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## The Gift of Priesthood



ON A WARM SUMMER'S EVENING in Arundel Cathedral on 20 July 2018, one of its parishioners, Deacon Tristan Cranfield, was ordained a priest by Bishop Richard.

A full cathedral saw him ordained for service in the church in Surrey and Sussex. He was joined not only by his parents, Michael and Lorraine, (*pictured left*) but also by many guests and friends from across the Diocese and elsewhere.

Guests included Her Grace the Duchess of Norfolk and Mgr Philip Whitmore, Rector of the English College in Rome, where Tristan studied. *(continued on page 7)*

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## Charity Bags and Hog Roast

OUR 'DO AND RAISE' group, which meets fortnightly to make things to sell for charity, has been making cloth shopping bags for use instead of plastic bags. With over eight million tons of plastic ending up in the oceans each year, the bags are made from spare pieces of material beautifully coordinated and lined. They are a joy to carry on your arm, being a real 'designer product'.



Spurred on by such inspirational aids as David Attenborough's TV programme 'Blue Planet,' our group produced several bags to sell at the parish hog roast on 1 July. They all sold, and commissions were taken for more. It endorsed our new slogan 'The Earth Matters To Me,' an initiative to help reduce the use of plastic.

Our hog roast on Sunday 1 July was a real family occasion, with 200 members of the parish coming together to have a great deal of fun. These regular gatherings have helped to bring the two parishes of Effingham and Fetcham together.

The setting in the garden of the priest's house was idyllic with the trees making sure that everyone had gentle shade on what was a very hot day. There was the sadness that it was Fr John Inglis' last hog roast with us because he is moving to another parish in the Autumn, but we were also able to reflect on how much he has given us and what an inspiration he has been. Our thanks go out to him.

As one does on these occasions, we had a raffle raising £500 for The Grange, the local centre for people with learning disabilities. One of the prizes was Fr John's ukulele.

Story & Picture: Kit Oliver and Sam Wayne

## A Knight in Jail for Catholic Fraternal Service Organisation Head

SUPREME KNIGHT of the Knights of St Columba, Brother Bertie Grogan, visited HM Prison Ford near Arundel recently, to deliver 200 prayer books for inmates' use. Mass celebrated by Fr Stanislaw Mycek of Bognor Parish was followed by everyone meeting together for a light lunch and an opportunity for socialising in the chapel's common room.

The visit followed a request for Catholic books and material from the Prison Chaplain Valentine Ambé.

The Supreme Knight was joined by Trevor Stauss PGK of Arundel & Brighton Province. Trevor had previously responded to the request from KSC Head Office to collect Catholic books, rosaries etc for the use of prisoners. His fellow parishioners at Our Lady of England, Storrington, provided a great response to his request. Inmates, who are generally in the last two years of their sentence,



were very pleased by the visits and with the wealth of material provided. Plans are in hand for local KSC Councils to purchase annual subscriptions for copies of the monthly publication Magnificat, for prisoners' daily use.

Those pictured above include PGK Trevor Stauss, Fr Stanislaw, SK Bertie Grogan, Prison Chaplain Valentine Ambe and prison visitor Michael Heathcote.

Story & Picture: Trevor Strauss

## What! - Yet Another Ride for Charity, Les? WELL DONE!

HAVING SAID TO A&B NEWS at the end of his last bike ride that he would never, never get on the saddle again, Les Whittaker - parishioner of Our Lady & St Peter's Church, East Grinstead - has been at it again! This time he completed a bike ride of almost 400 miles in July, raising money to support the pro-life work of the Good Counsel Network. Les cycled from the East Grinstead memorial to Unborn Children to Walsingham and back. He undertook to pray 150 rosaries on his pilgrimage and also carried 50 rosaries to Walsingham, which he donated to the shrine to be used by the prison visiting team.

This journey took him three and a half days to get to his destination, walking the last six miles from Fakenham to allow more time to complete the rosaries. Arriving at Sunday lunchtime at the Catholic Shrine, a Syro-Malabar pilgrimage was in full swing.



The ride coincided with the 70th anniversary of the cross-carrying pilgrimage to Walsingham, which Les particularly wanted to remember.

'I wanted to mark this anniversary, especially as one of the crosses had been carried from my parish church' he recalled.

Les camped en-route and at nearby Wells during his three-day stay at Walsingham. He was away from home for 10 days, meeting all costs relating to the trip himself in order to maximise the money raised for the pro-life cause. He hopes to raise £5,000.

If you wish to view more information on the ride, see photos and make a donation, please go to the JustGiving website: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rosarybikeride)

Our picture shows Les and his Rosaries together with Mgr Armitage, Rector of the Catholic Shrine



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# St Cuthman's - The Final Chapter



Pictured above, L-R: Deacon Jon Harman, last Director of St Cuthman's, Father Charles Jeffries, the long-term chaplain and Chris Bleasdale, who chaired the Management Committee for the Diocese for over 15 years

NOT MANY READERS would know Alison Day (pictured below). However, at the final Celebration Mass at St Cuthman's, Alison represented St Julian's Community – the community which bequeathed the retreat and estate to the Diocese back in 1999. 'Yes, for me this is a sad day. But we do need to thank God for all the good that this place has achieved, for a very wide range of people and over many years. However, I hope St Cuthman's will continue in its mission, albeit under different ownership', reflected Alison.

The evening sun shone brightly on Monday 2 July, with over 100 people gathered to join in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard and a number of Diocesan priests. In his homily, he praised the

management team for the work and dedication that had gone into making this a truly special place for many thousands of pilgrims and visitors over the past 19 years.

