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EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS

Poverty amidst affluence Our Christian response



Prof Bradstock



Jane Seals



Revd Kevin O'Brien



Chris How

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONFRONT FAITH AND SOLUTIONS' so one participant reflected of the The Churches Together in Surrey Forum held in March. And so the whole day did just that. The Forum met at St Dunstan's church in Woking and was attended by almost 80 people from different denominations from across Surrey and beyond.

A brilliant array of speakers looked at the changing face of Surrey and how Christians could respond.

The scene for the day was set by Revd Professor Andrew Bradstock, Secretary for Church and Society at the United Reformed Church.

He pointed out that for many it is a matter of surprise and concern that churches speak out on public issues. He asks 'do they think that being 'Churches' means we lock ourselves away to sing hymns and say prayers with no concern about what's happening outside our gates?' At root he says there is a failure on the part of many in the media and elsewhere – whether wilful or otherwise – to recognise that the Christian gospel is about showing, yes God's love for all who are in need, but also God's deep concern for justice, for an end to those factors which keep people from enjoying life in all its fullness.

There followed talks by Chris How on the working of Credit Unions. Some people found this particularly useful. One person described the talk by Revd Kevin O'Brien, Rector of St John the Evangelist Church of England, Burgess Hill as 'inspiring'. He spoke about the community Food Bank in Burgess Hill. Many other participants were also inspired by him and said that they had learned a lot. Robert, of yoursanctuary.org.uk, then spoke about the topical subject of domestic violence, which for some listeners was a new experience. Jane Seals spoke about Christians Against Poverty, which again was a new field of exploration for many. One particularly impressive comment was 'It is great that the churches are working together.'

The day had opened with a time of worship and the participants were welcomed by Bishop Kieran and concluded with an open session with Rt Rev Jonathan Clark, Bishop of Croydon and Professor Bradstock.

Sue O'Brien, Diocesan Dialogue and Unity Adviser and Revd Sue Loveday of Churches Together in Surrey (pictured right) put the event together. All pictures by John Roberts

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An Easter message from Bishop Kieran

FIRST OF ALL I WANT to wish you all a Happy Easter, all fifty days of it, taking us up to Pentecost and the completion of the Easter mysteries with the sending of the Holy Spirit.

And I want to repeat something I said in my pastoral letter of the Second Sunday of Easter at the end of April, about those who have been 'received into the Church' recently. For many this has been the end of a long journey that in some cases has taken not only years but tens of years. When I met some of the candidates (as they were then) at the Rite of Election at the beginning of Lent, they spoke of their joy and enthusiasm at finally arriving at their goal, even though they knew this was not the end of a journey, but the beginning of a new one.

For a number of them, however, that journey will not go very far forward, and by this time next year they will have stopped coming to church. Why this will be we will probably never know, because we will have no opportunity to ask them.

But it does face the rest of us with a challenge. Why will they become so disillusioned with the Church? What is wrong with us they we don't offer what they are looking for? Indeed why do so many of our 'cradle Catholics' also drift away from the Church?

We need to ensure that our parish communities do what they implicitly claim, that they do indeed preach the gospel, that they reach out to the poor, the lame, the blind and the sick, that they echo the words of Jesus, quoting Isaiah: 'He sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free.'

Look around for the downtrodden, the poor, those held captive in so many ways. If we are not doing this then this is not the Church people hoped they were joining. If we are smugly simply looking after ourselves, then we do not deserve to attract new members. Let's actually provide what we promise.

With my prayers and good wishes.

+ Kieran



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Bene Merenti in Peacehaven

FR KEVIN O'DONNELL presented Martin Klust with his Bene Merenti Medal from Pope Francis (pictured) in recognition of his services to the church of The Immaculate Conception, Peacehaven on 30 November 2013. Martin has served over many years as a Eucharistic Minister, Reader and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Also recognised were Martin's services to The Catenian Association for over 45 years on Grand Council, on Provincial Council for 37 years where he was twice elected as Provincial President, as well as 25 years as Provincial Secretary.

