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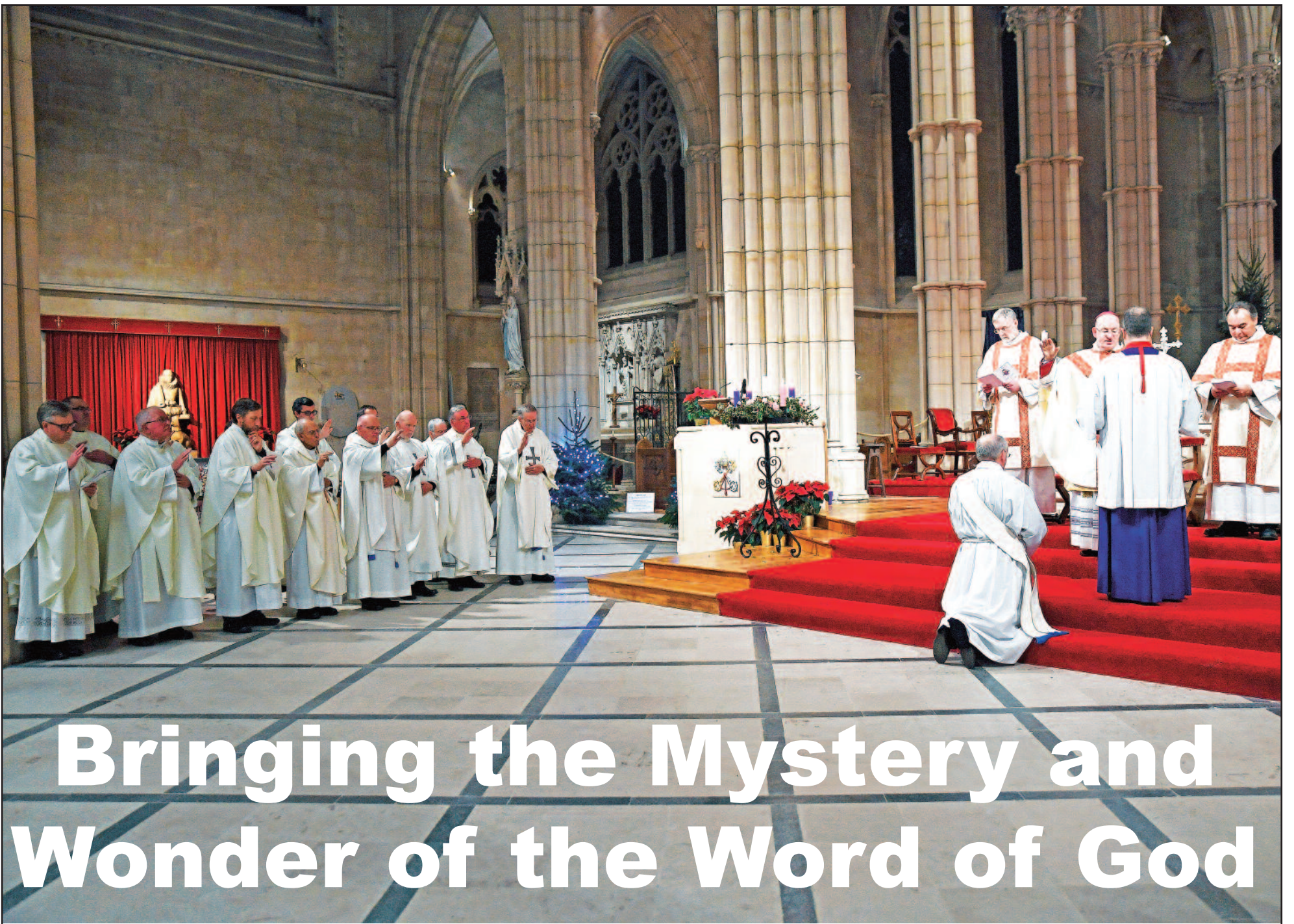


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Bringing the Mystery and Wonder of the Word of God

Deacon Jack Lusted Ordained a Priest for Arundel & Brighton Diocese

FATHER JACK was born in Eastbourne and brought up in Hailsham where he went to school before attending Sussex University. He worked as a Physics teacher and then with British Telecom before entering Anglican ministry.

After training in Oxford, he worked in various Anglican parishes across Sussex before he, with his family, made the brave decision to be received into the Catholic Church in 2014.

Following his reception into the Catholic Church he was accepted for training for the Catholic priesthood at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, was ordained a deacon in June 2018 and has been working as a deacon in the parish of St Mary's, Crowborough until his ordination at Arundel on 19 December. He is currently awaiting an appointment to a parish.

Fr Jack now begins the next stage of his life as a Catholic priest in a parish saying Mass, visiting the sick, working with young people, celebrating funerals and baptisms, visiting local schools and much more.

He said: 'My ordination is the culmination of a process that has taken four years to complete, from the day when my family and I decided to respond to Our Lord's prayer that all might be one to today. While there have been challenges along the way, never once has that decision been doubted.'

He continued, 'It is a great joy and privilege to be ordained a Catholic priest. I look forward with eager anticipation to my work as a priest in Christ's church, and thank everyone for their support and encouragement.'

At his ordination, Bishop Richard spoke of the mystery and wonder of the priesthood. He reminded Fr Jack, as a preacher and teacher for those in his pastoral care, his primary duty was to bring them more deeply into the mystery and wonder of the Word of God.

Fr Jack's priesthood is not his, but a share in Christ's own priesthood, bringing something of the wonder of Christ 'who works through you.'

(More on page 5. You can also see more photos on the diocesan Flickr site, Google 'Flickr + Diocese of Arundel & Brighton') Story: Mark Woods; pictures: A&B News Team



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Congratulations to Our Wonderful Parishioners



CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS JOHNSTON who, on the Feast of St Stephen, received the gold medal of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen. This was in recognition of more than 50 years of faithful service at the altar of St Pancras Church, Lewes.