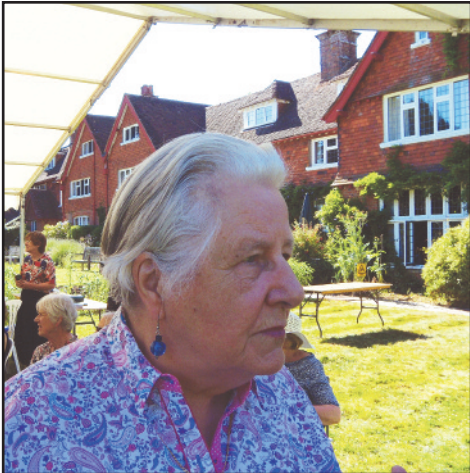
Bishop Richard went on to say 'The Trustees' decision not to continue with St Cuthman's has been a painful one and one which has involved a great deal of prayer and deliberation. Although this will be the last time we meet here, I am convinced that this will not be the end of the mission which started at St Cuthman's. We are on a journey with the Diocese and many people involved here will go on to be part of that journey. I am convinced of that.'

Sitting under the marquee for Mass lent some significance to the occasion. We were in God's garden, proclaiming our faith. The marquee sides were up to allow the breeze to cool the congregation.

Towards the end of Mass, one of the two altar candles blew out. But the other one stayed alight. Perhaps this was a sign that Bishop Richard's conviction was right. Did the candle which blew out signify the end of an era? Or did the one which shone brightly reveal a sign that the work of St Cuthman's would carry on, in some fashion, in the future of the Diocese?

The Diocese was blessed to have been guardian of this place for so many years.

Story & Pictures: Peter Burholt



# Skydive Duo Get Ready!



IT IS SAID that preparation is everything. But one of the donors for this Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust (LPT) event says it all - 'Don't forget to come down!'

How does one prepare for the first skydive? No doubt Bishop Richard will turn to prayer to ask the Lord for a safe landing, but Lucy Barnes has already taken a more pragmatic line in getting hold of her flying helmet.

What about dress code for such an event? Bishop Richard was asked if he would be wearing his full Roman cassock. 'No, that would worry me. It might balloon up and I could be diving with two parachutes!'

Now what is this all about? Readers may remember that the August edition of the A&B News announced the event, which is to generate enough funds to send at least two disabled pilgrims to Lourdes with LPT. As Catholics, what better way is there to make a difference for disadvantaged people who cannot afford the pilgrimage? This is what

Lourdes is all about.

As we write this article, donations have already reached the half way mark. To ensure that the Bishop's and Lucy's dream can be fulfilled, please go straight to the giving website: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bishoprichardskydive>

'If we can raise funds for two disabled pilgrims - why not five or even 10?' encouraged Bishop Richard. 'If you are a UK tax payer, do not forget to Gift Aid your donation. This way it will be increased by 25%, without costing you any more' he added.

Story & Picture: Peter Burholt

(By the time this edition of the A&B News is published, preparations will be well under way for the event on 14 September. Although we will cover the skydive in the next (October) edition, you can give donations until December this year. Ed)

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**P**ART OF THE RICHNESS of the Church is its variety so, on page five, we take pleasure in celebrating the presence of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in our diocese.

Variety can also imply unfamiliarity, so, for example, different Mass times can mean parishioners from the 9.30am Sunday Mass rarely meet those from the 11.30am Mass or the Saturday Vigil one.

Recently, I met old friends and made new ones at the Alpha Course attended by parishioners from all three of our weekend Masses. We ate together, worshipped together, prayed together and reflected on the Lord who brought us together.

What particularly interested me was that the initiative for the course – and for a renewed parish Mission Team – came from a small group of parishioners whose lives were impacted by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, reflected in the work of the Celebrate Conferences.

- I'm sure there is a story there!



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## JUST A THOUGHT

### How Holy this Feast

*The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.*

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

*The following is extracted from a Holy Hour in Adoremus Extra.\**

**O**UR LORD JESUS CHRIST, we bless you with full hearts, that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament on this altar.

You welcome everyone who comes to visit you, whatever our condition, whatever our trials and troubles, whatever our joys and small triumphs.

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We give thanks to you in Your holy name, Jesus Christ Our Lord,

Amen

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# The Alpha Course - a New Beginning

**S**OME FELLOW PARISHIONERS were a little concerned for my spiritual welfare, now that I had agreed to help run the first Alpha Course at Sacred Heart in Hove... 'You might end up a happy-clappy... Alpha is a Protestant course isn't it?'

The idea for the course came from a group of parishioners who attended last year's charismatic *Celebrate Conference* in Brighton and, led by an energised Art Gallagher, felt inspired by the Holy Spirit to share the joy of church through a mission in their own parish of Sacred Heart.

Recently-arrived parish priest Canon Colin Wolczak was very supportive, the only mild concern being that the newly-formed mission team was drawn largely from the 9.30am Sunday Mass. In an effort to balance representation on the team, I was invited to join to represent the Saturday Vigil Mass.

### The Alpha Course

This I was happy to do. I knew a bit about the Alpha Course; it was founded in 1977 at Holy Trinity Brompton Anglican Church in London but was developed into its present form in 1990 - reaching out to the unchurched - by an Anglican priest called Nicky Gumbel, who belongs to the evangelical and charismatic traditions.

Phenomenally successful in recruiting new members, the Alpha course has been run in over 100 countries worldwide with well over one million Britons having attended. Although developed from the evangelical part of Christianity, the course is now tailored for a variety of denominations, including Lutheran, Methodist, Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic.

