be placed in churches for services, outside for fundraising events, at concerts, quiz nights or in other locations.

The Sumup device was used at the recent diocesan youth event May Camp. Dan Jenkins, diocesan youth officer, said it was a great tool. He said: “It caused much excitement for young people who had cards with them and little cash.

“May Camp is held at Plumpton Racecourse in the middle of a field in a remote and rural part of Sussex. Su-mup was still able to find a strong enough signal to make transactions for merchandise and the odd last-minute day ticket.

“Although it was not super speedy it did work and made life a whole lot easier and safer with less cash being held onsite. We will certainly be using it again at May Camp.”

- CLIMATE CHANGE - WE NEED RELENTLESS ACTION NOW

'We are living in an irrational civilisation,' said former Archbishop Rowan Williams. 'We don't think we are part of the material world.' He likened the climate crisis as like sitting on a tree branch whilst sawing it off. He was speaking to a packed audience at Church House, Westminster as part of an interfaith event during 'The Time is Now', a mass lobby of MPs organised by different faith groups.

Members from the Diocesan Environmental Action Group were among concerned

campaigners at the mass lobby of Parliament to urge MPs to act on climate change.

The group represented by Caroline Hodges, from Trinity Church, Lewes, and Anne Stone, from St Mary's, East Grinstead, gathered at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in Trafalgar Square ahead of a "Walk of Witness" along Whitehall and an interfaith event.

Diocesan environmental officer Rev Debbie Beer said: "The aim of the mass lobby, The Time Is

Recent scientific evidence shows the climate is changing more rapidly than predicted

Now, was to ensure that MPs hear the message loud and clear, that words and targets are not enough but must be followed by resolute and effective action.

"Recent scientific evidence shows the climate is changing more rapidly than predicted - for example the Arctic is warming very much faster than expected. So Christian Aid say that 2050 is too late - they are calling for more rapid action to reach net zero by 2045 at the latest."

Rev Jane Bartlett, assistant curate in Shoreham was also among those who took part. She said: "I travelled with my husband John Watters to the biggest lobby the UK has ever seen. Its purpose was to tell MPs that we when it comes to the climate crisis, we cannot take our foot off the accelerator pedal.

"Our day began with two informative workshops at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. The first was an exploration of faith based non-violent direct action, with Jewish, Buddhist and Christian perspectives. We looked at what religious groups can learn from the non-violent direct action of Extinction Rebellion.

"The second workshop, organised by CAFOD, the Catholic development charity, made clear that radical practical action has to be taken at every level: households, churches, dioceses, communities, businesses, governments - to achieve the goal of net zero carbon emissions in the UK by 2050.

"We then journeyed in our thousands from Trafalgar Square, along Whitehall towards Westminster. The hope was to lobby our MPs to bring forward policies to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

'We are living in an irrational civilisation, we don't think we are part of the material world.'

Later in the day, as part of a group of local constituents, meeting our MP, one of 650 such meetings, strung out along both sides of the Thames, I was reminded of some of Rowan Williams's other words, as we wrestled with difficult questions about policy and practical action. 'The climate crisis is not just about problem solving, important as that is. It's also about the sickness in our spiritual life that is dominated by greed, anger and acquisitiveness.' And it's here that it struck me that churches, alongside other faith groups, could be beacons, catalysts and partners with secular society, reclaiming a just culture, and in the words of Rowan, 'showing how we can live gratefully, in tune with one another and the environment.'

"If your church wants to be one of these beacons, a great place to bring that vision to reality is by participating in the Eco Church award scheme. This is a resource designed to equip your church to express care for God's world in worship and teaching; in how you look after your buildings and land; in how you engage with your local community and in global

campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of your congregation. For more information visit <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

"All in all, it was a peaceful demonstration. We spoke to a policeman who said the only aggravation he'd had was when someone challenged him for drinking his coffee from a disposable cup."

Christian Aid regional co-ordinator Mark Johnson was also present as was East Worthing and Shoreham MP Tim Loughton.

