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PICTURED ABOVE are Deacon Jonathan Harman, his wife Niki and Bishop Richard. On 16 June, the feast of St Richard of Chichester, and in the church of St Richard's, Chichester, Bishop Richard ordained Jon into the Sacred Order of the Diaconate. Jon's ordination brings the total number of Permanent Deacons in A&B Diocese to 52. We extend our congratulations to Deacon Jon, formerly Director of St Cuthman's and recently appointed Spirituality and Formation Adviser, based at the Christian Education Centre in Crawley. More details of Jon's ordination are on page five.

SEVERAL HUNDRED students and staff from more than 60 Schools in A&B Diocese gathered in Worth Abbey on 20 June 2018 for the annual Good Shepherd Celebration Liturgy. Director of Education Marie Ryan introduced the theme of the service, 'Lord, we are Your hands', linking to the Gospel of the day, where we are encouraged to do good works and not be boastful. School children across the Diocese welcomed, ushered, served, danced, read, sang and prayed during the liturgy. Each school's students brought with them a piece of art work representing the many good works of hands in their own schools - and the school's representatives then proudly presented it to the Bishop. The Pope's official charity - Missio - celebrates 175 years of 'children helping children' and the A&B schools showed how they had lived out this message during Lent by presenting a cheque for £11,053 to Missio. For many, the warm and sunny day ended with a picnic in the Abbey grounds. Photographs of the day's activity can be seen on www.abeducationsservice.org.uk Story: Sarah Feist

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CAFOD - Stories from *Share the Journey Walks*

CAFOD's *Share the Journey* campaign, launched by Pope Francis last year, aims to promote greater understanding of refugees and migrants and to call on governments to protect those forced to flee their homes due to poverty or war. It is being championed by international Catholic charities around the world. CAFOD asked supporters to walk 24,900 miles – the distance around the world – by September in solidarity with refugees and migrants. Already they've nearly doubled that distance!

PARISHIONERS from **St Mary of the Angels in Worthing** gathered on 23 June by the Pier to take walks along the prom. There were a number of walks to choose from of varying lengths, each returning to the start where cards to the Prime Minister were signed as part of the international *Share the Journey* campaign.

Worthing's official Town Crier, Bob Smytherman, was there to announce the event and set the walkers off (pictured). He was joined by other members of his family making up four generations calling for a united response to the refugees and migrants crisis.

The final tally for the prom walk was 103 miles walked and 129 cards signed by walkers, parishioners and passers by.

Our thanks go to the parishioners and volunteers of St Mary of the Angels Parish, to Bob Smytherman and his family. Full marks go to Angela who did 13 miles - to Littlehampton and back!



a great symbol of hope and solidarity with refugees. They were warmly welcomed by St Erconwald's with Fairtrade chocolate treats and bananas with a message. On the Sunday the group from St Erconwald's carried on the journey carrying the cross to **Christ the Prince of Peace in Weybridge** who then joined the walk, led by Mary Lee, and carried on to **St Anne's in Chertsey**. Full marks to all those who decided to walk in solidarity and forego the pleasures of watching England play football!

St Anne's Parish (some are pictured below) led by Fr Michael and CAFOD volunteer Libbia, gave a lovely welcome in Chertsey and they all then continued the walk onwards. This was a long stage of the walk, in the warm summer sun, but spirits remained high in the near 30-strong group, especially as they were welcomed to the final destination - the **Parish of St Cuthbert** providing the welcome at **St John of Rochester in Egham Hythe**.

The total length of the walk was over 13 miles with over 60 people involved. Together the walk added 248 miles to our *Share the Journey* mileage.



As in our town we have a significant number of refugees and asylum-seekers, we made time to think of them as well as those featured in the CAFOD stories. Fifteen participants walked a total of 70 miles as our contribution. *Share the Journey* cards were distributed at the beginning of the walk and most were returned, signed, at the end of the walk.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD Parish in St Leonards-on-Sea (pictured below) walked on Thursday 28 June. There were four stages visiting five churches enroute. Each church stop involved a prayer and a refugee story, and we also heard some background information to each particular church. We received a warm welcome at each of our stops.

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Story: Kevin and Linda Dignum

Story: Dereck Prentis

SIX CHURCHES across the **Weybridge Deanery** joined a chain of walkers in solidarity with people on the move. On a Saturday morning Fr Rob Esdaile and CAFOD volunteer Cathie Fernando from **Our Lady of Lourdes in Thames Ditton** (pictured) set off with a group of people and walked to **St Erconwald's in Walton-on-Thames**. The group carried a Lampedusa Cross,



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Day 3. The Zugspitze Railway. Today we enjoy an enthralling journey on the Zugspitze Railway (Standard Class) which makes the journey to the summit of Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany. Trawling through pine trees and foothills, the delightful carriages offer breathtaking views of the Zugspitze mountain range. The final leg sees us take a cable car to the very top, where we have free time.

Days 4-6. Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castles. Our excursion today takes us to the glorious Neuschwanstein Castle. This fantastic fortress is a stunning sight, and is famously the inspiration for Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty' castle. We also visit the delightful honey coloured castle of Hohenschwangau in the pretty village of the same name. Day 5 is at leisure to enjoy the charms of the quintessentially Bavarian Füssen.

Day 6. The Oberammergau Passion Play. This morning, we travel to Oberammergau where we check into our hotel. Today is the undisputed highlight of our tour - the Oberammergau Passion Play, and our top tier tickets grant us some of the best seats in the house. This extraordinary once-a-decade event

dates back to the 17th century, and is run by the residents of the villages with a cast and crew of over 2,000. The production covers the Passion of Jesus Christ and is famous for its scale, history and quality. An enormous amount of work goes into each production, which a myriad of fantastic props, costumes and backdrops. The play is split into two three-hour halves, with a two-hour break in which we enjoy a special dinner.