I had read Fr James Mallon's book on *Divine Renovation*, where he praises the contribution of Alpha Courses as a key tool in helping him enable the transformation of his parish. Over 2,000 people have been on his Alpha Courses, two-thirds of them church-going Catholics, and 50% of attendees have had a life-changing experience, with lukewarm Catholics awakened in the faith.

### Organising Alpha

At Sacred Heart, a decision was made to offer the course to existing parishioners, to build a nucleus of stimulated members to help the team's move on to the next stage of its mission.

The Alpha Course took place over nine weeks, on a Thursday evening from



7-9pm in the Parish Room. There were around 50 participants (including 35 parishioner attendees and 15 parishioner 'trainers') so we set up seven round tables, each holding seven people; five attendees from the parish, an experienced 'host' and a 'helper'.

The evening then followed a typical Alpha Course routine, starting with drinks and chat, a hot meal, and then we settled down to watch a video each evening, followed by around 45 minutes of discussion.

### The Alpha Videos

The videos were excellent, highly professional, beautifully filmed, and featuring the highly telegenic Nicky Gumbel and two equally photogenic, active and enthusiastic young presenters - who were filmed in the UK, Asia and the Americas.

More importantly, the videos (with subtitles for the hard of hearing) asked fundamental questions about the basis of belief, the reasons to believe, the Holy Spirit, the place of Church, while simultaneously offering a variety of compelling testimonies. Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, long-time Preacher to the Papal Household, made several appearances and there were cameo contributions from Cardinal Christoph Schonborn...and Pope Francis; almost a digital Imprimatur.

Our discussions were rich, open and engaging. Two thirds of the way through we had a retreat day, a Saturday at a local school, when we watched four videos, talked, ate, listened to John Watts and companion play and sing various worship songs...and we prayed together for the blessing and healing of the Holy Spirit.

It is a measure of the success of the Course that we ended it with almost the same number of participants who started it - and the final evening concluded with spontaneous applause.

### The Celebrate Conference

Just two days later the charismatic Brighton Celebrate Conference was due to take place and Art made sure everyone knew it. He asked me to attend, assuring me I would enjoy it.

Well, the Alpha Course was clearly an excellent tool for evangelisation but weren't Charismatics...a little...well, different? I was ready to be happy but, being almost tone-deaf, was not sure I was cut out for clapping, certainly not rhythmic clapping. But by now, I had confidence in Art's judgement, so I bought a ticket for the weekend, not without some misgivings.

What happened at *Celebrate*? To be continued in the October edition of A&B News.

Story & Picture: Harry Robertson

### TYPICAL ALPHA COURSE VIDEOS

*Is there more to life than this?*

*Who is Jesus?*

*Why did Jesus die?*

*How can I have faith?*

*Why and how do I pray?*

*How and why should I read the Bible?*

*Who is the Holy Spirit?*

*What does the Holy Spirit do?*

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### SOME ALPHA COURSE STATISTICS

It is estimated that over 26 million people worldwide have done Alpha in over 100 countries in over 100 languages.

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Source: Alpha International Annual Review for 2017

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## Syro-Malabar Rites in Merstham, Surrey

THE SYRO-MALABAR Catholic Mission of St. Clare became established at St. Teresa's Church, Merstham, in the Parish of The Nativity of the Lord. A Solemn Mass for a joint feast of seven saints - Our Lady, St Joseph, St Thomas the Apostle, St Mother Theresa of Calcutta, St Alphonsa, St Kuriakose Elias, and St Euphrasia - was celebrated on Saturday 7 July. The latter three saints are from Kerala, India, and lived in the 19th and 20th century.

tion from their lives and to find one's own unique calling that God has designed for them and to seek God's plan about the individual. He also reminded the people the importance of Holy Mass and sacraments in Christian life to deepen faith and intimacy with God where 'deep calls unto deep'.

The Holy Qurbana (Sacrifice) Liturgy on the day included various prayers, psalms, hymns, songs and rituals that are very much an integral part of the oriental tradition of the Syro-Malabar church.

Following the Mass there was an outdoor procession (left), during which the litany of all saints and Our Lady was sung. It was a feast to the eyes with the vibrant coloured umbrellas, flags and people and children clad in traditional costume. It truly was a celebration of the Indian culture.



This occasion of feast celebration by the community was an illustration of the heritage of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, which is 'Christian in faith, Oriental in worship, Indian in culture'.



(Pictured above, L-R, Fr Tony, Fr Binoy, Bp Srampickal, Fr Fanzwa)

Mar Joseph Srampickal, Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain was the main celebrant, with co-celebrants Fr Binoy (priest in charge of St Claire Mission) and Fr Fanzwa. The occasion was also blessed with the presence of Fr Tony Bridson and Deacon Tim Murrill from the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, Redhill. Holy Mass was followed by litany, procession and celebration afterwards with food and a cultural programme.

In the homily, Bishop Mar Joseph reminded the congregation to deepen their faith and to trust in God. He urged them not to imitate saints but to seek inspira-

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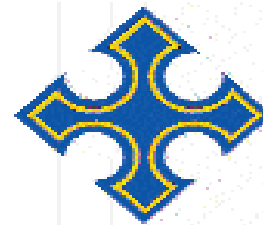
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## Using Technology as a Tool in Ministry

WHAT GOES THROUGH YOUR MIND when you see someone tapping away on their phone or tablet during Mass? Do you feel indifferent, angry, upset or even horror? Do you suddenly panic that perhaps you have left your phone on and it will ring in the middle of Liturgy? These are genuine feelings that some Church-goers have experienced at one time or another, but it's time to challenge our perception about the use of devices in Church. We need to think about how we can embrace advances in technology and use it to our advantage to enhance our Mass experience and Ministry in Church. This is particularly essential for those who rely on technology due to disability or special needs.