The mass lobby was supported by Christian Aid, the Faith for The Climate Network and major environmental and conservation organisations including the Sussex Wildlife Trust and CPRE.



PARISH NEWS



BUILDING HOMES IN RWANDA

MEMBERS of Trinity Church, Lewes, visited Rwanda as a continuation of their partnership with the Diocese of Cyangugu and Life In Abundance International, an African community development organisation and one of Trinity's mission partners.

The team took part in community projects and activities including working alongside a local building team to help construct a simple timber-framed, mud-lined house.

Previous houses built by Trinity mission teams were for widows of the 1994 genocide. Now, as in this case, support is also being given to families of genocide perpetrators.

This showed the work the local church and Life In Abundance

International are doing towards reconciliation in communities where families of both survivors and perpetrators live side by side, sometimes with tension and conflict.

We believe that through the gift of a house and placing the family into a new community, they will become witnesses to the people around them." said Jonathan Lamb, LIA-UK Director and the mission team leader.

The day of the official handover of the house coincided with a unique community event that takes place on the last Saturday of each month across Rwanda. Umuganda - meaning community work - engages the whole country, including government ministers. The team was invited to help



community members clear an overgrown road near the house.

After Umuganda, the team, together with the builders, the family who received the house, local leaders, neighbours and members of the church, gathered for the official handover ceremony. The customary speeches were made and the house and family were blessed with prayers.



DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY HUB

ST PAUL'S Church in Chichester was thrilled to receive a grant of £25,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation towards the redevelopment of its parish centre.

This major project includes building a new kitchen and upstairs meeting room at the centre, which was built in 1993.

It is being led by Rev Canon Simon Holland with fundraising spearheaded by the curate, Rev Martha Weatherill. She said: The fundraising would not have been possible without the help of Katherine Prior, the diocesan fundraising adviser. It has been hard work soaked in prayers. I have enjoyed it and have learned a lot."

The church and parish centre, near Chichester Festival Theatre, are thriving under the leadership of the rector and his team.

They have developed into a valuable community resource for many groups and organisations, including Sanctuary In Chichester

(providing support for refugees and asylum seekers), Chichester Anna Chaplaincy (resourcing the spiritual journey of older people), Chichester Boys' Brigade and Girls' Company, a long-established parent and toddler group, and a weekly breakfast for the homeless, as well as parishioners.

So far, the parish has received money from Garfield Weston, Allchurches Trust, Skipton Building Society Trust Foundation, Beatrice Laing Trust, Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Rathbones Chichester and West Sussex County Council. The church, which is in the Chichester Conservation area, has previously received a Heritage Award from Chichester City Council.

The Mayor of Chichester Richard Plowman supports the scheme and was impressed with the excellent presentation and booklet about it. He said: "The width and variety of support given to the community by St Paul's Church is much needed

and exemplary, but they are restrained by the buildings which need to expand and be refurbished. I wholeheartedly support the building project and wish them every success."

One of the donors is Greg Mahon from wealth management firm Rathbones. He said: "We are delighted to support you in building a legacy for the local community. I would urge my colleagues in the business community to assist where possible, both financially and practically, this great venture." Rathbones has pledged £5,000 towards the project.

One community user said: "The centre is like family to me. It was where the idea was first discussed of building our Nations United Football team with coaching from Chichester University. Nations United is one of the first all-refugee football teams in the UK."

Another said: "The centre helps me with my English, to make friends and deal with some of my problems."

CAFE IS A SIGN OF SUPPORT

A SIGN language cafe at a church in Eastbourne is proving a big draw.

It is one of the successful outcomes of a conference organised back in September 2017 by a group of Christians in the area focused on the inclusion of deaf and hearing-impaired people in churches.

The conference was called Hello Church - Can You Hear Me? and since then the organising group has continued to meet to try to find ways of increasing inclusion and accessibility for deaf and hearing-impaired people in churches.

The new Deaf Café at Victoria Baptist Church in Eastbourne meets on the third Sunday of every month, from 2.30 to 4.30pm in the church's welcome centre.