Days 7-8. Nuremberg. Leaving Oberammergau this morning, we travel by rail (Standard Class) to Munich, and continue to Nuremberg, where overnight. On Day 8, we travel in First Class to Frankfurt before connecting with the Eurostar back to London via Paris.

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Arundel Cathedral's new Canon



FR JONATHAN MARTIN, Chancellor and Vicar General of the Diocese, was installed as a Canon of the Arundel Cathedral Chapter on 22 June, at Pontifical Vespers on the feast of Saints John Fisher & Thomas More. This appointment completes the chapter of 12 Canons with Rev Canon Martin replacing the late Rev Canon Frank Harrington, RIP. Additional photos can be seen on the Diocese's Flickr site.

Voices in Exile

A BRIGHTON-BASED CHARITY working with refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants has just moved to new premises at the Fitzherbert Centre, Kempdown.

To celebrate, Director Mel Steel welcomed around 80 friends and supporters to an evening of celebrations, music, solidarity and fun.

If you are interested in volunteering contact: volcordinator@voicesinexile.org



Teams of Our Lady Retreat

ON A WONDERFUL DAY in June, Teams of Our Lady in Hastings Deanery held their annual retreat, together with two couples from Banstead, at the Penhurst retreat centre in the beautiful countryside of East Sussex. We were joined by our chaplain, Fr Eamonn Monson, who so kindly gave up his one day off in the week to accompany us and to lead the retreat.

Fr Eamonn opened the retreat with the challenging questions: Why are we here? What is the Lord saying to us and what do we want from the Lord this day?

He then talked about Christ looking for the reality of who we are, how Christ senses our hunger and our deepest desires which find expression in his presence. He drew on the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand when, after all had been fed, Christ told his disciples to gather up all the 'broken' bits of food left over just as He gathers up the broken bits of our lives.

This was followed by an hour of silent reflection in the grounds before lunch to ponder the opening questions. After lunch we had a general discussion on the problems that we meet daily. The day finished with the celebration of Holy Mass. We all left spiritually nourished and refreshed.

Equipes Notre-Dame (Teams) was founded in France as a Catholic movement for Christian married couples by Fr Caffarel in 1939. It is now a world-wide organisation. Having Teams in our parishes gives members opportunities to meet over a simple meal with other Christian couples to nourish, empower and support each other in our married lives.

For further information please visit the Teams Website: www.teamsgb.org.uk

Story: David and Johanna Giles Picture: John Febrer



Commissioning of Pastoral Team

ON PENTECOST SUNDAY the three worshipping communities within the two parishes of Southwick with Portslade (St Theresa of Lisieux and the Mass Centre) and Hangleton and West Blatchington (St George's, Hove) came together in St George's church for a single weekend Mass followed by a well-attended bring-and-share lunch in the parish hall.

The centre piece of the table was a specially baked celebration cake decorated with the three words that Bishop Richard has spoken about so often since his installation: Prayer, Formation and Mission.

During the celebration of the Mass the twelve members of our new Pastoral Team (four from each place of worship) were commissioned to serve our parishes.

Having got used to sharing one priest over recent years, we have worked hard to combine and streamline parish structures and committees, as well as social ventures, joint parish retreat days and day pilgrimages.

The new Pastoral Team is in place ready to implement the vision that Bishop Richard will share with us in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Story: Gill Sajnog Picture: Stephen Sajnog



Sponsor Bishop Richard's Skydive!

QUESTION ONE – how do you persuade Bishop Richard to jump out of a plane at 15,000 feet? **QUESTION TWO** – why would he do this dare-devil act for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust (LPT)? **ANSWER** – go to Lourdes with Nancy Sackwood.

This intrepid lady started to skydive for charity at the age of 80 years. Yes, started to skydive! With one jump under her belt, a year later she was at it again, this time for LPT.

Now the story moves on to one breakfast time in Lourdes last year when, as any pilgrim will tell you, the head might be slightly muzzy and communication will definitely be a bit vague. Nancy (pictured below, in front, with Lucy and Bishop Richard) joins Lucy Barnes for coffee and croissant – Lucy, who is from the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, has been involved with Bishop Richard on a number of occasions in groups such as Proclaim 15 and Flame. Quite out of the blue, Nancy asked Lucy 'Well, what about skydiving next year for LPT?'

Not quite with this world, Lucy was taken completely by surprise at this suggestion. However, it didn't take long for her to give a positive response. After a chat about what might be arranged, Lucy suggested 'We need a 'name' to head up this fund raising event'.

As they were pondering over who might be a good candidate, Bishop Richard bounced into the restaurant. 'I know just the person and here he is!' enthused Lucy. As they say, the rest is history. Lucy and Bishop Richard jump out of a plane with their guides on 14 September.

At a recent gathering, the two first-time skydivers were asked how they felt about jumping out of a plane at 15,000 feet. Lucy said she would rather not think about it and that her head was still in the sand! Bishop Richard reflected on this prospect: 'I have no real anxieties - until I have to leave the plane! No, I have not done this before - even when I was Bishop of the Armed Forces. Did I have to consult with the Pope? No, it was my own decision'.

Although the A&B News will carry this story as it unfolds in future editions, it is important to know how you can help others by supporting this important fundraising effort. The absolute minimum target is to raise enough money to cover the cost of two disabled pilgrims going to Lourdes – about £1,450. Bishop Richard remarked that, although this seemed to be a small target for jumping out of a plane, his real aspirations were greater. He said 'If Lucy and I can raise enough for two pilgrims, so why not enough for five - if not for ten?'