Chris is pictured above with Canon Jonathan Martin, Parish Priest and Vicar General of Arundel & Brighton Diocese.

Story & Picture: Ffion Wilkes



TONY NORTHEAST was honoured with the diocese's St Philip Howard medal by Bishop Richard at the conclusion of the annual Advent Celebration Mass at the St Philip Howard Centre on 12 December.

Retired from working on a national newspaper, Tony joined the A&B News Editorial Team at DABCEC and worked as a volunteer editorial assistant for the next 14 years. He contributed significantly to special issues and supplements, including the diocesan 50th anniversary edition, but will proba-

bly be best known for developing the 'From the Parishes' section, building and maintaining contacts with many parish correspondents.

Due tribute was paid to Tony's professionalism, attention to detail, integrity of reporting and high standards by the paper's current editor, who remarked that Tony was also 'an oasis of calm' in the midst of a busy news office.

Story & Picture: A&B News Team



AT ESHER PARISH, Doris Ashurst receives communion from Fr David on New Year's Day - which happened also to be her 99th birthday! Doris lives in Claygate and is parish sacristan.

The Mass was followed by tea, coffee - and of course birthday cake!

Story & Picture: Sarah Ross



Adur Valley Youth SVP Group

CELEBRATING the end of their first year with CMass, the St Peter's Youth Group were joined by families, adult SVP members and parishioners.

Their recent Macmillan coffee morning raised £140 and they were also invited to help with the Christmas celebrations of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at Canning Town Friary. Well done all!

*Story: Penny Richardson with Georgina Carter
Picture: Georgina Carter*

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Arundel Cathedral Catch-up



THE FRIENDS OF ARUNDEL Cathedral held their Annual General Meeting on Sunday 21 October. During this event, the chairman, Mr Patrick Burgess, handed over to Bishop Richard a stupendous cheque for £200,000.

This will go a long way towards the restoration of the rose window currently being refurbished at Holy Well

Glass in Wells, Somerset (*below*) as well as towards the general maintenance of the Cathedral in the coming year.

Bishop Richard thanked the Friends for their generosity and encouraged as many people as possible from across the diocese to join the Friends of Arundel Cathedral to help with their work. See:

www.arundelcathedralfriends.org



MINIATURE SHETLAND PONY Obi, representing World Horse Welfare, was the star attraction at the annual animal blessing service in Arundel Cathedral at which Bishop Richard presided, pictured here with Obi and one of his carers.



Due to a technical fault in the email systems, the original emails with the articles and photos sent by Canon Tim back in October 2018 did not reach DABCEC. We asked him to re-send the emails and we are delighted to be able to publish them now.

The Diocese's IT consultants have been asked to find the reason for this anomaly and to make any system changes required to prevent any recurrence. Editor.



FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT of Canons Oliver Heaney and Seumas Hester from the Cathedral Chapter of Canons, Bishop Richard installed Fr David Parmiter and Fr Rob Esdaile to the Chapter at the Diocesan Mass for St Philip Howard on Sunday 21 October. This was followed by tea and cake in the Cathedral Centre for the new Canons' families, friends and parishioners who had come to Arundel to celebrate the occasion with them.

Stories and pictures: Canon Tim Madeley

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I HAVE WONDERED if anyone ever read this monthly editorial...

So, I was delighted recently to receive a telephone message of complaint from 'a crotchety old retired schoolteacher' (as she described herself).

Yes, Mary, I was guilty of a grammatical error. Thanks for pointing it out and best wishes for a happy New Year.

We have planned a number of changes to the content of the A&B News for 2019 and will also establish Parish Representatives to source articles and help promote the paper. Thank you for your feedback at the Communications & Media Day in October last year; in 2019 you will see the fruits of your contribution.

Reader feedback continues to highlight a need for more spiritual, catechetical and theological articles. Similarly, you may have noticed that, at Christmastide services, quite a few of the congregation were not familiar with the basics of the Mass and the responses.

What a great opportunity to use the pages of A&B News in 2019 to remind us of the key aspects of our Faith, to share stories of how readers came to the Faith – and live it daily.

You will also find that the Formation Team is gearing up to support the changes in the diocese, and I would draw your attention to the prayer and CCRS courses listed on page six.

Best wishes for a truly happy and spiritually rich year in 2019.

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Responding to *Laudato Si'*

Living Simply in Ewell

IT ALL BEGAN when a small group of St Clement's parishioners met to study the papal encyclical *Laudato Si'*. We were inspired by the writings of Pope Francis, who was himself inspired by the life of his namesake, St Francis of Assisi.

We reflected on the messages in *Laudato Si'* and considered how we as a community could respond practically to protect our world, act with tenderness to each other and reach out to those in our community in need. We were keen to bring together young and old and encourage those who do not always get involved in the day to day life of the parish.

Our answer was to become a Live Simply parish and to apply to CAFOD for their Live Simply award.

With the backing of our Parish Priest, Fr Graham Bamford, and the parish, we launched the initiative in May 2017 and were registered by CAFOD as a participating parish.

Since then we have :

- made a Live Simply banner and a special notice board;
- built a vegetable garden, which has been a great success,
- produced good organic vegetables for sale. The proceeds from the sales went to our Connect 2 Cambodia appeal;
- made sure that all coffee and tea served at St Clement's is Fairtrade. We have purchased recyclable cups and started a compost bin;
- set up a walking club to encourage spending time together and appreciating our surroundings;
- held a walk-to-church weekend encouraging car sharing for those who couldn't walk;
- held a Live Simply reflection during Lent, leading the Stations of the Cross;
- produced a Parish Christmas card, as an alternative to individual cards;
- ran a parish social in aid of Epsom and Ewell Food Bank, raising £620; and
- raised awareness about refugees and migrants by taking part in CAFOD's Share the Journey campaign.