Vanessa Howard, a member of the Hello Church group, said: "We have had six meetings so far and have welcomed around a dozen people. People seem to be prepared to travel some distance to attend, for example from Hove.

"A BSL [British Sign Language] interpreter attends to facilitate communication when needed. All deaf/BSL users are welcome to come along and we would be grateful if you could spread the word through your church networks."

Daphne Brett who heads up the café project said: "The café is a demonstration that we love and care about deaf people and are interested in them and their concerns. We are hoping that by showing them the love of Jesus they will want to know the Saviour who prompts us to love and care for them.

"Having BSL interpreters in services can be costly because we do not have a wealth of Christian interpreters in our churches. That is a desperate need worth praying for; however we have the support of a BSL interpreter who interprets for those who attend the café at a reduced cost."

Diocesan disability adviser Rev John Naudé said: "The opportunity to reach a marginalised group of people is always difficult but the Christians in Eastbourne at Victoria Baptist Church have

started a new and exciting opportunity to serve deaf people by providing a Welcome BSL cafe.

"Please pray that the deaf people who come to the cafe may experience the love of Christ and feel welcome. You can support this new venture in prayer, but if you are interested you could even learn BSL."

The group is also running BSL classes and hopes to train people to communicate with those whose main language is BSL. To find out more, contact the group at hellochurches@gmail.com or through the website <http://www.hellochurch.co.uk> where you will also find information about the next café meeting on July 21st.



VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH



HONOUR FOR PARISH MAGAZINE

THE creative brain behind the Henfield, Shermanbury and Woodmancote parish magazine has been recognised with an award.

Every year the Association of Church Editors recognises those involved in the production of parish magazines.

And Helen Boosey, from Henfield, was picked as the 2019 winner in the category of "layout and design" for her church, St Peter's in Henfield and Shermanbury with Woodmancote.

The magazine, a 52 full-colour publication, has been in print since 1887 and each month 1,000 copies are sold to the community.

Helen is a freelance graphic designer and juggles running her own business with being a mother. She has a Masters degree in theological research from Durham University.

One edition of the magazine will take her between 30 and 40 hours a month, depending on how much content there is.

Helen took over editing it in 2016 and when the designer stepped down she became both editor and designer.

She said: "I think the key things the judges were looking for was consistency, not just of message but also layout. They emphasised the need for editing of text, not just to fit with the voice of the magazine but also to ensure that articles are short and punchy.

"They also said that the use of images, sub heads and pull quotes are great tools to break information into readable chunks, and not to be afraid of white space.

"I think one of the main issues with a lot of parish magazines is trying to fit too much on to the page, something we are all guilty of.

"The biggest pains I have are the same for all editors everywhere and that is keeping deadlines and photographs not suitable for printing.

"I love working with my contributors who send in the most fantastic and interesting articles every month. I am constantly learning about the people who live here, the history of the village and finding out just how much is going on. It is a great honour to be able to speak to people through the magazine every month."

AN IMPROVED kitchen at St John's Church Centre in Southbourne has enabled the church to reach more people through hospitality.

Each weekday morning the church café, Coffee Connect, serves tea, coffee and home-made cakes. Now, thanks to better facilities, it also hosts a "Tuesday Special".

Since June Coffee Connect has been offering additional food until 12.30pm. The Tuesday Special now includes a range of sandwiches, soup and the dessert of the day.

Jim Webb, kitchen manager, said: "This has all been made possible because of our fantastic new kitchen facilities and the efforts of our fully trained St John's volunteers.

"We were delighted that Bishop Richard Jackson was able to launch our Tuesday Special before leading a short service of prayer in the church."

Bishop Richard's visit was one of many he made to churches across Sussex as part of his Diocesan Prayer Pilgrimage in the lead up to Pentecost (Whit) Sunday on June 9.



BISHOP RICHARD JACKSON SAMPLES BACON SANDWICHES SERVED BY JIM WEBB



HELEN BOOSEY

EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT...

...until it isn't

Reflections on hospital chaplaincy

By Rev Peter Wells, recently retired lead chaplain,
Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

DURING my years of meeting patients, relatives and staff in hospital, the one overriding discussion is that life is OK until something goes wrong and you lose control of your life.