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Story and picture: Peter Burholt

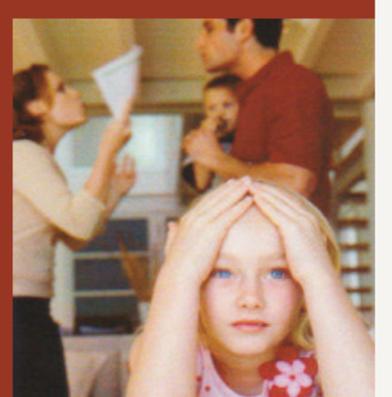
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We Are Changing!

DID YOU NOTICE that this edition of the paper looks different?

There is a more compact and colourful masthead on the front page, highlighting A&B Diocese's distinctive cross, and using its signature colours of blue and gold.

The main font has also changed from Times New Roman to Nimrod, easier to read and easier on the eye.

These are the first of a number of changes we plan to make over the coming months - not change for change's sake - rather, we are going to focus more on the paper's stated mission of promoting formation, prayer and mission while celebrating and building community.

Currently, we have no lack of articles to publish, indeed, this month we have had to defer six submissions because there is no space for them. But, more important than merely publishing the articles we receive, is ensuring we receive input that supports our mission - and that the input is also 'a good read'.

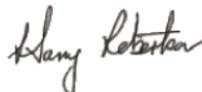
However, that is easier to say than to do. We have many ideas and plans - but we need your contribution.

We have already largely addressed the 'look' of the paper and now we need to address the content. As Bishop Richard said, we are entering an exciting - but very challenging - period on our journey of faith together. We need to ensure we are equipped for that journey.

On 6 October we are holding a Communications & Media Day at DABCEC in Crawley. We will share more details in the next edition of the paper but a key outcome of the meeting will be an agreement on what the priorities will be for the paper's 'content' for the next few years. (And hopefully we will recruit more contributors!)

Work alongside the A&B News to make this journey together by giving us your input at the 6 October meeting. You can book a place now by calling Ruth Gerun at DABCEC (01293 651164).

Thank you.



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Grandparents' Pilgrimage at West Grinstead

IN SUNNY WEATHER almost 100 grandparents attended the Annual Grandparents' Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead on Wednesday 13 June.

They came from Frimley in the west, Hastings in the east and Bognor in the south of our diocese and from many other places nearer to West Grinstead. A team from DABCEC led by Katherine Bergin, our Adviser for Family Life, organised the event and were present throughout.



In the morning Fr David Goddard, Parish Priest and Shrine Custodian, welcomed everyone while refreshments were served in the garden by a team from West Grinstead parish and two diocesan volunteers.

The talk by Fr Peter Andrews, Priest Adviser to the Marriage and Family Life Team, followed and also took place in the garden. Comments following Fr Peter's talk included: 'What a gift to those of us who thought our vocations were something of the past'; and 'A wonderful reminder that whatever happens to our children God always holds us in His loving

hands, we need to pray and trust'.

Bishop Richard arrived and celebrated the Mass of the Feast of St Anthony of Padua in the church (pictured left).

Comments after Mass included: 'Mass was warm, reaching out and powerful. There was a moving current encircling us. The power and musicality of the singing made me want to stop singing and listen. Were these the elderly?'; and 'How wonderful to be part of such a loving and friendly community of faith'.

Lunch followed in the garden. The bishop is pictured below talking to all the parish groups during lunch.

The repository was open and tours of the Secret Chapel took place after lunch. Before departure all gathered for Rosary in the Rosary Way, led by Deacon Ian Wells (pictured below).

Story: David White

Pictures: Michael Evans and David White



JUST A THOUGHT

WE ARE FAST approaching World Meeting of Families which is taking place in Ireland this August. This is a good opportunity for us to think deeply about our relationships in our physical and spiritual families whether we are able to attend this blessed event or not.

It is amazing to think that God has created the concept of family where we can learn to love each other unconditionally and practise forgiveness, sometimes despite difficult circumstances, and as a result grow in maturity. As it says in Proverbs 27:17 'As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.'

Without being a part of a family, it is difficult to practise God's most important commandment which is to love your neighbour as you love yourself. God gives us some guidance through His Word about what it means to be in a family. We can reflect on what it means to be in a family from a point of being a parent and an offspring. We can also widen our reflections to include what it means to be in God's family.

We all have a part to play in the families we belong to like our bodies having different parts fulfilling various purposes. What is your part? What are your strengths and weaknesses? What is God expecting of us as individuals when He puts us in various families that we belong to? I am going to leave you with a few verses from the Bible to contemplate on these questions as I wish you a blessed and fruitful summer.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6 Start your children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Exodus 20:12 Honour your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land your God is giving you.

1 Timothy 5:8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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Double Celebration at Henfield

CORPUS CHRISTI, Henfield, had cause to celebrate twice on the same day on 3 June. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ was, of course, the patronal feast of the parish church in Henfield. This year however, parishioners also had another reason to be joyful.

Fr Hugh Flower celebrated Mass in the church. This was his first Mass at Henfield since becoming the priest-in-charge of the parish. Fr Hugh took the opportunity in his homily to tell us about his background in horticulture and his other work in the diocese, and answered questions from the congregation with a natural wit that went down well with the congregation.

A huge 'Thank You' goes to deacon-in-training Dominic Dring and the Corpus Christi Youth who entertained us to a delicious paella lunch (and Italian ice cream!) in the gardens on what turned out to be a gloriously warm and sunny afternoon, suitably fitting to celebrate these joyful moments in the life of Corpus Christi, Henfield.

Deacons Seamus Mahon and Paul Russell as well as the Sisters from the Convent were there, enjoying the afternoon chatting to parishioners and their families.

All parishioners are looking forward to getting to know the new priest better in the months to come and to welcoming him into our community. Clearly, there will be

changes, one such being a re-innovation of our already beautiful church grounds, now that we have an expert horticulturist to design and direct the activity.