We are now hoping to become the third parish in the Diocese to receive CAFOD's Live Simply award and we shall be submitting our evidence very soon.

We hope the experience of working towards the award will continue as a positive opportunity for everyone in the parish, young and old, to come together with one goal: to make God known by the way we, as a community, act.

Story and picture: John Farrell, Jonathan Inns and Charlotte Gregory



Fruit Trees in Bexhill

IN HIS BEAUTIFUL ENCYCLICAL *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that all earth creatures together are an earth community. We worship and glorify God. 'Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. Each area is responsible for the care of this family.' (LS42)

In recognition of that solidarity the parishioners of St Martha's, Bexhill, have planted fruit trees in their already appealing and well managed grounds. Fruit trees are especially within the planted earth community. They serve and glorify God as do all trees and plants. And they do more. They improve our climate by absorbing warming gases.

By providing local food they provide an alternative to human meat production which can produce harmful methane gases. Where planted holistically around a church, like those at St Martha's, they are visibly within the eucharistic community which together praises God in local eucharists. A local eucharistic parish community praises God within the wider earth eucharistic community.

At St Martha's parishioners, including parents and children, and especially head acolyte Andrew Phillips, planted an Opal plum (see photo of Andrew and tree) whereby children praise, love and serve God's creation and provide a tree's gifts.

David Getty, Joe Conneally, and his brother-in-law Gabriel planted the most widely planted pear in the world, a famous William Bon Chretien, the well-known Doyenne du Comice pear, and an early pear called Beth.



Near the pastor's small car parking space Edward Echlin and Bridget Grant planted a Revd William Wilks apple, named after a free church clergyman, vicar of Shirly parish in south London. Still a famous exhibition and garden apple, it is a possible cross of Ribston Pippin and Peasgood Nonsuch apples. Peasgood Nonsuch and the famously tasty Rosemary Russet apples completed the planting.

Parishioners hope that in addition to flourishing here, our local apple and pear community will inspire other Christians to plant and cherish their own fruit trees. Plants join us in their ecological service and eucharistic praise.

The St Martha's community is grateful to be able to make their own small contribution, in the spirit of *Laudato Si'*, to the wider Christian earth community of praise and service, through their own apple and pear fruit trees.

Story: Dr Edward Echlin, Picture: Andrew Phillips' Dad

JUST A THOUGHT

Love at the Heart of All Things

FEBRUARY is oftentimes the most wintry of months, as well as the being (fortunately, you might think) the shortest.

It is a time when little seems to be happening in nature. The world outdoors lives under frost (or used to until global warming began to loosen the grip of cold!). We know new life is preparing itself: crocuses, snowdrops and precocious daffodils indicate as much. But most remains hidden from view, and we humans keep ourselves well-wrapped, too.

Fitting, then, that at the plumb centre of the month's brief course there lies the feast of Valentine. Although we know virtually nothing about the Roman saint who died that day (perhaps in AD 269), he provides a fitting symbol of the power of love.

True love does not just occupy summer's sunny uplands but also weathers the faltering steps of spring, embraces autumn's leaf-fall

and, finally endures winter's icy blasts (as Christian martyrs did, for sure) in hope of an Eternity.

So in February's chill it's good to remind ourselves, not just of past glories and future hopes but, more importantly, of the faithfulness to which the human heart is called.

The warm glow of love derives not simply from an emotion but from a decision to build together and to journey side-by-side through all seasons.

Millions of couples reaffirm their Covenant each Valentine's Day. May they find great joy in that; and may each of us (still young or not) discover that at the heart of our heart dwells God.

Fr. Rob Esdaile is Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton, Surrey

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(for St Valentine's Day)

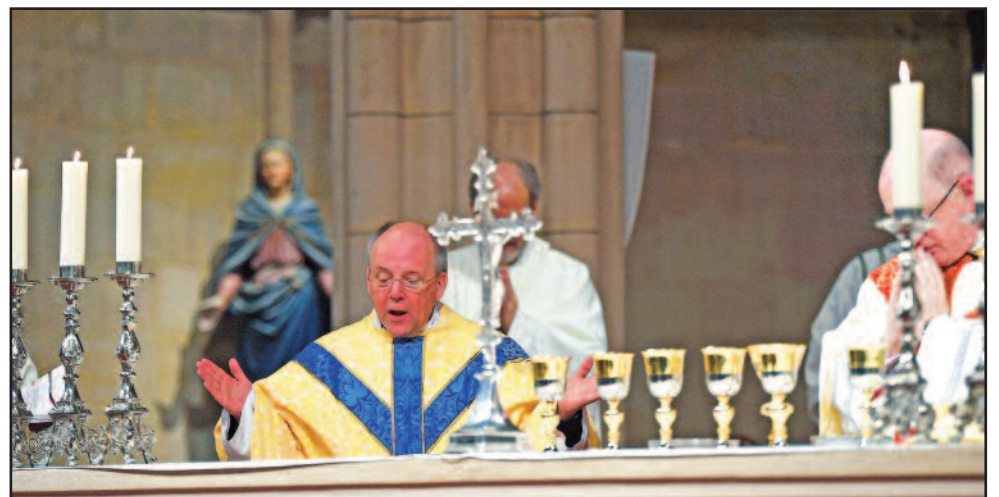
A well-known couple from our Guildford Parish (clue: married 50 years and awarded the St Philip Howard medal in October 2018) have been invited to take part in the TV programme.

TAXING TERMS (explained) immanence

God's immanence refers to His presence within His creation. A belief in God's immanence holds that God is present in all of creation, while remaining distinct from it. In other words, there is no place where God is not. His sovereign control extends everywhere simultaneously.