This can be sudden - a car accident or heart attack, a terminal diagnosis - or more slow, as in cases of dementia, the need for amputation or because a baby was born prematurely or poorly and needs to be on the neonatal unit for several weeks.

Up to these points people's lives were fine, they had plans for the day ahead, the future and expectations. The need for healthcare, sudden or not, requires a recalibration which everyone manages differently. Some respond with denial and do not want to accept what is happening, others can only see the worst outcome and others have a more sanguine approach. However people respond, their lives are never going to be the same again. Whatever has happened is



now going to be part of their story for the rest of their lives.

Everything was OK, and now it isn't.

Healthcare chaplaincy is an enormous privilege of being with people - patients, relatives and staff - along life's journey and offering to be there for as long as they are in hospital, or for as long as they are a member of staff. At the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton there is a very special Victorian chapel and at the Princess Royal in Haywards Heath a more modern chapel. However, the vast majority of the work is not carried out in one of these spaces but at the bedside, in the corridor, over

a coffee in someone's office or while someone is trying to find their way through the maze of corridors and staircases to reach their loved one.

Becoming an inpatient, whether by planned admission or by sudden circumstance, gives people one thing the staff do not have, and that is time. Time to lie and think about what is, or may, happen to you, to listen to the conversations of other patients and their families, to overhear what is being told to another patient, to wonder if the staff are talking about you, to work out what a look on a member of staff's face means, time to recall life and think what the future might look like and what happened in the past.

It is by having so much time that patients and relatives can begin to think about what is important, what gives their life meaning, what motivates them. These we regard as the spiritual issues. After all, spirit is about what ever gives someone's life breath, whatever

Healthcare chaplaincy is an enormous privilege of being with people - patients, relatives and staff - along life's journey

animates them. The result can be that a patient, or relative or member of staff wants to talk to someone, although they might never have spoken to anyone before, and don't know who to talk to. It is then the chaplaincy team is contacted.

A lot of time is spent by chaplains and chaplaincy volunteers talking to patients and relatives who would never normally speak to someone such as them. Patients who are religious are often supported by their faith leader or ask the chaplains to offer support because they are not able to get into the hospital as regularly as they wish. And if you are not religious and want to talk about your concerns, who do you turn to in hospital? The issues patients and relatives want to talk about can cause them a lot of concern and that affects how they view their time in hospital and how they face the sudden changes to their lives.

And what of the staff? The curious thing that strikes

me about wanting to work in healthcare is we are all working with people who do not really want to use the healthcare system but have no alternative, and thus we see people who really do not want to be in hospital. Who would? Trying to support people whose lives have been changed is what the staff spend their time trying to address. They see, hear and try to help so many different people, some anxious, difficult, demanding. Given the vast number of procedures, operations and admissions that take place throughout the whole hospital and across the whole year it is reassuring that so much goes so well.

Some people ask: "How do you express your faith working in healthcare?" or "Isn't it a good opportunity to convert people?". Chaplaincy is about living out our faith and belief in how we meet and be with people. It is about being seen, whether ordained or lay, whether employed or a chaplaincy volunteer, in all

parts of the hospital at all times of the day and night. We give people the space to talk about their fears and their hopes, the issues they have never thought about before, give them the respect and space to make decisions, to ponder further, too.

The words of Archbishop Oscar Romero have been a source of huge relevance for me in my role as a hospital chaplain, as well as life in general: "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something, and do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's Grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." (From Xaverian Mission Newsletter).

The Year of Vocation

IN THIS, the Year of Vocation, I hope we can look afresh at our own call to vocation.

Each one of us is different, but we are all part of the body of Christ, and we all have a part to play in transforming the world for Christ.

Each one of us has been given different gifts, attributes, talents and different ways of making use of those gifts. However we do need to acknowledge those gifts, accept ourselves as we are as God's instruments, and make use of them for God's purpose and remember that all comes from God. What we do is for God's glory not ours.