Story and picture: Neville de Moraes



Chichester Man Ordained as Deacon

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IN THE PRESENCE of his wife Niki and children Jess, Toby and Millie, his many other family members, friends and fellow deacons, Jonathan Harman was ordained a Deacon. The Mass was truly a family affair as his wife Niki presented him with his new deacon vestments during the Mass and his son Toby was one of the altar servers for the Mass with others from the parish.

The church was packed with a joyful congregation from Deacon Jon's own parish of St Richard's, Chichester as well as other parishes in the local area. The congregation included both priests and deacons from the local area and beyond as well as his fellow students in formation from across the south of England.

All these voices joyously sang Marty Haugen's hymn 'All are Welcome' at the entrance and in the recessional hymn almost raised the roof with their rendering of W. Williams' 'Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer'.

During his homily Bishop Richard reminded Jon that even if he felt himself unworthy of this calling he was considered worthy in the eyes of God and the Church, but that this was not for his own sake. It was so he could now begin to serve others in their needs in the Church and in the world beyond.

The celebrations continued after the ordination in the nearby school hall. During the celebrations Bishop Richard was able to confirm to the assembled gathering that Deacon Jon had been appointed by him to the local deanery for ministry in the parish of St Richards, Chichester. This was received with loud applause.

Story & Picture: Mark Woods

Our Lady Help of Christians Celebrates

IN THE WEEKEND of 19 and 20 May our First Holy Communion Masses were held at West Byfleet. There were three Masses on the Saturday and at the Sunday Mass the children received their Certificates. Also there were 18 confirmations that Saturday.

Our Patronal Festival Mass took place on 24 May followed by refreshments in the church hall. The Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians was instituted by Pope Pius VII who was arrested in 1808 on the orders of Napoleon and set free in March 1814, on the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the patroness of Savona, where he was imprisoned. The Pope attributed his triumph over persecution to the Blessed Virgin.

On 3 June we celebrated Corpus Christi with an open air Mass in the parish garden, followed by a picnic lunch and Benediction.

The following weekend the SVP held a plants and cakes sale.

Story & Picture: Paul Tipple

Our First Communicants with their Certificates



Bishop Richard Celebrates with His Deacons

ON SATURDAY 9 JUNE on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Arundel Cathedral Bishop Richard celebrated Mass with 21 of his deacons and their families. As part of the Mass he invited them to renew the promises they made at their ordinations.

A week later many of those deacons were to gather in St Richard's, Chichester, to celebrate the ordination by Bishop Richard of another man from Arundel & Brighton Diocese who would make those very same promises. *(See story above)*

During his homily at the Annual Mass for Deacons, Bishop Richard reminded those present that just as Mary in the Gospel of the day pondered things in her heart, so too, the deacon was called to ponder the Word of God in his heart.

As a Minister of Word and Charity he is called not only to ponder God's Word in his heart but to make it something real and active in the world around him, sharing Christ with others, a service of love.

Bishop Richard, as part of the service, not only thanked his deacons for all they do but also thanked their families and parishes for the ways in which they support his deacons.

9 June is also the feast of St Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon and Doctor of the Church, who wrote many beautiful hymns, and of Mary, Blessed Mother of Jesus. He wrote 'Look: in my arms I clasp the wheat-sheaf of life that provides bread for the hungry, that feeds the hungry, that feeds the needy. Rejoice with me, for I carry the sheaf full of joys.'

The Deacon likewise is to carry Jesus to others and Bishop Richard said that Mary of the Magnificat provides a pattern for deacons to follow - for being close to the Word transfers the service of the deacon, pouring forth in charity, making him open as Mary to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

The celebration ended with a meal shared by all present in the Cathedral Centre with Bishop Richard chatting to and meeting with all present.

Story & Picture Mark Woods



Bishop Richard with the deacons at the conclusion of Mass

Diocesan Accounts for 2017 Published

DIOCESAN INCOME increased in 2017 to £28.0 million (£25.6M in 2016) mainly due to property sales and higher fee income at St Joseph's Special School & College. Expenditure remained steady at £27.3 million (£27.2M in 2016). Net income after changes in investment values, was £2.7 million (£1.3M in 2016). The increase in the value of investments was £2.0 million (£2.9 M in 2016). There was a cash outflow of £0.2 million (£5.6M in 2016). Overall Diocesan funds increased to £91 million (£88.3M in 2016).

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Celebrating Catholic Leadership 'I am the True Vine' - At Denbies Wine Estate

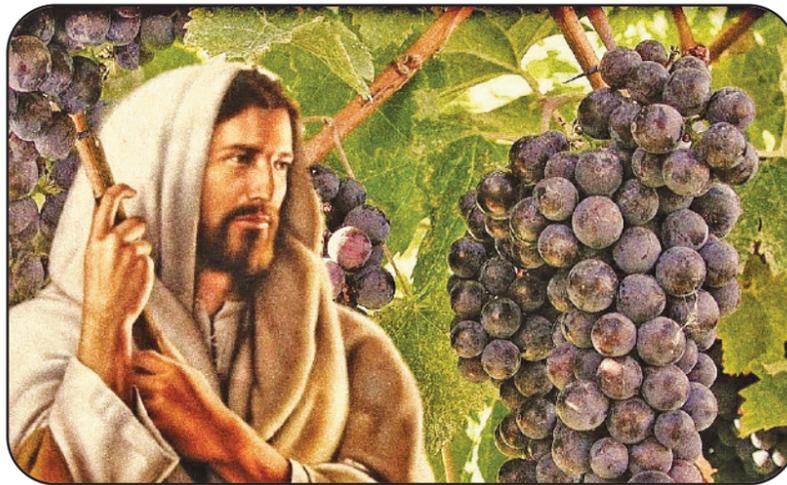
Our conference venue was deliberately selected to enable participants to reflect on how Jesus in His ministry took His disciples away to a quiet place, often rooted in the context of their everyday experience; in this instance using the powerful imagery of the vineyard and the Vinedresser.