Psalm 139 (7-10) expresses beautifully God's immanence. 'O where can I go from your spirit, or where can I flee from your face? If I climb the heavens, you are there. If I lie in the grave, you are there. If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's furthest end, even there your hand would lead me, your right hand would hold me fast.'

Ordination of Fr Jack Lusted at Arundel Cathedral



Photos of the Ordination of Fr Jack Lusted at Arundel Cathedral on 19 December 2018. (above: Fr Jack's family)



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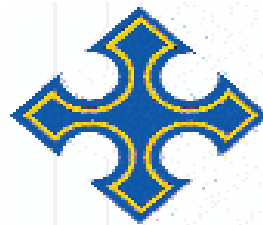
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Sunday 9 June 2019
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Grandparents' Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead

Wednesday, 12 June, 2019

Mass for those Celebrating a Special Marriage Anniversary in 2019

Saturday 12th October

Study Day for Parish Marriage Catechists

Saturday 16 November 2019

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Led by Bishop Richard

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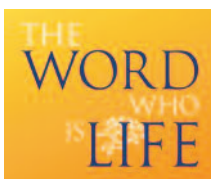


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CCRS is coming to the Diocese

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese are planning the launch of a CCRS course, starting in September 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies has been established since 1991 and aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith.

It will be open to teachers working in Catholic schools, Catechists, people involved in pastoral and liturgical work and other interested adults. Full details can be found at <http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php>

For more information and to express an interest in attending the course, please contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard Centre: 01293 651157 or email jon.harman@dabnet.org



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4. Listening to God	Mon 1 April 7:30pm
5. Called to be a Saint	Mon 8 April 7:30pm
6. The Source and Summit	Mon 15 April 7:30pm
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Pray with the Heart

Growing our relationship with God through the gift of prayer

Ted Kortens: A Lifetime on the Altar

On ordination, priests make a lifetime commitment to serve the Lord. Happily, there are also exceptional lay members who are distinguished for their long service to the Church and we are grateful to Mrs Darvill of Sewlsey for telling us about Ted Kortens.



EDWARD (TED) KORTENS has reluctantly had to give up duty as an altar server due to further surgery for cancer and future treatment.

He commenced serving at the age of six - see the black and white photo below - and continued throughout his life to the present day, through Jesuit college, many years as an RAF fighter pilot and an airline pilot examiner until he retired at the age of 69.

During his flying career he was blessed with the opportunity to serve in many countries worldwide, not least **being able to serve at Mass in at least 20 Cathedrals** by invitation from the senior clerics involved - obviously, with the good Lord's blessing throughout his career.



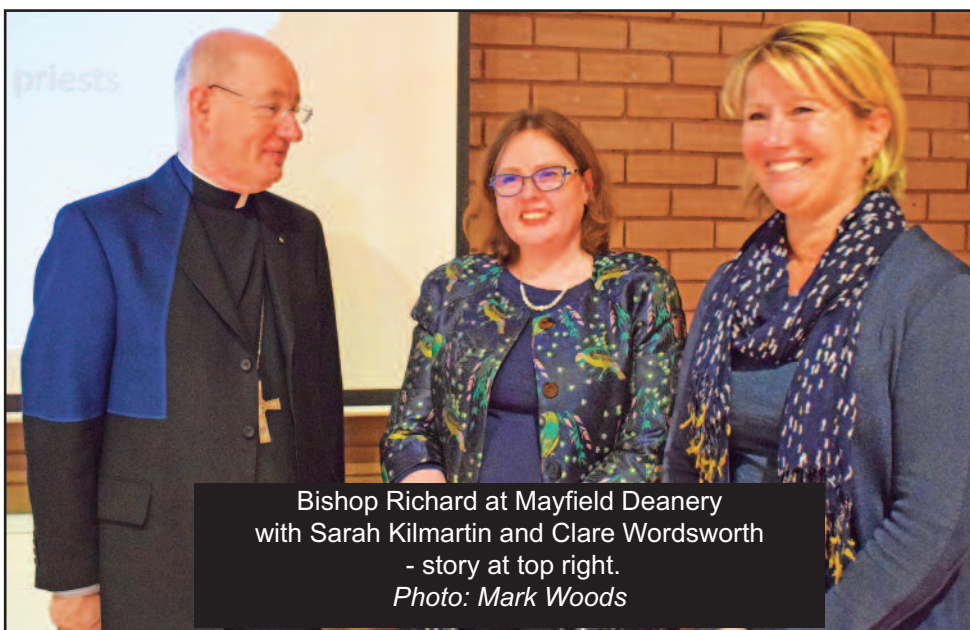
In 1959 he and Margaret were married and then moved to Selsey where he continued his main pleasure, namely assisting the priest at the altar - which he has done here for the past 58 years - becoming friends with a number and variety of priests from naval chaplains to elderly infirm gentlemen.

As a member of St Stephen's Guild he was thrilled to teach youngsters how to serve, passing on his own enthusiasm for such a worthwhile calling.

Ted hopes to eventually resume weekday duties after a four-month treatment and final surgery - a few prayers would be appreciated not only for him but for Margaret who passed away tragically a short time ago.

At top of the page is a recent photo of Ted (on the right) with his fellow server Bill Collins and Parish Priest of Selsey, Fr John Healy. Ted particularly wants to thank Fr John for his help, wise words and he appreciates all Fr John's support.