Story and pictures: Michael Staples



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Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral



The Rite of Election ceremony took place at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 8 March.

Our picture shows Bishop Kieran with 60 Catechumens preparing for Baptism. There were also 85 candidates preparing for Confirmation.

Story and picture: Canon Tim Madeley

Memories of St Maur's Convent School, Weybridge

A DOZEN PRIESTS from around the diocese, led by parish priest Fr Con Foley, concelebrated Mass at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, in remembrance and thanksgiving for the work of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus. The Sisters first came to Weybridge in 1898 and founded St Maur's Convent School. During the Mass there were presentations by Fr Jude McHugo CJ from the Josephite community at nearby St George's College and Sr Kitty Ellard, Provincial Leader of the Infant Jesus community in England/Ireland. Together, with great wit and personal knowledge, they outlined the history of the Sisters' time in Weybridge from 1898 to 2012, and the enormous contribution they made to education and parish life. At the end of Mass, Canon Tom Treherne (until recently parish priest at Weybridge) blessed a memorial plaque (pictured), beautifully carved by a parishioner, Barry Hansford.

In a social gathering afterwards, priests, sisters, past pupils & staff, and parishioners from all over Arundel & Brighton exchanged happy memories and gave thanks for the wonderful years of devoted service by the Sisters. Fittingly, the event took place on 7 March, the anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Nicolas Barré, founder of the Infant Jesus Congregation.

The plaque reads: *The parishioners of Christ the Prince of Peace and former staff and pupils of St Maur's Convent School offer their heartfelt thanks to the Sisters of the Infant Jesus for their dedicated service to the parish and the school from 1898 – 2012. 'God guides you along the way that leads to Him' Blessed Nicolas Barré*



Story: Peter Clapham Picture: Fiona Simonds-Gooding

Retirement of Ray Mooney

SINCE OUR LAST EDITION, Ray Mooney, the Youth Adviser has announced his retirement. Ray has been in this role for 17 years. During his time he has overseen the creation and development of the Redshirts project which has become an important part of the Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage. Ray has worked closely with schools and parishes has developed, among other things, the annual YouthGather event. He has also taken groups of young people to World Youth Days and worked with others in a variety of ways.

The growing links between the Redshirts and the pilgrimage has made this a good moment in which to transfer responsibility for Redshirts to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office. Ray will be retaining his involvement with the Redshirts through his work at the Lourdes Office.

Ray's departure creates a space on the pastoral team in the vital area of youth ministry. Bishop Kieran met with a number of people from across the diocese engaged in youth ministry recently to discuss the development of this area in the future.

In the meantime, we would all want to thank Ray for his many years of service to the Diocese and to wish him well in the next phase of the development of the Redshirts.

The post of Youth Adviser will be advertised in the near future.



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THIS MONTH BRINGS TOGETHER several different elements in the life of the Church.

Most obvious, of course is Easter. By the time you read this we will have had the great ceremonies of the Triduum. How marvellous that we can really walk with the Lord in his sadness, his pain and his glory. Easter continues most especially in the liturgy of the next few weeks - the flowers, the brightness, the whiteness of the vestments. But the joy should be with us at all times; our hope no matter what happens to us or to our world.

May is also the month of Our Lady. Surely she will not mind being subsumed into her Son's suffering and victory. She walked with him through it all and can walk with us too.

Thirdly, 11 May is the day when we are especially asked to pray for vocations. We tend to interpret this as to the priesthood and maybe the religious life. We should also think about the vocations to which we are all called to, possibly more than one at different times in our lives or more than one intertwined. Long faithful marriage and fulfilling the role of grandparents are two examples featured in this issue of A & B NEWS. By living out these vocations we will provide the security which will foster the other vocations which we so sorely need.

May Our Lady helps us to do this.

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JUST A THOUGHT

ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG

ON A PILGRIMAGE to Turkey from my parish we discovered a wonderful wall painting in a small church. It shows Christ standing over the broken gates of the underworld. He is full of life and dynamism. His strong hands are pulling Adam and Eve out of the prison of their graves. There is a sense of power and light as he dispels darkness and death.