ON THE FEAST day of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, school leaders from across the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton gathered together on a beautiful summer's day, to celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving and all that is good in Catholic leadership.

The theme for the day, and the theme to be continued into our next academic year, is **I am the True Vine and my Father is the vinedresser, John 15:1.**

Bishop Richard opened the conference with reflections from the Rule of St Benedict asking all our leaders to be the model of formation, showing service to the Lord and to others and to conform with the person of Christ.

The Director of the Education Service, Marie Ryan, followed with a truly inspiring reflection on **John 15** asking our leaders to be fruitful in their faith, strong in their knowledge of the



Gospel and even though we cannot see Christ, to remember we are connected as closely to Him as the branches of a vine are connected to its stem. John's Gospel encourages us to live out with confidence the desire to know and love Christ and fuels us with the energy to serve Him faithfully as long as we abide in Him.

The Deputy Director, Bernadette Connor, enlightened all present to Pope Francis' **Gaudete Et Exsultate**, the call to holiness in today's world, and to truly rejoice and be glad knowing how holiness keeps us faithful to our deepest self and enables us to bear fruit for our world. During the afternoon participants enjoyed a tour of the Vineyard whilst reflecting on key messages from **Gaudete Et Exsultate**, the call to holiness in today's world and the fruits that can nourish and sustain them.



Marie Ryan, encouraging school leaders to stay connected to the one true vine



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Pope Francis - Gaudete et Exsultate



St Wilfrid's Primary in Burgess Hill celebrating their 50th Anniversary

Picture: Jonny Laws

Confirmations at St Joan of Arc, Farnham



TWENTY SIX YOUNGTERS made their confirmation on 13 April at St Joan of Arc, Farnham with Bishop Richard and Fr Niven Richardson.

Picture: Cecilia Woellwarth

Sponsoring Good Citizens



*Picture: Left to right back row Patrick's father, Fr Barry, Patrick's Mother, President Tony Greene, Daniel's mother, Daniel's father, Head Teacher Rachel Turner
Left to right front row Patrick and Daniel*

ONCE AGAIN at St Thomas a Becket School, on the feast day of Saints Peter & Paul, the annual presentation of the Eastbourne Catenians Citizenship Award took place. Two selections were made from the students applying, one from each of the Key Stages - KS 1 and KS 2. The selection was done by reviewing the best submissions which were completed by the parents as to why their child should receive the award.

The selected pupils were Patrick of KS 1 and Daniel of KS 2.

Daniel won the KS 2 award for his sponsored 10 mile walk, during October half term, where he had originated the idea of raising £50 for his school. This however had turned into a sponsorship generating over £1,300 which he had split into £750 for his school and the balance for the charity close to his parents' hearts - the Children's Respite Trust. Amusingly, Daniel admits that he actually walked 11 miles as his Mum got the route slightly wrong!

Patrick won the KS 1 award through his support of the new Parish Priest, Fr Neil, at Christ the King Church at Sunday Mass, by being an altar server for the past six months.

His enthusiasm for supporting the Mass is very evident through his altar serving at the feast day Mass at school before the presentation of his award, where one can see from the photo that he is still wearing his altar server's robe.

The presentation of the awards was timed by Head Teacher Rachel Turner to take place immediately after the feast day Mass, celebrated by Fr Barry, at the start of the school day. Each child received the books they had selected (with award labels attached), a framed Certificate, as well as a beautiful silver cup inscribed with their names (which is displayed in the school for all to see) from Circle President Tony Greene.

Story & picture: Robert Dixon

Students Raise over £13,000

STUDENTS AT ALL HALLOWS Catholic School have raised £13,157.62 for various charities. In October the Sixth Form Students collected £4,730.07 for their Rag Week Activities which was divided between Dream flight and Challengers. The Lenten Campaign, organised by the School Council, raised £8,419.28 through a variety of activities including Lip Sync battles to car washing and cake sales after Sunday Mass. All tutor groups were involved in this campaign, and the money raised went to CAFOD and Disability Initiative a locally based charity.

Story: Teresa Fanshawe

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CLERGY INFORMATION

APPOINTMENTS

Fr Simon Dray from Crawley has been appointed as Parish Priest of Bexhill.
Fr Hugh Flower has been appointed Parish Priest of Corpus Christi, Henfield.
Fr Stephen Dingley has been appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham with The Holy Spirit, Fetcham. He will continue to teach at St. John's Seminary, Womersh.
Fr John Inglis has been appointed Parish Priest of St. Ann's, Banstead.
Fr Alban Aguezeala will be moving to St John's, Horsham, to assist in both parish and Deanery.
Canon Paul Jennings has been appointed Dean of Eastbourne Deanery. This appointment is made for the remainder of the present cycle of Deans' appointments.

FORMATION FOR PRIESTHOOD

The following have been accepted for Formation to Priesthood, to begin in September 2018:
- Georges Abouslieman, St Alban's College, Valladolid
- Gary Carter, St Alban's College, Valladolid
- Scott Coleman, St Alban's College, Valladolid
- Edward (Eddie) Hopkins, St John's Seminary, Womersh

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From 25 May 2018, Fr Kieran Gardiner's address and telephone number is 31 Pineham Copse, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 3HT. 01444 451650. Fr Kieran is available for supply as well as being Chaplain to the travelling community in the diocese.

DEACON ROGER STONE BEM

Deacon Roger Stone BEM, who has served as Port Chaplain for the Apostleship of the Sea based in Southampton since 2010, has been appointed Senior Regional Port Chaplain for Wales and the West Country. Together with Susan, his wife, Roger has moved to South Wales and his new email address is roger.stone@stellamarismail.org.