Bastian is a 10 year old boy with Phelan-McDermid Syndrome – a rare chromosomal abnormality that affects every aspect of his life. He has mobility difficulties and sometimes requires use of a wheelchair. He has severe learning and behaviour difficulties. He is also completely non-verbal. Sitting through Mass is one of the hardest challenges for him and in turn proves to be a constant challenge for his parents. He uses a very clever app on his tablet to communicate with others. This method of 'speaking' is called Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). It's

a term used to describe various methods of communication that can 'add-on' to speech or replace speech and are used to get around problems with ordinary speech. In Bastian's case he uses it alongside Makaton sign language and Picture Exchange Card System (PECS).

For example, Bastian could use the app to join in with 'singing' Hymns, 'saying' Amen and of course he also needs to use the app to ask for his basic needs to be met such as using the bathroom or wanting a drink. He can also use his tablet to follow the Mass using simple picture cards in a story that explains what is happening next. This helps Bastian feel in control and gives some reassurance to him when he finds it difficult to understand what is going on around him.

There are some incredible apps now available to enhance faith and prayer time. Fully comprehensive apps feature all the popular versions of The Bible including King James Version and New International Version, available in 40+ languages, and are customisable and many are free to use. The Verse of the Day is particularly useful. Also [www.life.church/tools](http://www.life.church/tools) is the Bible App for Kids. This app uses kid-friendly navigation, touch activated animations and engaging, interactive content that brings the Bible to life. It's a game-style

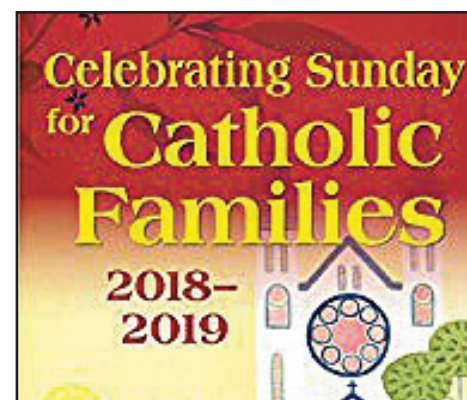


app which is appealing to children. They can 'unlock' activities and earn 'rewards'.

A very useful book available electronically from Amazon, also for Kindles, is

the **Celebrating Sunday For Catholic Families** series by Kerstin Keber Smith. This is published each year and is the perfect resource for those looking to enrich their family's life of faith. The book is designed to guide even the busiest families to more fully integrate the Sunday Gospel into their everyday lives. It includes a small weekly guide drawing on the Gospel for each Sunday and Holyday for the coming year. It suggests a brief reflection for the parent on an excerpt from the Gospel to spark his or her thinking about the Scripture that will lead to conversation with the family on the way to and from Mass.

There are dozens of other apps which will guide you through the Order Of Mass, allow you to take notes during Mass and even to translate Mass into another language - which is particularly useful if you attend Mass whilst on holiday abroad. You will also find apps of the Missal, the Rosary and Stations of the Cross. It's not just people with hearing difficulties or sight diffi-



culties who might like to follow the Mass on their devices, technology enables all members of the congregation to enhance their discipleship experience at Church.

Technology has the power to bring people together. Whether you're the Priest, Minister or a member of the congregation, let's make the Church more tech-savvy and connect with even more people. So next time you see a fellow member of the congregation using their phone or tablet during Mass, remember they might be accessing the Mass in a different way but are no less engaged.

Story: Kat Pond

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February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>. March 5<sup>th</sup>

Contact Katherine Bergin: 01293 651152

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### DIOCESAN FORMATION TEAM

Marriage & Family Life Department

Supporting the Bereaved Course 2018/19

**Introductory Session:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November,

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The Christian Education Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP.



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Thursday, 4 October 2018  
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Packed lunch needed

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ

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## Marriage Anniversaries Mass

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## Ongoing Formation for all those involved in Marriage Preparation in Parishes

Please come to a **Study Day** which will focus on the Place of Marriage Preparation within the Diocesan Pastoral Plan with Bishop Richard  
On Saturday, 24 November, from 10 am to 4 pm  
(Coffee from 9.45 am – packed lunch needed)  
At The Christian Education Centre (DABCEC)  
4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP

- Meet with other Catechists
  - Input and Sharing of Good Practice
- To book and/or for information contact Mrs Katherine Bergin, Diocesan Adviser, Marriage & Family Life: [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org) 01293 651152

## Sr Frances-Teresa: Sixty Years of Religious Life



WHAT AN HONOUR to be part of our Sr Frances-Teresa's 60th Anniversary of Religious Life on Tuesday 31 July or, as Cardinal Vincent Nichols said in his Homily - 22,900 days of difficulties and joys! Wow ...

The celebration was beautiful; the singing melodic and prayerful and the liturgical dance unforgettable. I must say I was touched by not only the prayerful atmosphere, but the tangible zeal that emanated from the gathered community. It was great to see so many of our Sisters from Arundel, other religious, our parishioners and family and friends enjoying the wonderful occasion.

Story & Pictures: Elizabeth Fitch

## Fr Tristan Cranfield Ordained at Arundel (cont.)

OTHER GUESTS included Michael Whale and family (brother of the late Provost Whale, whose chalice was presented to Fr Tristan during the service), and Mrs Anne-Marie Brown, who made Fr Tristan's chasuble for the occasion.

Bishop Richard was also joined by over 60 priests who welcomed Tristan as a brother priest.

Father Tristan, as he can now be called, was born in Shoreham-by-Sea and raised in and around Arundel. He attended St Philip Howard's Catholic Primary School in Arundel, before moving to St Philip Howard Catholic School in Barnham.