Story and pictures: Mrs M M Darvill



Bishop Richard at Mayfield Deanery with Sarah Kilmartin and Clare Wordsworth - story at top right.
Photo: Mark Woods

The Word Who Is Life

Bishop Completes Presentations to Deaneries

FULFILLING HIS COMMITMENT to present the Pastoral Plan - *the Word who is Life* - to all the diocesan deaneries, Bishop Richard, together with Weybridge parishioner Clare Wordsworth and Chief Operating Officer Sarah Kilmartin, completed the final presentation to Mayfield Deanery on 14 December 2018.

Discussions about the future shape of the Diocese have some history but the present Plan's journey began shortly after Bishop Richard's appointment to the Diocese in 2015. Getting to know the Diocese and putting infrastructure in place took time but, in early 2017, the Episcopal Council (comprising the Vicar General and the Episcopal Vicars for Surrey, Sussex and Formation) was focusing on the future provision of priests while the Diocesan Pastoral Team (now the Diocesan Formation Team) assessed the resourcing requirements for future formation and catechesis.

In autumn 2017 Bishop Richard began a series of presentations at Deaneries with Parish representatives to initiate a dialogue while simultaneously holding a series of meetings with clergy. This was followed by reflection and discussion in parishes with a further series of deanery meetings in spring 2018 for the Bishop to receive feedback from the parishes. It was also discussed among diocesan clergy during their formation meetings in May 2018.

These various discussions, rich in thought, analysis and proposals, were crystalized into a detailed Pastoral Plan later in 2018 that was then shared with the Clergy of the Diocese and all

staffs in the Diocesan offices on 18 September, followed by meetings with parishioners in all the deaneries.

The Plan is also available on the diocesan website (<https://www.dab-net.org/>) and may be read by following the links.

A tri-fold leaflet outlining the Plan has been circulated and a prayer card has been provided so that everyone in the Diocese can join the Bishop in praying the prayer every day.

The Plan emphasises the responsibility of all baptised Catholics to take their place in the mission of the Church, and explains the importance of formation to support us in this.

Bishop Richard reminds us all that this is an exciting time for the Diocese as we look to the future - and the implementation of the Pastoral Plan. We must all grow deeper in prayer and in the understanding of the gift of Faith, so that we can truly engage with the Mission the Lord has given to us.

PRAYER

Lord, the Word who is Life.
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FR DAVID GODDARD, Parish Priest and Custodian of the Shrine of our Lady of Consolation of West Grinstead died on 23 November 2018.

Fr David's Requiem Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard, was held at 11am in Arundel Cathedral on Wednesday 19 December 2018.

Fr David resigned from the Anglican Ministry in 1994 and was subsequently received into the Catholic Church, and ordained to the Priesthood in 1997.

Most recently appointed as Parish Priest of the Parish and Shrine Church of Our Lady of Consolation, Fr David leaves behind his wife Susan, son Fr Matthew and daughters Liz and Kate, to whom we extend our sympathies.



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		7pm	Evening of Reflection, St John's Seminary, Womersley
	Tue 29	7.30pm	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
		11am	Visit to Eastbourne Hospital
February	Wed 30	7pm	Evening of Reflection, St Dunstan's, Woking
	Thu 31	7pm	Evening of Reflection, St Michael's, Worthing
February	Fri 1	9am	Meeting at High Oaks
	Sat 2	2pm	Mass for Religious, Worth Abbey
February	Sun 3	am	Parish Visitation, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley
		am	Parish Visitation, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley
February	Tue 5	pm	Trustees' Overnight Meeting, Lewes
	Wed 6	am	Trustees' Overnight Meeting, Lewes
February	Thu 7	11am	Department Meeting, Archbishop's House, Southwark
		pm	Divine Renovation Conference, Birmingham
February	Thu 8	all day	Divine Renovation Conference, Birmingham
	Sat 9	11am	Day for Readers, St Dunstan's, Woking
February	Sun 10	pm	Parish Visitation, Bognor
	Mon 11	am	Parish Visitation, Bognor
February	Tue 12	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
		10am	Meeting at St Mary's University, Twickenham
February	Wed 13	9am	Meeting at Womersley
		10am	Day of Recollection with Surrey Church leaders, Womersley
February	Thu 14	6.30pm	Meeting with Seminarians
		10.30pm	Meeting at High Oaks
February	Sat 16	11am	Episcopal Council Meeting, High Oaks
		10.45am	Day of Prayer and Worship, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth
February	Tue 19	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
		7pm	CVOC AGM
February	Wed 20	11am	Adoremus Report Meeting, Eccleston Square
	Thu 21	7pm	Arundel and Chichester Catenian Circles' Clergy Night dinner, Westhampnett
February	Sat 23	10am	A&B NBCW meeting, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley



Hannah Jordan represents CAFOD Arundel and Brighton at COP24

THIRTY CAMPAIGNERS from CAFOD were invited to join the delegation to the UN climate summit in 2018, held from 5-11 December in Katowice and Krakow in Poland, where world leaders met to agree how they could push forward the goals of the Paris Agreement and limit emissions to 1.5 degrees.

This was an opportunity to learn about the decision-making process, hear from other campaigners across Europe on living sustainably and campaigning on climate change, reflect on partner stories and bear witness with others for change.

Hannah Jordan (pictured) from the Diocese of Arundel and



Brighton represented CAFOD. She commented; 'my experience in Poland was a massive eye opener for both my faith and activism towards climate change. The march united thousands of nationalities, all determined to achieve our common goal of climate justice. Being in Poland with CAFOD has motivated me to spread awareness of the real effects of climate change on people's lives and what we can do to help them through our faith.'

CAFOD calls for climate change action not only for this generation but for future generations.

Story: Jenny Finlayson Picture: Rosie Heaton

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Cheque from the local Coop to St Robert Southwell School



PICTURED receiving a cheque at St Robert Southwell School in Horsham on 24 November are, from left to right: Joan Kelleher the Chair of the Friends; Easter Espinosa the Parent Governor; Emma Curry the Foundation Governor; and Tom White the Manager of Roffey Coop, together with some pupils.