On the feet of Jesus are still the marks of the nails. In a way he stands before us as a 'Marked Man'. He stands before us strong and risen and yet with the marks of suffering on his hands, his feet and his side. However, these marks are no longer negative marks of suffering, anxiety or death. They are marks of glory, because by his resurrection they have been healed and transformed. They are the marks of the triumph of God's power over death and suffering.

Easter is about newness. The risen Jesus announces a new spring of hope and indestructible life. The Easter liturgy proclaims 'By his wounds we are healed'. For this reason we are joyful. That is why we can make the words of Blessed Pope John Paul II (soon to be canonised) real in our lives because by our calling and baptism 'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song'.

A blessed and very happy Easter to everyone..

Fr Graham Bamford

PASTORAL LETTER of BISHOP KIERAN CONRY

To be read at all Masses on the weekend of 26/27 April 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Arundel & Brighton,
IF YOU LIVE ANYWHERE NEAR CHICHESTER, (or even if you don't), I would recommend that you visit the Pallant Picture Gallery there before 15 June. That's the final date of an exhibition of paintings done by Stanley Spencer. The paintings have been temporarily removed from the chapel they were originally painted for while the chapel is being refurbished.

The paintings all represent scenes from Spencer's experiences during the First World War. Spencer was not fit enough to fight in the trenches and so enrolled in the Royal Army Medical Corps; the pictures reflect his experiences in a hospital near Bristol and also on the front in Macedonia. He saw fighting first-hand and its results in the hospital, but his pictures are remarkably peaceful and radiate hope. Many of them are explicitly religious, and depict quite mundane and ordinary activities; titles include 'Scrubbing floors', 'Filling tea-urns' and 'Bedmaking'. In the last of these, one of the hospital orderlies is stretching a sheet out, and the obvious reference is to the outstretched arms of Christ on the cross.

In these paintings, Spencer expresses hope in the midst of war and that hope is in the resurrection, even where death is violent and cruel, and the result of humanity's own foolishness and aggression. That same hope in the resurrection is explicit in another of his paintings in Tate Britain in London. It is called 'The Resurrection at Cookham'. Cookham was his home village, and the painting shows his friends and neighbours waking from their sleep of death in the graveyard by the church, under the eyes of God and the saints, and recognising not just one another, but their new situation. They then make their way down to the River Thames and board a pleasure boat to sail off to a place of eternal peace.

But the paintings in Chichester suggest something more than just hope. They suggest that redemption, the experience of resurrection - new life - is to be found in ordinary and mundane things. Things like making the bed and washing the floor. It is in ordinary, daily experiences like this we recognise the new life that Christ has given us. The orderlies in the paintings are serving soldiers who have suffered both physically and mentally, and it is a wonderfully Christ-like gesture to ensure that the urns are ready for tea or that bread is buttered.

In today's gospel, we have the well-known - too well-known - story of poor 'doubting Thomas' and how he missed Jesus' first appearance to the other disciples. On that occasion, John's gospel tells how the disciples were 'filled with joy' when Jesus appeared in their midst. Thomas does not have that same experience; instead he has the rather embarrassing experience of having to prove it for himself in a very physical and even unpleasant way, as Jesus invites him to put his hand into the wound in his side. So again the resurrection experience comes down to something very basic and ordinary. It is not a blinding flash of recognition that the disciples on the road to Emmaus had when Jesus broke the bread at table. It is looking at holes in a man's hands.

It is a sad and challenging fact that a number of those who have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church last week may not be with us next year. Often it's just because the experience of Church is something of an anti-climax; it promised to be exciting, but it's not. Sometimes it's because they haven't felt particularly welcomed, and this is the challenge to all of us. But it



may also be a mirror of our own experience of Easter, that it is all something of an anti-climax. We have five weeks of Lent to prepare, and then suddenly it's all over and we feel just the same as before.