His parents, Michael and Lorraine, still live in the Arundel area, where they have been heavily involved in the life of the Cathedral in many different aspects. They are now retired, but remain familiar faces in the town.

Tristan was baptised as a baby by the then parish priest, Canon Anthony Whale (RIP), in Arundel Cathedral. He became an altar server at Mass in the Cathedral, and at the age of ten joined the then newly founded children's section of the choir, where he learnt to sing, to play the organ and indeed to pray. His involvement in the liturgical life of the Cathedral undoubtedly played a big part in nourishing his faith in the Lord.



After completing his school studies, he deepened his passion for languages, reading Arabic and French at St John's College, Oxford. The call to the priesthood remained persistent in Tristan's life, shaped by his experiences of the Church around the world, by his time in London and by regular participation in the Arundel & Brighton diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. A final awakening to this call came at the Grotto in Lourdes which encouraged him to approach the diocese about priesthood.

Following the usual selection process, he was sent by Bishop Kieran Conry to the Venerable English College in Rome. There his philosophical and theological studies (at both the Angelicum and Gregorian universities respectively) culminated in a Licence (Masters equivalent degree) in the teachings of St Thomas Aquinas. He was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Terrence Drainey in July 2017 in Rome.

In his homily, Bishop Richard reminded Fr Tristan that the priesthood is a gift, it is the ability to share in Christ's own priesthood, and it is given for one purpose – to serve Christ and His people. He added 'Tristan, to be the person God wants you to be, you must be a priest. This will give you a completeness.'

Fr Tristan now begins the next stage of his life as priest in a parish saying Mass, visiting the sick, working with young people, celebrating funerals and baptisms, visiting local schools and much more. Fr Tristan said: 'I do not feel worthy to have been ordained a priest, but I know that the Lord Jesus will be with me always in His love, to carry out His work in the Church.'

He continued, 'The ordination Mass was deeply moving for me, a moment of great joy, and I'm excited to begin my ministry, looking forward to serving the people of Arundel & Brighton for the rest of my life.'

Story: Mark Woods, Pictures: A&B News Team

## The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Education Service Team



### DIARY DATES 2018-2019 AUTUMN TERM 2018

#### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday	12	Welcome for staff new to teaching in a Catholic setting 14.00 – 17.30
Friday	14	Primary RE – Support and training for staff new to teaching 'Come and See' 9.30 - 15.15
Tuesday	18	LCVAP Information Evening 19.00 – 20.30
Wednesday	19	Preparation for S48 Inspection – School Self Evaluation 14.00 – 17.30
Wednesday	19	Induction training for new Foundation Governors 19.00 - 20.30
Thursday	20	Primary RE: Training and support for new RE Coordinators 14.00 – 17.30
Monday	24	Section 48: Training for Inspectors 14.00 – 17.30
Tuesday	25	Training for Governors appointed to CET Trust Boards 19.00 - 20.30
Wednesday	26	Section 48: Training for Section 48 Inspectors 14.00 – 17.30
Friday	28	Primary NQTs Induction (Day 1 of 3) 9.30 - 15.15

#### OCTOBER

Tuesday	2	Support for School Chaplains with Bishop Richard (Day 1 of 3) 9.30 - 15.15
Wednesday	3	Aspiring Middle Leaders' Development Day (Day 1 of 3) 9.30 – 15.15
Monday	8	School Business Managers' Forum 10.00 – 12.30
Thursday	11	Secondary Heads of RE (Day 1 of 3) 9.30 – 15.15
Friday	12	Primary RE Coordinators (Day 1 of 3) 9.30 – 15.15
Monday	15	Primary RE: Assessment in Primary Religious Education 9.30 – 15.15
Monday	15	Induction training for new Chairs of Governors 19.00 - 20.30
Wednesday	17	Secondary teachers new to teaching Religious Education Twilight TBC SCHOOL BASED

#### NOVEMBER

Wednesday	7	'Taste and See' – Support for Prospective Foundation Governors 19.00 - 20.30
Thursday	8	Leaders at all levels: Understanding the distinctive nature of a Catholic school - Mission Statements, Ethos, Gospel Values 14.00 – 17.30
Monday	19	Outstanding Governance: Support and Challenge in a Catholic school 19.00 - 20.30
Friday	23	Secondary RE: Training and support for Aspiring Heads of Department 9.30 - 15.15
Monday	26	Cross-phase Retreat for Headteachers 9.30 - 15.15 ASHDOWN PARK
Thursday	29	Primary RE: Planning Liturgies and Leading Acts of Worship 14.00 – 17.30

#### DECEMBER

Wednesday	5	Rainbows Bereavement Training: 'When Somebody Dies' 9.30 - 15.15
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(Note: all programs are based at DABCEC, unless otherwise noted)



## Barrow Hills SCHOOL



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## APPOINTMENTS

### CLERGY

Fr Simon Dray has been appointed Parish Priest of St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill-on-Sea (including St Martha's and Our Lady of the Rosary).  
Fr Jerry O'Brien retires from St Peter's, Hove.  
Fr Alexander Lucie-Smith has been appointed Parish Priest of St Peter's, Hove.  
Fr Gerard Hatton has been appointed Parish Priest of St Hugh of Lincoln, Knaphill.  
Deacon Jon Harman to the Cathedral Deanery, for service in the Parish of Chichester and the Witterings.