The Coop in Roffey agreed for St Robert Southwell to be one of their chosen three charities for the year.

In addition, those parents and teachers who registered individually with the Coop would have 1% of their personal shopping at the Co-op for the year added to St Robert's total.

The amount on the cheque will be spent mainly on outdoor environment facilities

Story: David White
 Picture: Emily Reynolds



FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

OUR FIRST COMMUNION and Confirmation groups are well under way as is our Enquirer's group and everyone is benefitting from them, not just the young people but the catechists too. In addition a new weekly prayer group has started in Small Dole.

Our jumble sale raised £159 for church funds and our Christmas Fair raised an amazing £1,230.

An evening of Music and Poetry was held at Christ the King, Steyning to celebrate St Cecilia's day.

Penny Richardson

CATERHAM

ADVANCING into the new year with all its hopes and expectations and with the desire that consolation and support will be provided by the Parish community when required from its Christian Catholic Faith; we continue to pray for Fr Sean Finnegan's recovery.

The Christmas festival is always a busy time and the Parish market did well to raise over £3,000 to be split between the SVP, CAFOD, Madaba and 5th Caterham Scouts.

St Francis School also had a successful Christmas Fair on 2 December, and they also took second place at the Winter Floral Festival at St Lawrence's Ancient Church (pictured), where the well attended ecumenical Carol Service was held.



We have continued to support the Christian Iraqi refugees in Madaba and messages were sent to them to remind them that they are not forgotten.

The second Parish magazine was beautifully produced by the editor Edna

Fernandes Atkinson and Julian Game, the designer.

Amongst several deaths was that of Kit Monk who was 107 as reported recently. And our thanks to Canon Jim Pannett, Fr Kevin Dring, Fr Gus Kinane and Fr Gabriel Diaz-Patri for saying Masses during Fr Sean's recovery.

Peter Patterson

CRAWLEY

CHRIST THE LORD church was completely full for our Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Fr Kenneth celebrated our Mass assisted by Deacon Andrew. We began with carols, accompanied by Stephen on keyboard and our choir. The children performed a lovely nativity tableau. It was a joyful celebration and afterwards we had light refreshments in the foyer.

Barbara Winstanley

THE FRIARY CHURCH at Christmas Morning Mass was twinkling with fairy lights on the Christmas trees above the altar. Fr Louis ended the Mass with a traditional African carol from his home country. We all joined in the English chorus of 'Gloria in Excelcis Deo'!

Never mind 'Black Friday', a more notable date, 28 November 2018, was 'Red Wednesday'. Action for the Church in Need day to bring awareness of worldwide oppression of Christians. Fr Chris wore red vestments and parishioners were invited to wear red clothing - red being the colour of martyrs. Many did wear red items.

Sue Fellows

EASTBOURNE

Our Lady of Ransom

OUR PRIESTS helped with The Rosary during Advent at our local Hospice, St Wilfrid's; everyone was invited to the meditation. A Lourdes redshirts helpers' fund raising evening was held in the parish centre in December with a lot of festive fun, including curry dishes, raffle prizes etc. It was with great excitement that everyone enjoyed Fr Raglan and Fr Tristan dressing up and joining in! £1,217.00 was raised. The annual Giving Tree was a great success again with a huge amount of presents being given in by generous parishioners. Gift tags were attached to each tree and parishioners could choose one and buy the specified gift. The popular annual childrens' Liturgy party was held on 16 December after Mass. Games and a light lunch were provided.

The Night Shelter has started again offering food, warmth and a bed for the night to the homeless. Other local churches did the same on their allocated evening. We are grateful to all the leaders and helpers. Without their continued support and commitment we could not offer this refuge to the homeless during the coldest months of the year.

Mary Staffiere

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King & St Joachim

SEVEN of our altar servers were enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen at Masses at our two churches on the Feast of the Epiphany. Each was presented with a medal to mark the occasion. After the 11.30 Mass at Christ the King, they and the other altar servers attended a gathering in the parish room as a means of thanking them for their important contribution to the parish.

During the weeks of Advent, Fr Neil led a series of reflections on the Lord's prayer on Monday mornings. A reconciliation service was held at Christ the King on the final Friday of Advent in preparation for the Christmas season.

A children's Christmas party held on 9 December drew crowds of excited youngsters and some of the older parishioners enjoyed a pre Christmas lunch at The Smugglers Inn on 20 December.

A new development has been the establishment of a bereavement support facility led by Lauren Henty, a parishioner at St Joachim.

John Carmody

EAST GRINSTEAD & LINGFIELD PARISHIONERS generously provided a

HORLEY

AFTER A BREAK of many years, the Parish of English Martyrs presented its Nativity Play and carols on Christmas Eve with 21 children participating (pictured). The play was produced and directed by Teresita Chandler.

Teresita and Ian Chandler



LEWES

The week before Christmas, the 'occasional' choir from St Pancras, led by the choirmaster, Robert Smith, spent a day singing carols at various venues. We started at St Peter and St James Hospice, Chailey, where we sang for the Day Care clients, then on to The Bull at Newick for lunch, where we regaled the customers there. On to Headway in Newick, which offers rehabilitation and support services for people with acquired brain injuries, their families and carers. Revived by a cup of tea we drove off to the Priory of Our Lady, Kingston, to the Augustinian Sisters who share our worship in Lewes (pictured). We felt we had been on a world tour by the end of the day, but we hoped we had shared some Christmas joy on our travels.

Ffion Wilkes



traditional Christmas lunch at St Bernard's Hall in Lingfield after Mass on Sunday 2 December. As in previous years, this popular event attracted people from every corner of our geographically large parish.