It is also important to keep in mind that all the parts we play are as important as one another. We would not be human if sometimes we did not think others seem to have greater gifts or a greater role to play in the scheme of things than us - it is so important to remember we all have our own parts to play and that they are all important in the wider scheme of things. The important thing is we make use of our gifts to the best of our abilities to work for the glory of God.

So this is an exciting year to explore what we can do for God, not in ways beyond our capability but within the capability God has already given us.

For me, it's particularly exciting, for the intention of the year is precisely what Cursillo is all about. And Cursillo has been actively involved in the preparation of some of the material for the year, notably "setting God's people free".



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Since it began in 1947, and within our own diocese since 2000, Cursillo has explored "who I am", "who Jesus is for me" and "what Jesus is calling me to do for him". That's simplistic written like that, so it takes more to explore.

But along the way Cursillo also explores afresh what is a rule of life.

There are many within the diocese who have shared a Cursillo weekend and the following support groups, so if you would like to know more, do have a word with me through the Chichester Cursillo website.

People who have made their Cursillo (which literally means a short course) do not wear a label of "Cursillo". They are just members of congregations across the diocese who have explored the notion of vocation, and whose task here is to support their parish priest in the work of Christ in their area. But generally you will find they have taken their roles seriously and are actively involved in that work.

The next Cursillo weekend is October 17 to 20.

What is Cursillo?

The word is from the Spanish cursillos which means a short course.

The Spanish Civil War left the country ravaged, the Second World War followed soon after, but undeterred, a group of laymen had been making plans for a youth pilgrimage to help restore the spiritual life of their young men. Workshops were established to study the fundamentals of Christian living, and to spiritually prepare themselves to be apostles of Christ, re-dedicating their lives to Christian Mission and the long journey ahead.

In 1948 some 70,000 young people set out in pilgrimage to the shrine of St James at Compostela. The pilgrimage was so successful that in 1949 the Bishop of Mallorca Juan Hervas got together with Eduardo Bonin to hold the first Cursillo weekend, which became known as Cursillos de Cristiandad - a short course in Christian living.

The Cursillo method was attractive, it provided much-needed spiritual renewal, it literally went global, across continents, across denominations, into schools, universities and prisons.

Is Cursillo a special club?
No, in fact for us in the UK,



Cursillo is a method within the Anglican Church which is passed from diocese to diocese, bishop to bishop.

Cursillo was given to the Chichester Diocese in 2000. Rev Jayne Prestwood (the officer for lay vocation and ministry) is our advocate helping us to maintain Cursillo's part of the mission and ministry of the diocese.

There are a number of courses in discipleship on offer in the diocese and Cursillo is but one. It's a residential three-day course running from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon. It challenges, surprises and delights us as we take a fresh look at our journey of faith, a step of faith - which some describe as a springboard to new life in Christ - a better understanding of God's call, a renewed energy for apostolic action.

Who is it for?

Cursillo welcomes laity and clergy, and - as our leaflet says - is open to anyone active in Church life who wants to serve God in the Church and the world around them.

What makes Cursillo unique?

In the UK there is a huge variety of Christian courses, retreats and festivals we can choose from and they are a great source of refreshing, but very often what we draw from those times is not so easy to transport back into parish life. After a Cursillo weekend, we return to parish life to what we call our "fourth day" which is the rest of our lives. Here we continue to energise and encourage one another through ongoing support, both in small groups within the parish and larger diocesan gatherings.

We are passionate about spiritual renewal in the parish and across the diocese. We are glad that you are too because the heart of Cursillo is clergy and laity working together, sharing God's love with everyone.

Interested?

Why not take a look at our website <http://chichestercursillo.co.uk/> and browse through the "About Cursillo" pages. Please talk to your vicar and when you are ready, download an application form from the download page and get in touch. We would love to welcome you on to a Cursillo weekend to explore the journey with you as you catch a glimpse of what the Spirit has in store for your life.

Booking now!
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CATHEDRAL NEWS

Live better together

a reflection on the meaning of peace

LIVE Better Together is a series of events taking place this autumn, each with a theme for discussion and reflection about what peace means in our own lives, community and the wider world. It begins on Saturday, September 21, International Day Of Peace.