BISHOP'S DIARY

JULY/AUGUST

JULY

Sat 28 July - Fri 3 August Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
Fri 17 - Mon 20 August Leads Retreat at Pluscarden
Tue 21 - 27 August World Meeting of Families, Dublin

A Date for the Diary....

Saturday 6 October 2018

10:00am - 1:00pm

Communications & Media Day at the Christian Education Centre (DABCEC) Crawley

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Walk a mile in my shoes - so many have done so, will you join them?

SHARE THE JOURNEY is the global Catholic campaign, launched by Pope Francis, to draw attention to the plight of refugees and migrants, those people across the world forced to leave their homes. CAFOD invited parishes, communities and individuals to organise walks, to stride in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. The goal was to walk a total of 24,900 miles - once around our world - to send the strongest possible message to our elected leaders, that Britain must be at the forefront in the forthcoming compacts on immigration and refugees.

And how you have stepped forward! St Thomas of Canterbury parish in Mayfield was first out of the blocks in our diocese. Then from the promenade in Worthing to a fancy-dress walk by St Peter's in Guildford. From an ecumenical St Leonard's on Sea to half of the Weybridge Deanery, great walks have taken place or are scheduled to happen. We've not only walked around the world already but now we're all going for twice round! (Pictures on page 2).

Is your parish or community involved? For details of how to organise a walk, whether for your parish or school, visit www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey. Or maybe you could do a simple walk on your own or with friends and family? There is also a petition you can sign on our website from the comfort of your own home.

What could be more pleasant than a stroll in the summer sunshine with like-minded people? What could be more meaningful than to show compassion and understanding to our world's reluctant refugees?

Ian Hamilton

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NOTICE BOARD

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Bishop Richard will preside at a Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers

on Saturday 15 September at 5pm in Arundel Cathedral

All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to serve are welcome to attend. Please bring a cassock/cotta or an alb if possible. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall, or if you wish you may bring a packed supper.

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Diocesan Supporting the Bereaved Course 2018/19

Could you support your parish Priest by becoming a friend to those parishioners who are bereaved?

Could you walk beside them in their grief? Why not talk to your parish priest about joining the next

Supporting the Bereaved course?
Introductory session at DABCEC, Crawley
Friday 9 November, from 9.45am to 3pm

Grandparents' Week 2018

29 September – 7 October

How are you celebrating?

Why not join with your parish or school?
and share your ideas
and experiences as grandparents

Personal experience of Supporting the Bereaved training

I WAS LUCKY enough to be asked by my parish priest Fr Tony Churchill if I would like to attend a **Supporting the Bereaved** training. I have to say I was unsure about it. Yes, I have lost people dear to me, but was I really the sort of person good enough to be able to help others with their grief? Luckily, they offered a taster day. I went along with many other people. We were all asked to think about what help if any we could give the bereaved. You have to think about the commitment as the course lasts for 13 weeks.

After much self-doubt and deliberation I said 'yes,' I would like to try. I'm so glad I did. Some of the initial people decided it wasn't for them.

I can honestly say the course changed my life. We learned so much about our faith and how the church helps with preparing for death and how to help those left afterwards.



We learned how suicide leaves the bereaved with so many unfinished questions: 'How a sudden death can affect a whole family. How child death affects the rest of the family and friends.' I think that for me I will remember how we were taught not to assume or judge. The most important thing you can offer is to just listen. Don't let your mind wander, stay with the person grieving, don't offer advice or clichés. Just listen.

One of the most important elements is that I met some lovely people on the course who all want to do their best for people in their parishes. We will all keep in touch and help each other (see picture). We all had the most amazing support from the teaching and admin staff at DABEC. Thanks to you all and God Bless.

Story and picture: Jan C

Dialogue and Unity Day 2018 - Saturday 29 September

10am to 4pm at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP

The Role of Christian Unity in the Renewal of the Church

Fr Sebastian Ostrynski, head of the Chemin Neuf Community in the UK, will be speaking on our theme. Chemin Neuf is a Catholic Community with an ecumenical vocation.

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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

WE HAVE BEEN so happy to celebrate the First Holy Communion of 37 of our children at St Peter's in Shoreham and also a separate celebration at Christ the King in Steyning for Hugo and Matilda. We were all very thankful to all those who were involved in the liturgies and the catechists.

The Youth SVP had their 'sleepout' as reported last month when they raised £377 and took much needed items and the remaining cash to the Worthing Churches Homeless Project.

We raised £1,073 from Lenten Alms donations which were donated to Let the children Live and the Clock Tower Sanctuary in Brighton.

The Justice and Peace group are organising a Quiz Night to raise funds for Worthing4Refugees.

The monthly fish and chip lunches at St Peter's have re-started and in Steyning there is a monthly ecumenical lunch club.

Penny Richardson

BEXHILL

IT WAS with great sadness that our parish learnt of the leaving of Fr Clement Anaedevha, who had come to us last September like a breath of fresh air. His wonderful singing voice, indicative of his Nigerian roots, gave much joy to the celebration of Holy Mass in our three parish churches.



From his homilies and through personal conversation we learnt of his great faith and conviction to become a priest from the age of just nine years. At Our Lady of the Rosary Church we held a small party for him at his final Mass, having prayed for him as one community before the final blessing.

TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS for the **September 2018** issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on **Monday 30 July 2018** and for the **October 2018** issue by **Monday 27 August 2018**. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to abnews@dabnet.org and if so please always include a contact telephone number.

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We wished him well and thanked him for the love and wisdom he shared with us. We left with one final thought.....to paraphrase Pope Francis.....The Church does not exist to condemn people but to bring about an encounter with the visceral love of God's mercy.

Frances Haragan

ST MARY'S PRESTON PARK, BRIGHTON

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS Group organised a Bring a Dish Lunch on Sunday 3 June. It was a lovely social occasion where 30 of us enjoyed some delicious food and each other's company. We also raised £126 from donations for coffee equipment.