The choir of Our Lady and St Peter sang carols to commuters at East Grinstead railway station on the evening of Monday 19 December. Some £420 was raised for St Catherine's Hospice in Crawley.

Clive Carpenter

PETWORTH

MIDHURST Foodbank has important news. In 2017 we provided for 331 clients, gave out 574 lunch boxes to 327 children in the Midhurst area. We expect 2018 totals to be higher. A cheque for the sum of £175.25 was sent to the local charity just before Christmas.

Fr Peter Newsam continued his idea of giving a booklet of spiritual guidance as his Christmas gift to the parishioners. This year it was called 'OK is not enough'. Fr Peter's concluding words were 'It is part of the beauty of this Catholic tradition that it constantly drives us to seek something greater, never to settle for second best. I believe that it is here, nourished by the wisdom of this life-giving stream, that we receive the gifts we need to grasp hold of a life which is better than OK.'

This year's Advent Appeal has been to

help the Greek Catholic Parish of Breb in Northern Romania build their own church. Fr Peter and Cathy visited Breb last year and were very struck by this remarkable remote village whose Greek Catholic Church was abolished by the Communists in 1948 when all its members were forced to become Orthodox and the Bishops were arrested. Pope John Paul II re-established the hierarchy in 1990 and until fairly recently the minority Greek Catholic community worshipped in an old wooden church in the village, but tensions with the majority Orthodox church meant that they had to move out of this, and they currently celebrate their liturgy in the hall of the small Catholic school. They want to build a new church in the village but the people are not wealthy and cannot do this on their own although they have bought a plot of land. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners we have been able to raise over £20,000, about a third of the amount they need.

We have just launched our Parishes Families Groups initiative. Currently there are four 'families', each of approximately 25 people and we look forward to this exciting opportunity of growing together in love and friendship and partaking in a variety of events.

Paula Dempsey and Sally Bohane

TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS for the **March 2019** issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on **Monday 28 January 2019** and for the **April 2019** issue by **Monday 4 March 2019**. 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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FROM THE PARISHES

REDHILL, REIGATE AND MERSTHAM

OUR FIRST DECADE as a combined parish was celebrated in St Joseph's Church Redhill on 23 November. Redhill is the oldest of the three merged parishes, but happens to have the newest church. The original St Joseph's was built in the 1850s, followed by Holy Family, Reigate in the 1930's and much later by St Teresa's Merstham.

Fr Tony Bridson pointed out the Church has a continuous history of spreading the gospel for 2,000 years. A parish is essentially a stable community of faithful people gathered in a particular church. It is here, where we gather in celebration round the altar, that Christ offers himself for us and the whole world. It is a place of prayer in which we are sustained and from which we go out to others.

The party which followed truly reflected the international dimension of our community. Whilst sharing the amazing variety of food, an elderly Polish gentleman proudly told the others at the table that his home parish was 700 years old.

We are also fortunate in having troupes of dancers. After the energetic Irish dancing came the Keralan young ladies with a folk dance, depicting the story of Adam, Eve and Cain and Abel (pictured). It explains how Adam and Eve were created and later separated from God due to the first sin and were expelled from paradise. The story continues with the birth of Cain and Abel, and then Cain murdering his brother with a stone. The dance ends with a beautiful message that how we can avoid sin in our daily life with God's grace. *Ann Lardeur*



SOUTHWICK WITH PORTSLADE

THE FIRST WEEKEND of December was a busy time for our parishes. Saturday 1 December was our Advent Day of Recollection in Ditchling Village Hall: a prayerful, reflective, art-filled, crafty, glittery, spidery sort of day. This was well attended, and a new venue for us to try out. Fr Alistair offered us a variety of art images to reflect on, and offered us all the opportunity to take some time to look forward to and prepare ourselves for Advent.

On Advent Sunday we enjoyed a shared lunch, coming together from across our three places of worship in the parish hall at St George's following our 11 am Mass, complete with Advent activities and singing. The Mass was offered in thanksgiving for our Permanent Deacon, Richard Harvey, who is now retired from more active parish ministry. Deacon Richard could not have been so generous with his time to so many and in such a variety of ways over the years without the great support offered by his wife, Sally (pictured cutting the cake). It was a real pleasure to see Richard and Sally, supported by their children, Christopher, Amy and Joseph, grandchildren and other members of the family. There were cards, presentations,



gifts, a special celebration cake and an amusing impromptu speech.

Deacon Richard was ordained to the permanent diaconate by the then Bishop Cormac on 13 September 1997 and served firstly in the Sacred Heart before moving to St George's, both in Hove. Most recently Deacon Richard had taken on the role of Spiritual Director to the SVP Conference in the parish as well as, along with Sally, a 'befriender couple' for those preparing for marriage.

In thanking the parishioners, Deacon Richard wrote: 'Although I am stepping back I shall still be seeing you at Mass on Sunday and at various times in between!' Thank you for everything, Deacon Richard. Enjoy your retirement! *Gill and Steve Sajnog*

ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA

AT THE PARISH of the Good Shepherd on 20 November, our Fraternal came together for Midday Prayer of the Church followed by a delicious luncheon to celebrate the arrival of our latest member. A very warm welcome to Rev Nick Archer from Christ Church. It was a real joy to share time and one another's company today. We pray for the Unity of the Church, and for all who minister in our

community. Pictured below, L-R, Fr Miceál Beatty, Rev Luke Irvine-Capel, Rev Nick Archer, Rev David Hill, Rev Janet Mardell and Rev Sean Gilbert.

Elizabeth Fitch

WEYBRIDGE

IT'S TIME for New Year resolutions and, at Christ the Prince of Peace, Fr Con is encouraging the parish to focus on our spiritual development. There are two themes involved. The first is improving our understanding of the scriptures – a first step is a study programme on the Book of Revelation. The second theme may be less taxing intellectually, but promises (at least in one case) to challenge our physical determination.