The programme opens with “recipe for peace”, a free drop-in family friendly event for all ages on the Cathedral Green. It takes place on September 21 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and is a chance for everyone to discover recipes from all over the world shared by people who live in and around Chichester. Recipes and some ingredients will be available to take away, and the event will be followed by an interfaith thanksgiving in the Lady Chapel at 4pm to which everyone is warmly invited.

Recipe for peace is a partnership project between Chichester Cathedral, the Quakers in Chichester, Sanctuary in Chichester and UK Harvest. Alongside the

scheduled events there will be a prayer station for peace in the cathedral where visitors are invited to light candles or offer prayers for peace, as well as a peace and reconciliation trail to explore.

On Tuesday, October 1, there will be a talk entitled From Swords To Ploughshares: Conflict And Climate, Peace And Prosperity. It will examine the connection between conflict, climate and natural resources, and how prosperity could be assured for all. Dr Ruth Valerio, global advocacy and influencing director at Tearfund, will be speaking on this important topic that is such a significant feature of our world today. The talk runs from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in Vicars’ Hall at the cathedral. It is free but booking is essential at ticketsource.co.uk or from the cathedral shop.

On Thursday, October 17, an interfaith panel on climate change will discuss “what role, if any, should faith-based organisations play in efforts to combat climate change?”.

The annual Quaker peace lecture is the final event in the series, with the theme of Stopping Wars Before They Start. It is at 6pm on Saturday, November 9, at the Quaker Meeting House, Priory Road, Chichester.

The theme for this year’s International Day of Peace is Climate Action For Peace. The Day Of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly and two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire. The United Nations invites all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities during the day and to otherwise commemorate it through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.

Further information about the Live Better Together Programme can be found at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk.



THE HIGH ALTAR AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

BEHIND THE SCENES AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

This free tour at 11am on Saturday, September 21, is a chance to look behind the scenes and see areas normally closed to the public. You can visit the Song School, high up in the triforium and discover its secret chamber. You will also visit the library and the Bishop’s Chapel. There is disabled access to Bishop’s Chapel, but not to the library and Song School. All are welcome.

ART VIEWS @ CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Thursday, October 3, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Art Views is an opportunity to look at and discuss selected work of art in Chichester Cathedral. Share your thoughts and enjoy hearing other people’s responses, with a facilitator from Pallant House Gallery. This is open to anyone interested in joining the art

discussion and is also dementia friendly. Followed by tea and cake in the Eastern Arm. Tickets are £3.50 from poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk or call 01243 812497.

SAFE SPACES

an exhibition by Pallant House Gallery’s creative collective

Friday, October 4, to Sunday, November 3

This exhibition is produced by a group of artists who have each created a personal response to Chichester Cathedral and the concept of safety. The work will explore themes including people, place and presence through a range of media.

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Pallant House Gallery

FAMILY EVENTS

Wonderful World on Friday, November 1, 10am to 3pm (last entry 2.30pm)

Come along to the cathedral for holiday fun. Families can follow a trail, collect a prize and take part in creative crafts. It is £2.50 per child with no need to book, just drop in. Suitable for children aged three to 12, accompanied by an adult. For further details contact Luna on 01243 812986 or see the event page on the cathedral website.

SPECIAL SERVICES

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, Aug 15
5pm, evening prayer (said)
5.30pm, sung eucharist

THE INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP ANGAELOS AS CANON OF HONOUR

Tuesday, September 24
5.30pm, evensong

LICENSING OF READERS

Saturday, September 28,
11am

EVENSONG FOR PARISH LINKS

Sunday, October 6, 3.30pm

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS 2020

Designer of the Festival Of Flowers 2020 Lyn Robinson revealed the theme as Realms Of Glory, featuring quotations from the Bible, psalms, hymns, carols and prayers in picturesque tableaux, gardens and pedestal arrangements. These include a Garden Of Eden; the sailing of the Mayflower to America 400 years ago; summer, autumn and winter gardens; an Easter garden; a rainbow; a heavenly feast, and angels in the cloisters among many other displays. More than 200 flower arrangers will interpret Lyn's designs, transforming the 900-year-old cathedral into a stunning visual array of creative, imaginative and beautiful flower arrangements.