On Sunday 17 June, 26 of our children received their First Holy Communion at the midday Mass: one of the happiest days of the year in the parish.

On Saturday 30 June Bishop Richard came to St Mary's to confirm 12 young people from our parish and others from neighbouring parishes at 3pm Mass.

We also had our local primary school, St Bernadette's, summer fete on that day and were blessed with glorious weather.

A very happy birthday to our former parish priest Fr Oliver Heaney who was 80 on 1 July. He celebrated the day with his relatives in Ireland.

Claire Shelton-Jones

CATERHAM

DEVOTION to our Lady of Perpetual Succour takes place after Saturday Masses and Benediction every Sunday at 4.45pm and there is a Latin Mass on Wednesday morning.

The Sacred Heart SVP Conference raised £600 for their funds following a very successful Quiz Night on Friday, 22 June. The SVP make a very much appreciated contribution to the life of the parish, covering many aspects from keeping an eye on and helping the vulnerable to organising the Mass taxi rota and the monthly film. The first trip they organised was to the Arundel Cathedral's annual carpet of flowers which was attended by 25 parishioners.

The parish readers have had to adjust to the lectern being moved to the other side of the Sanctuary as Fr Sean Finnegan thinks this may help those who find steps difficult to negotiate.

The MADABA parish link has featured in previous reports from this parish and on 10 June a lunch in the Centenary Hall was attended by 70 parishioners raising, with donations from those unable to attend, £630. Della Shenton, the founder of Parishes for Peace, gave a talk and sent pictures of the event to Madaba which were acknowledged straightaway – very 21st century technology! *Peter Patterson*

CRAWLEY

CONGRATULATIONS to our lovely First Holy Communion children, three girls and one boy, who received their First Holy Communion on 24 June. Fr Chris Dobson celebrated our Mass and our wonderful Mauritian choir led the music, supported by our parish musicians and choir. The church was full and it was a truly joyful occasion. We continued our celebrations afterwards with refreshments and cake in the foyer.

Our Olympic-medal winning parishioner, Katie-George Dunlevy, recently opened the K2 mini-paralympics centre in Crawley

The inaugural Broadfield Art exhibition opened on Saturday 23 June. A wide selection of art is on display in the church and community centre until 5 July: paintings and models contributed by various Broadfield groups including local schools.

Barbara Winstanley

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD PARISHIONERS from Our Lady and St Peter attended a Songs of Praise evening, organised by Churches Together in East Grinstead, on Sunday 10 June at St Swithun's Anglican church.

A family quiz and fish and chip supper was held at St Peter's School by East Grinstead Catenians on 23 June to fund the parish's Blue and Red Shirts going to Lourdes this summer.

On the weekend of 23-24 June, the Gospel of Life group held a cake and plant sale after the Masses at Our Lady and St Peter. Proceeds were donated to a supported home for young people with Downs Syndrome.

The Justice and Peace Group's annual sponsored sleep out took place on East Grinstead High Street on the night of 30 June - 1 July. The weather was kind and those taking part attracted favourable interest from passers by. Funds were raised for Crawley Open House, the Easter Team and Worthing Churches Homeless Project.

Clive Carpenter

EASTBOURNE

CONGRATULATIONS were extended to our Cubs group, some of whom competed in the District Oakleaf Challenge competition hike in May. There were 17 other cub packs and against stiff competition the team came 3rd.

Our Alpha course continues to run weekly with good success.

Corpus Christi was celebrated with Latin Missa Cantata followed by a procession to the Blessed Sacrament.

A parishioner, John de Waal, held a talk on 'respecting and safe-guarding human life at both ends', organised by the Newman Association at St Martha's church hall, Bexhill.

Fr Raglan Hay Will went away with St Thomas a Becket school Year 6 camp for five days and, by all accounts, he held his own – again, against stiff competition!

The children from this year's First Holy Communion group received their certificates at their Going Forth Mass and a party was held for them afterwards with specially ordered personalised cakes.

Thanks were given to the parish for their interest in and prayers for the Clergy Conference which took place in May on the priorities and mission of the Church at this time, in this part of the world. It was part of Bishop Richard's consultation process 'Towards the year 2030' which began in all our parishes last autumn. The results of all these meetings will be discussed during the Parish AGM in July. A special blessing was given to all parishioners by Fr Raglan after Mass for St Peter and Paul.

Mary Staffiere

FARNHAM and ASH

IN 2015 I TOOK six young people from the parishes of Holy Family Heath End and Holy Angels Ash to volunteer at Karibu Nyumbani Orphanage, in Tanzania. Since then I have returned every year and continue to raise funds for them.

In June the two parishes held a cheese and wine evening to raise funds for the orphanage. We were blessed that Fiona Hendy, one of the mamas from the orphanage was visiting and gave a very informative and inspiring talk. We had a very successful and enjoyable evening raising nearly £600 for the orphanage.

For more information about the orphanage, please visit their website: www.karibunyumbani.org

Hilary Gray

HASLEMERE

with **HINDHEAD and CHIDDINGFOLD** ST ANSELM'S hosted the Women's World Day of Prayer and welcomed many ladies from all the denominations in the area. Beforehand, everyone enjoyed coffee and delicious cakes made for the occasion by the Sisters of the Cenacle Convent, Grayshott.

On the 5th Sunday of Easter, eight children from Our Lady of Lourdes and two from St Teresa's received their First Holy Communion.

On St George's Day over 60 parish-

ioners celebrated together in the church hall with a traditional English lunch of roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and vegetables, followed by plum tart and cream.

Members of Haslemere's choir were present to lead the singing at the deanery's Confirmation service at Cranleigh. Their regular organist, Verity Foster, played for the service. Four young people from the parish - Zoe Willis, Francesca Dudley, James Farley and Stephen Nathan - were confirmed and family and friends enjoyed refreshments afterwards in the adjoining school hall.