Peter Clapham



WEST BYFLEET

AS WE START the New Year, we look back at a busy Christmas celebration with thanks to all who decorated the Church, including the Crib prepared by the Marist School.

Pictured is Father Alex welcoming guests to the Community Christmas lunch, much enjoyed by all. This was an ecumenical event, supported by our neighbouring churches.

Using the SVP's funds, and backed up by the Harvest donations from the School, Christmas parcels were prepared and delivered to local needy persons and families.

The Parish made a donation to the SVP's Sudan Appeal, helping the struggling and displaced peoples of Sudan and South Sudan including a baby feeding project. *Paul Tipple*



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CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Face crisis of mistaken identity in ritualistic killings... (10)
- 6 ...horse transport is to the fore at this point in the massacre (7)
- 7 Correct final word at the onset of death (5)
- 9 Reciprocate – redact reference to duke (5)
- 10 Shriek as I opened up old shell (7)
- 11 They have branches for senior church officers (6)
- 13 Friar found among Dachau's tinsmiths (6)
- 16 Every single politician in the first place is to blame (7)
- 18 Local network in the old days for French white (5)
- 20 Irish town's particular court being defaced... (5)
- 21 ...it's the Welsh place to hold the drunk over (7)
- 22 Blessings of 60s music – duet is not in tune (10)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Modern country, once a biblical one, since has fallen away (5)
- 2 Monks, collectively, have writer's block? (7)
- 3 Goats one leads on times with flying things swarming about (6)
- 4 Type of savings account, one belonging to Esau (5)
- 5 Ivory source pub cancelled for good – that's cool (7)
- 6 This is me, article broke,... (9)
- 8 ...in nomadic order? (9)
- 12 Mozart, he wrote with (the odd note at the foot of) a flipping little book (2,5)
- 14 The Archers stripped of raison'd'être in

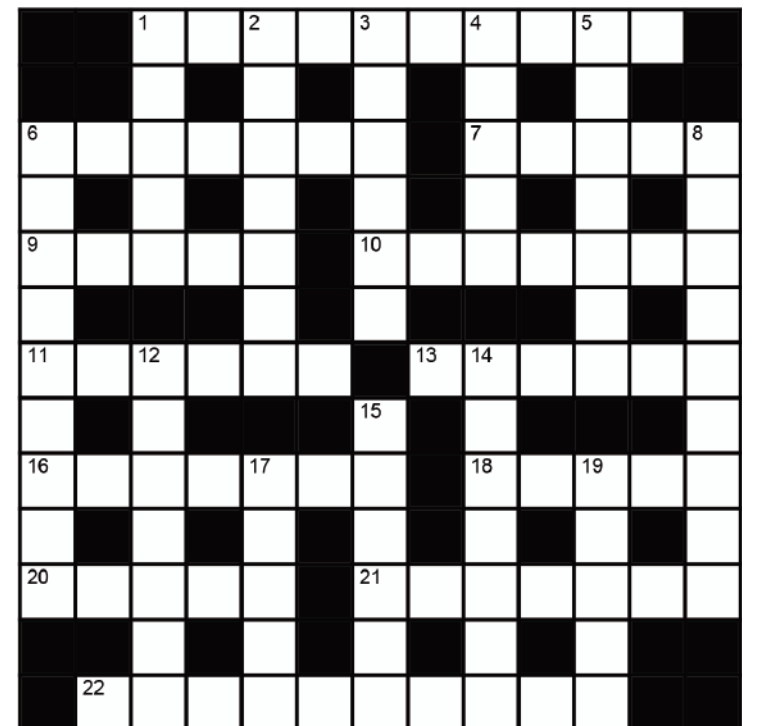
- defiant stance? (7)
- 15 Isle's lord, the third-lowest ranked among magnates (6)
- 17 What the precursor to 4's savings account set-up means? (5)
- 19 Beetle duck's in with admits it and confesses (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 Acts of killing (an animal or person) in order to propitiate a deity (10)
- 6 Savage and excessive killing of many people (7)
- 7 Make better (5)
- 9 Change chemically (5)
- 10 Yell (7)
- 11 Officials in the early church; officers of various Protestant churches (6)
- 13 English adjectival variant of Augustinian (6)
- 16 Charge a politician with an offence committed while in office (7)
- 18 Mel ----, lead voice for Warner Bros animation, known best for Bugs Bunny (5)
- 20 Main town of Co Clare, Ireland (5)
- 21 Place in Mid Wales, its name redolent of Stevenage or Harlow, perhaps (7)
- 22 Eight sayings of Jesus at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount (10)

QUICK Down

- 1 Roman province of the NT, capital Antioch on the Orontes (5)
- 2 Ecclesiastical assembly of the monks in a monastery (7)
- 3 Types of mountain goat (6)
- 4 Son of Abraham (5)
- 5 Svelte; chic (7)
- 6 White Friar... (9)



- 8 ...Black Friar (9)
- 12 Lorenzo -- ----, Mozart's librettist for The Marriage of Figaro, etc (2,5)
- 14 Not vanquished or overcome; free (7)
- 15 Isle of Kent, but no longer an island (6)
- 17 Source of strength: holding (5)
- 19 Pledges; acknowledges (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Sacrifices, 6 Carnage, 7 Amend, 9 React, 10 Exclaim, 11 Elders, 13 Austyn, 16 Impatch, 18 Blanc, 20 Ernst, 21 Newtown, 22 Beattitudes. Down: 1 Syria, 2 Chapter, 3 Ibexes, 4 Isaac, 5 Elegant, 6 Carmelite, 8 Dominican, 12 Da Ponte, 14 Unbowed, 15 Thanet, 17 Asses, 19 Avows.