Hugh Bonneville, star of stage and screen, was announced as the 2020 patron. The Festival of Flowers is a biennial event organised by Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust. It attracts 15,000 visitors and has raised more than £1 million towards the cost of restoration work

over the past 22 years. The festival will take place from May 28 to 30 2020 (champagne preview May 27) and tickets will be on sale from autumn 2019.

ROOF RESTORATION

The first phase of the newly restored and re-covered roof above the cathedral quire and presbytery is now complete. With the cloak of scaffolding removed, you can now see the first indication of how the cathedral will look when the lead roof is fully reinstated. The silvery grey is in contrast to the verdigris that has adorned the cathedral since the 1950s, however, this change has received positive comments from regular worshippers and visitors alike. One said: "The lead roof makes the cathedral appear more solid – more permanent." Another said: "The grey of the roof makes the stonework appear more golden."

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and grant-making organisations the Chichester Cathedral Trust has currently raised £4 million towards the estimated £5.8 million

project. Every £1 donated will protect this sacred place for generations to come. To donate contact Ali George, head of fundraising, on 01243 812480 or trust@chichestercathedral.org.uk or send a cheque payable to Chichester Cathedral Trust marked "roof appeal".

JOIN THE RIDE AND STRIDE TEAM

In recognition of the generous grant from Sussex Historic Churches Trust, Chichester Cathedral has pledged to enter a team to participate in this year's Ride And Stride on Saturday, September 14. David Coulthard, communar and executive director of Chichester Cathedral, is leading the team on a cycle route starting from the cathedral.

Chichester Cathedral received a substantial grant of £25,000 from Sussex Historic Churches Trust to support the vital project to restore and re-cover the cathedral's roof. The trust supports urgent repairs and restoration for historic churches, chapels and meeting houses across Sussex. The funds distributed are raised from the annual Ride And Stride, a sponsored ride or walk in which people all over Sussex walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside.

If you would like to join David's cycling team or would prefer to walk contact Ali George on 01243 812480 or trust@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS BY CANON JOHN TWISLETON

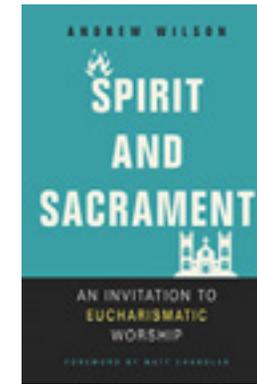


SENSING THE DIVINE

ANDREW MAYES

I HAVE been puzzling over John's Gospel all my life and was rewarded by Andrew Mayes' new book which starts away from the theological in the senses. It inspired me and somewhat disarmed my questioning. Andrew's experience of the Holy Land and spiritual direction helps him approach John's gospel from a novel perspective helpful to those who struggle with the literal. Sensing the Divine has the sub-text "John's word made flesh". It celebrates John's emphasis on Christ engaging through touching, seeing, hearing, tasting and smelling in reawakening life in all its fullness. The book succeeds in earthing John's gospel in reality, for, to repeat one of its Merton quotes, "Through real things we can reach him who is infinitely real". Why? Because "the word was made flesh" (John 1:14).