### RELIGIOUS

The following have been confirmed as members of the Episcopal Vicar for Religious Team, to assist Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB. These appointments are made for a three year term.  
Sr Antonia Doyle RSM  
Sr Catherine Ryan OSM  
Sr Graca Silva OSF  
Sr Kathy Yeeles OSB  
Sr Iwona Peda (Chemin Neuf Community)  
Fr Martin Ashcroft CJ

## BISHOP'S DIARY

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

AUGUST		AUGUST/SEPTEMBER	
Tue 21 - Mon 27			World Meeting of Families, Dublin
Tue 28	2.30pm		Annual Meeting with Promotors, Seminarians and Enquirers, High Oaks
Wed 29	11am		Episcopal Council, High Oaks
Thu 30	11am		Under 65's at Arundel Cathedral
Fri 31	12 noon		Meeting, High Oaks
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 1			NCSF Meeting
Sun 2	10am		Induction Mass for Fr Hugh Flower, Henfield
	12.30pm		Lourdes Reunion Mass, St Wilfrid's School, Crawley
Mon 3	10am		Diocesan Education Service Day of Reflection, Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield
Tue 4	11am		Skinnners' Hall Ceremonies, London
Wed 5 - Thu 6			Prison Chaplains' Conference, St Mary's University, Twickenham
Fri 7 - Sun 9			Adoremus Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool
Mon 10	10.30am		Blessing of new spiritual area at St Polycarp's School, Farnham
	4.15pm		Crawley Deanery Academic Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary School, Crawley
Tue 11	7pm		Meeting at High Oaks
	9am		Mass at Chatsmore School, Worthing
	pm		St Mary's University Away Day, Twickenham
Wed 12	7.30pm		Consecration of Mary Rose Bracuti Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne
Thu 13	8.30am		Meeting at High Oaks
	am		GDPR Training meeting, Cobham,
	pm		St Mary's University Away Day
Fri 14	8am		Lourdes Jump Fundraiser, Salisbury
Sat 15	5pm		Altar Servers' Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Sun 16	11.30am		A&B Inclusion Festival at St Wilfrid's, Crawley
	6.30pm		Deacons' Vespers and Candidacy, West Grinstead
Mon 17	10am		Mass at Worth Abbey
	7.30pm		Meeting at High Oaks
Tue 18	10.00am		Pastoral Plan Presentation to Clergy and Diocesan Staff at Arundel Cathedral
Wed 19	10.30am		GDPR Day, Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield
Thu 20	6pm		PACT 120th Anniversary Mass, St Etheldreda's Crypt
Fri 21	7.30pm		Adult Confirmations at the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, Redhill
Sat	10.00am		Day for Religious, Worth Abbey
Sun 23 - Mon 1	October		Ad Limina, Rome


## Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Led by Bishop Richard

Saturday 17 November  
at Christ the Prince of Peace  
Portmore Way, Weybridge, KT13 8JD  
11.00am to 4.00pm

- Theological and Practical Talks
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Mass

Tea/coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch  
**Booking is essential as numbers are limited**  
To book: [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org)  
or telephone -1293 651164



## THANK YOU

for your support so far this year. So many of you added your name to the global Catholic Share the Journey Campaign, asking governments around the world to push for respectful agreements on refugees and migrants. Over 25 churches and numerous schools took part in walks to raise awareness and add to the campaign. Many of you generously donated to our Lent Family Fast Day campaign and had your donation doubled by the UK Government. A good number of you signed up to support specific projects via Hands On [cafod.org.uk/Give/Hands-On](http://cafod.org.uk/Give/Hands-On).

You prayed for our work and for those who live in poverty and quite a few of you have become volunteers, helping in your parishes, local schools, or in our local Volunteer Centre. We are grateful for your generosity in helping us build a world which reflects the Kingdom of God. It's never too late to join us.

It is a poignant time for me too as I will soon be moving to a different role within CAFOD. Though I will still be living in the diocese, I will be working to support another CAFOD region in their work with the Catholic Community. I will be coming to various meetings throughout September in A&B as we gear up for Harvest Family Fast Day (5 October). Do join us to hear about how you're making a difference in the world. See 'Upcoming CAFOD events' on our local webpage: [cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com](http://cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com)

*Martin Brown,*  
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## FAIRTRADE NEWS.....

TRULY WONDERFUL news of the Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal earlier in the year - Traidcraft traders and supporters raised an incredible £548,530, doubled by UK Government the total is £1,097,060 (which does not include gift aid total), all this through their efforts organising Big Brews, long distance cycling, swimming, running and their donations. Congratulations everyone! The funds will support Traidcraft's work in helping more hidden entrepreneurs all around the world, particularly a new project in Meru county, Kenya, where 60% are illiterate, 50% are in debt and 40% cannot regularly provide food properly for their families. Women farmers there just need some support to use entrepreneurship to change the future of their farms.




Fairtrade Foundation is a mine of current information through their Media Centre news items. At present they have included an item **10 Facts about Fairtrade Coffee**. It says, 'In the UK we drink approximately 55 million cups of coffee per day, it is a lucrative multi-billion pound business.....the supply chain shows it is often unfair to the farmer....Fairtrade drives a fairer, more sustainable way of trading'. Fairtrade came about in response to the struggles of Mexican coffee farmers in 1988.

See more at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).

## NOTICE BOARD

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## UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

### Study days on Amoris Laetitia

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# Diocese of Arundel & Brighton



## PASTORAL LETTER

for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 15th July 2018

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

Today's Readings provide us with wonderful insights into the mystery of God's purpose for us. I invite you, both today and in the months ahead, to join me in reflecting on the mystery of the Father's love as we look to the future of our Diocese.

The Second Reading, the 'hymn of praise' from the beginning of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, sums up for us the wonder of our very existence. We are brought together in Christ, through whom we are forgiven of our sins and in whom we find freedom. All that we are is for the greater glory of God. There is a real excitement in St. Paul's words as he celebrates the fact that we believe and accept the message of Salvation and, in the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, find the freedom that comes from Christ.