Fay Foster

MIDHURST

JUNE BEGAN with the sad news of the death of Sr Anastasia. Her funeral was held on Wednesday 20 June. Fr Peter Newsam gave the homily and tribute. Sr Anastasia had moved to Midhurst in 1946 from Galway, Ireland, joining her older sister who was already here. Sr Anastasia worked with schools, and for many years in the Nursery school in Uckfield. She returned to Midhurst 10 years ago. She was known for her cheerfulness, always smiling, yet, a person of great peace, sharing a simple delight in the world and the people around her. The funeral was a fitting tribute to a well-loved Convent of Mercy sister.

June also saw two First Holy Communicants during the 9.30am Sunday Mass at Midhurst on the same Sunday as the Deanery Confirmations at the Cathedral.

The Feast of St Richard of Chichester fell on Saturday. Fr Peter noted that some of our parishioners had attended the special Mass at Chichester Cathedral. His homily reflected that St Richard would have known Midhurst, celebrating Mass in the surrounding local areas, although it would have taken him many days to cover the distance!

Paula Dempsey

ROTTINGDEAN with WOODINGDEAN

BISHOP RICHARD visited our parish on 13 January to meet parishioners and say Mass. He told us that a new priest would be arriving but could not say whom as all parishes involved needed to know of the changes at the same time.

We welcomed Mgr Benny O'Shea to our parish in February. He said his first Mass on Saturday evening, 17 February. Mgr Benny has breathed back the spiritual life into our parish and is proving to be very popular.

Many thanks to Fr Perkins, Canon Heaney, Canon Foley, Abbott Kevin and Mgr Jackson who together with parishioners looked after the parish during the transition.



Bishop Richard with Mgr Benny and Deacon Neil

Bishop Richard visited the parish and celebrated the Induction of Mgr Benny O'Shea, on Sunday 6 May at 10.30am. The Church was packed and con-celebrating with the Bishop were Canon Heaney and Canon Foley. Deacon Neil Mercer was also present. The Induction Mass was followed by a party in the parish hall.

Jose and Jonathan Sharp

FROM THE PARISHES

WADHURST

WE CONGRATULATE Elizabeth, Molly and Eloy who received their First Holy Communion on 13 May. We also say a special thank you to Antoni Gabriel and Margret Curran, who prepared them so well for this sacrament. Congratulations also to Benedict and Kieran who were confirmed by Bishop Richard.



Fr Martin with the First Holy Communicants

The annual parish quiz was a great success, organised by Toni Buckley and her trusted team of helpers, and John and Jennie Whelan, our quiz masters. Congratulations to the winning team – Fr Martin O'Connor's! There was a ploughman's supper, a raffle and a grand total of £1,071 was raised for parish funds.

Sacred Heart Church now has a new handmade metal cross, which is situated in the wall above the main door to the church. This space which was once empty is now a very welcoming sight to all who enter the church. We are very grateful to the parishioners who had the idea and saw it through to fruition.

Story: Chrissie Sturgess
Picture: Cameron Graham

WEYBRIDGE

EXACTLY FIFTEEN years ago, our then parish priest, Fr Tom Treherne, instituted the Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in our church, Christ the Prince of Peace.

To mark this important anniversary, Fr Tom returned to our parish (he is now based in Chichester) to celebrate Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi. It was wonderful to have him back with us as he renewed friendships with so many parishioners remembering his time here from 2002 to 2013. He paid tribute to our strong team of loyal lay adorers who keep this wonderful expression of faith active – a commitment which continues today with the encouragement of our current parish priest, Fr Con Foley.

Corpus Christi also saw our traditional procession of First Holy Communicants, all in their finery, with the blessed sacrament paraded around the adjacent school field in glorious sunshine. This year we had a formidable 81 children involved – many congratulations to them, their parents and of course our devoted catechists.



Fr Con and intrepid pilgrims on the Camino trail

Fr Con has just returned from leading a hardy group of 22 parishioners and friends on the Camino pilgrimage trail from Logrono towards Santiago de Compostella. These pilgrims enjoyed a wonderful spiritual experience, albeit a tough time for the feet.

The parish is aiming to complete the full pilgrimage trail to Santiago in annual five day stages.

Peter Clapham

St Joseph's Exhibits at Cranleigh Arts Centre

STUDENTS FROM ST JOSEPH'S Specialist School & College Cranleigh and their current Artist in Residence, Louise Grundy, will be exhibiting art and sculpture at Cranleigh Arts Centre from 3-14 July.

Louise is a local artist who specialises in papier mache and sculptures of heads based on family history.

For this exhibition, she has worked alongside the students who have been influenced by her techniques.

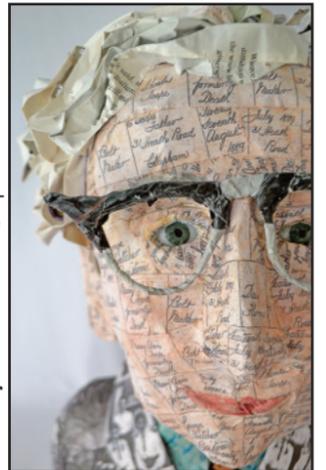
The artwork includes ideas and items that the students are passionate about. It is a fascinating exhibition as it reveals the influence between artist and student but also from student to artist.

As part of the Artist in Residence role, Louise has made sculptures specifically relating to the school, representing Saint Joseph, Saint George and Saint Patrick, which have been installed in the school Chapel.

During Louise's time at St Joseph's the students have made dragons and other creatures, and in her own work, Louise has made a series of gangster sculptures based on 1920's Australians arrested in Sydney.

Come and visit our Exhibition at Cranleigh Arts Centre, 3rd – 14th July

Story & Picture: Hilary Clark



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