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SPIRIT AND SACRAMENT

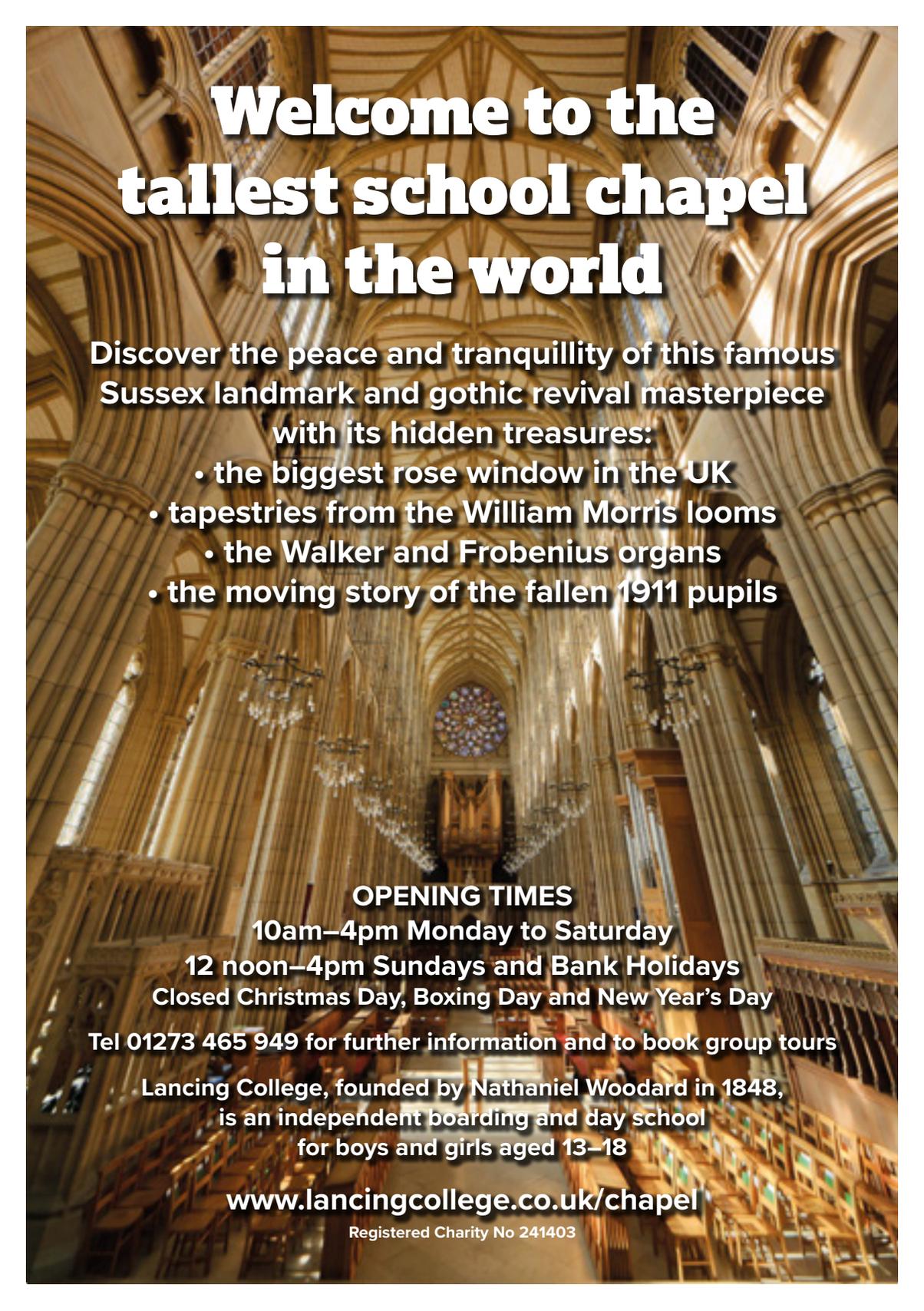
ANDREW WILSON

IMAGINE a church capturing both charismatic and sacramental streams through recapturing God's grace. Sussex-connected Andrew Wilson coins the amalgam "eucharismatic", playing on the Greek "gracious" origin of both "eucharist" and "charism" to bid expansion of narrowness in both traditions. Liturgical churches resonate with the worship of the church through the ages but can lack exuberant praise. Exuberant Pentecostalism can shrink away from sacraments through unease with formality. The author is prophet of the eucharismatic church of the future in which "the triune God is experienced... through the physical symbols of bread, wine and water, through the Word read and proclaimed, and the presence of the Holy Spirit among us". In its aspiration to increase joy and deepen worship in churches across traditions Spirit And Sacrament is a gift of a book.

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