This is a joy so deep that it can be difficult to put into words. As the "message of Christ finds a home in us" we are enabled to find life in its truest sense – a life built on Christ and lived entirely in Him. This life transforms us, our homes, our parishes and our places of work. It is "life to the full" – the destiny that Jesus tells us is ours and is the reason for His saving work.

This way of being is so wonderful – how could any of us turn away from it or reject its possibilities? How could any of us wish not to share that life with others? All of us must share in this Mission of bringing others to know Christ and the life He gives.

St. Paul's sense of joy is to be lived out with purpose. We see this purpose as Jesus sends out the twelve. They travel light. There is a real sense of movement in the words of today's Gospel and we are caught up in the journey. We too, as individuals, as families, as parishes, as Diocese, are sent out by the Lord Himself to do a work so vital for our world that we dare not shrink



from it.

Yet, like Amos in today's first reading, we may well not feel ready. God's choice of Amos was a surprise to him and to the people, for he was not from a family of prophets. God called him to a new task in new places. Amos could not refuse and God provides the words that he would say.

So it is with us. The call of Jesus in His Gospel is for every one of us. His Real Presence in the Eucharist calls us to Him, to receive His Life, to adore Him and to share His life with others. We "come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." The Sacraments and our lives of prayer enable us to become more and more like Him. The relationship is real. It is lived.

Just as Jesus spent time with His disciples, teaching them and forming them, so He calls us to be taught and formed by Him. In this way, we become His people. Then, with real purpose we become effective witnesses.

In recent months, in parishes and deaneries, we have been considering the future life of the Diocese and this

Mission to which we are called. In the Autumn, the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese will be presented in each Deanery. This is an important moment in the life of us all. Pray for our Diocese, that this work may be truly blessed.

I ask you today to reflect on the Scriptures that we have heard proclaimed for us. The sense of joy and wonder; the way in which God works in us, despite our frailties; the sense of real purpose in the lives of the disciples. Pray that this message will find a home in each one of us and in the whole family of our Diocese, that we truly be the people the Lord calls us to be: His disciples, His friends, His witnesses.

With every Blessing,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

## Pontifical Vespers on a Peerless Summer Evening

ON A PEERLESS SUMMER EVENING Bishop Richard Moth welcomed nearly 100 people to a special celebration of pontifical vespers. The Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Mrs Susan Pyper, was in attendance with Her Grace, the Duchess of Norfolk, who read the first lesson. The Cathedral choir, led by Elizabeth Stratford, was in glorious form adding an extra sense of spirituality to the occasion. With the sun streaming in through the West window little wonder that the congregation was clearly moved by the solemnity and beauty of the Service.

The Bishop took as his theme for his homily the Lord's two great commandments: to love God above all others, and to love your neighbour as yourself.

The second was dependent on the first. If God was given that primacy all other things would follow. It was the feast day of St Henry, Emperor of Bavaria in the 11th century, and the Bishop took the opportunity to explore some of the tensions that exist between

the provision of beautiful settings for worship and the value of direct giving to those in need. Henry was distinguished by his commitment to the Church, building churches throughout the land, arguing that nothing was more important than the worship of God.

The Bishop acknowledged that, while this is an ethical dilemma for every generation, the history of the church has many lessons for today. Through worship Christ will be seen in the other – whether our neighbour, refugees, the poor, or the vulnerable.

Organised by the Friends of the Cathedral\*, and by kind permission of their Patron his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, the service was followed by a champagne reception in the Collector Earl's Garden, where in the warm late summer sunshine guests were able to mingle and wander round if they wished. Notwithstanding the dry weather the gardens were resplendent and for those wishing to learn more there was a guided tour. The provision of canapes, and a gentle

jazz trio made for a truly memorable evening.

Story & Picture: Margaret Bamford



Pictured above L-R are: Mr Patrick Burgess DL, Chairman of the Friends, Mrs Susan Pyper, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex and Bishop Richard.

\*More information about membership of the Friends of Arundel Cathedral from Lindsey Stratford, administrator at Cathedral House, Parson's Hill, Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 9AY; tel 01903 884567

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## FROM THE PARISHES

## ADUR VALLEY

THE THRIVING Youth SVP in our parish have been doing amazing things. They recently raised £377 doing a sleep-out for the homeless. They took some much needed items and the remaining cash to the Worthing Homeless project. A film night complete with pop corn and drinks was shown at St Peter's watching 'The Case for Christ'.

At Christ the King in Steyning a Parish Day took place for all ages. After Mass we all gathered in the grounds for a picnic and there were games for the children. That was followed by a Healing Service with Fr Rod OSB from Worth Abbey and then to top it all off strawberry teas were served. One of our parishioners commented 'Those who weren't able to join us will be sad they missed it.'

There was a cake sale and a walk along the sea front to the Shoreham Fort to raise money for Mary's Meals - as well as a pleasant sociable walk and the money raised, collections are taking place of essential items of clothing, toiletries and stationery in order to send some more rucksacks.

*Penny Richardson*

## CRAWLEY

FR LOUIS celebrated our Mass in July, assisted by Deacon Andrew Bayes. As this was a memorial service for Alain Khodabux from our Mauritian community, our Mauritian choir led the music. The church was packed out for this moving occasion.

Congratulations to Katie-George Dunlevy on winning silver and bronze medals at the UCI Paracycling World Cup in the Netherlands, with co-pilot Jen Bates, as her usual co-pilot Eve McCrystal couldn't make it this time.

*Barbara Winstanley*

## EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

PARISHIONER Les Whittaker has undertaken a sponsored bike ride in aid of Good Counsel Network, a charity that reaches out to expectant and new mothers who are living in difficult circumstances. (See full report on page 2)

St Peter's School held their summer fair on 7 July. Three days earlier, the school welcomed parishioners to a 'Big Brew' of Fairtrade tea and coffee. There was also the opportunity to purchase goods from the school's Fairtrade stall.

*Clive Carpenter*

## EASTBOURNE

## Christ the King and St Joachim

THE PARISH celebrated five years of the Lay Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration with a special commemorative Mass at Christ the King on the evening of 6 July, with Benediction following the period of Adoration the next day. The brilliant summer weather provided ideal conditions for the parish barbecue that followed.

The sun continued to shine on us the next weekend when parishioners who had attended the 9.30am Mass at St Joachim enjoyed another barbecue. We also enjoyed a successful international food evening held at Christ The King at the end of June.

Children in year six at St Thomas A'Becket together with their teachers attended and participated in Masses at

## TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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## REDHILL, REIGATE and MERSTHAM



15 JULY was no ordinary Sunday for the parish of the Nativity of the Lord. It was our first Parish Day, with a single Mass in the grounds of St Joseph's School. There were strong echoes of the feeding of the multitude in the Gospels. The Community is not large enough to be numbered in thousands, but nearly 800 people (including women and children of course) were present.

Like the description in Mark, we sat in groups on the grassy banks in the shade of trees, in squares (though on chairs under gazebos), and in our case took advantage of the shadows created by the school buildings. We listened to the Word of God and were fed in the Eucharist. Readers, musicians and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were drawn from all three churches, the prayers of the faithful were read by young people who were recently confirmed or had received their First Holy Communion, and before the end of Mass they were all presented with their certificates.

Prior to the date we had been praying for fine weather. Fr Tony Bridson told us now it was time to pray for much needed rain. It took two weeks for these prayers to be answered! He reminded us that we had come together just as Jesus' original followers had done, attended to His word, and like them we were sent out to spread the good news.

However before doing so we were fed again, not with bread and fish, but burgers and hot dogs for which, unlike the gospel crowds, we had to queue. The scouts ran the BBQ generating a cloud of unholy smoke; others brought a variety of food to share. Unlike the folks from Galilee there was musical entertainment and Zuma, plus lots of fun for the children in the form of games, bouncy castle, face painting, simple crafts.

Any leftovers, together with rubbish, went not into baskets, but black sacks and the number was not counted!

*Story and photos: Ann Lardeur*

Christ the King during the first two weeks in July. We now wish them well and remember them in our prayers as they make the transition from primary to secondary education.

We are grateful to David Helicar for introducing us to an excellent series of DVDs on the theme of 'A Quick Journey Though the Bible' which were shown over a four week period following the Monday morning Masses at Christ the King during the month of June.

*John Carmody*

## PETWORTH with DUNTON

THERE WERE five children who received their First Holy Communion in Petworth on 24 June and, as always, it was a joyous occasion with many family and friends present. Afterwards there was a small reception for the families and their friends in the presbytery and, as for once it was a glorious summer's day, full use was made of Fr Peter Newsam's garden.

The simple lunch and prayer group continues to meet once a month in Kirdford, and new people are always welcome. General conversation takes place during a lunch of soup and cheese followed by a time of prayer, readings and intercessions concluding with a decade of the Rosary. It is a moment to pause during busy lives and re-focus on what really matters.

We pray that all the people from the Diocese, including a group from our parish, who have recently been on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, found peace and renewed faith and fortitude, and truly benefitted from their experience.

*Sally Bohane*

## RYE

ON 13 JUNE, the Feast of St Anthony, Fr Matthew Chadwick celebrated Mass before the annual parish lunch. Record numbers attended and it was the usual happy day with parishioners delighted to have an opportunity to spend time together.

Fr Matthew is enjoying the company of several Franciscan visitors during the summer. Friar Brian, who is studying Theology at Oxford prior to his ordination, is with us during part of July and August. He is planning to give a talk about Our Lady with some reference to her faithful Franciscan spiritual son, St Maximilian Kolbe OFM Conv. on the eve of the Assumption.

Fr Aidan Walsh, our parish priest for several years, is coming back to Rye for two weeks during August, to the great delight of the many parishioners for whom he cared so devotedly.

And in September, Fr Jobe Abbass who looked after the parish for a time during 2015, will be here for a few days after making a retreat in Walsingham. There is of course great joy in all Franciscan parishes to know that the Greyfriars are returning to this most holy shrine after many long years.

Fr Matthew has placed the ongoing renovation of St Anthony's under the care and direction of St Joseph. Great work has been undertaken by a number of noble parishioners in the beautiful little garden behind the Church, under the watchful eye of St Joseph whose statue stands on the terrace facing the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

We are all looking forward to celebrating feastdays and marking important occasions in the life of our parish family in the garden, so delightfully brought back to life.

*Jocelyn Rowe*

## WEST BYFLEET

WE HELD an all-night Vigil of Silent Prayer in reparation for all the terminations of unborn children that have taken place over the last 50 years.

Whilst our Diocese prepares to go on Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we held a Lourdes Devotion on Sunday 22 July. This included Anointing of the Sick and Benediction followed by refreshments in the parish centre.

Other parish groups continued their regular meetings during July, including the Justice and Peace Group, the Widowed and Separated Group, the Catechism Circle, and the recently formed Walking Group.

Ecumenical Morning Prayers with our fellow Christians at St John's, West Byfleet, will continue on the 6 August.

*Paul Tipple*

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