Spencer didn't paint heroic acts of courage when he painted war. Nor did he try to portray its full horrors. Instead he painted men who had suffered, and others who were looking after them. I must say I found the exhibition an incredibly uplifting experience, and one that gave me a great deal to reflect on. It speaks quietly of the resurrection as an experience of today, even the day when very little seems to be happening, or - worse - when things seem to be going from bad to worse. The triumph of Christ over suffering and death is perhaps even more relevant and important in the latter case. But it's real every day and in small and great ways. It's there in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, too: 'they shared their food gladly and generously.' A small gesture, but one that points to an overpowering reality.

So I wish you a quiet and peaceful Eastertide, a time when you can find the Risen Lord in the small things of life, in the tiny gesture of kindness and in the minor disappointments that crowd our lives. When God appeared to the prophet Elijah, it was not in the mighty wind, the earthquake or the fire; it was in the gentle breeze. Find God in the small things, in making tea or beds.

I hope that you can get to see Spencer's paintings. As I say, the exhibition finishes on 15 June, and it's half-price on Tuesdays. I may even see you there myself.

With my prayers and good wishes.

+ Kieran



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The Apostleship of the Sea is keeping music alive

PORTSMOUTH SHIP VISITORS Elfi Ip and Geoff Breeze, Provincial Grand Knight - Knights of St Columba and parishioner of Chichester, were visiting one of their regular ships, Agulhas Stream, and noticed that the crew's drum and percussion equipment in the ship's mess were in need of some tender loving care.

The cymbals were rather battered and dented, while the drum skins were torn and patched. The crew loved to play the instruments but were unable to obtain the best from them due to their poor condition. Elfi and Geoff set about restoring them for the crew.

Elfi visited her local musical instrument shop and managed to obtain a set of good quality cymbals and drum skins at a bargain price.

The crew were both amazed and ecstatic when Elfi and Geoff turned up at the ship's next visit to Portsmouth and immediately replaced the equipment. Needless to say they soon set about demonstrating their musical skills! The ship's Master, Captain Ramos, also joined in the entertainment. A demonstration of the true hand of friendship.

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A Day of Recollection for Ministers

THE DAY, prepared by Deacon John Truman, assisted by his wife Tessa, was held in St George's hall on Saturday 15 March for the Ministers of Holy Communion and the Ministers of the Word from St George's in Polegate and St Wilfrid's in Hailsham. The day began at 10am with Mass in the church; the readings were taken from Trinity Sunday. Peter Robinson played the organ and all were in good voice as we joined together for the hymns.

After Mass we adjourned to the hall for tea, coffee and biscuits before settling down to the business of the day. A candle was lit during the reading of these words, *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have light everlasting.* The theme running through the readings that followed showed how God our Father calls us all to share in the Ministry of the Church according to our gifts. (1 Peter 2:9; Ezekiel 2: 1-7; Ezekiel 3: 8-9). We also read passages in the Bible assuring us of God's promise that the Holy Spirit would be with us in our ministry, even giving us the words we needed to proclaim the Gospel. Several of us had brought Bibles of different translations and it was interesting to hear how, though recounting the same scripture, the manner in which other words were used to project the same message.

We then adjourned for a picnic lunch together with tea and coffee provided by St George's community, for which we were most grateful.

In the afternoon session firstly, we each read through two documents written by Pope Francis: *Christ Himself Comforts Us in Anointing of the Sick*; and Pope Francis' *Ash Wednesday Message*.

Individually we reflected on the words of our Holy Father in both papers; the Sacrament of the Sick should be used not only for those who are dying but also for the sick and brings them great comfort when the priest takes the place of Christ, using his hands to anoint those who are sick.

Pope Francis reminds us that Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and abstinence. Intense prayer should lead us to think of the sufferings of others throughout the world; fasting should not be just an exercise but a means of sharing with others. Through abstinence we learn to be free of what we do not need and of our sharing our possessions with those who are in need.

For a shared exercise we made two groups, St George's and St Wilfrid's. Each team had two similar notice boards, one each for *Herbs from the Bible* and the second for *Wise Sayings from Pope Francis*. Each group subdivided and so with two teams each we were tasked with: searching for 25 pictures of herbs (several copies of each) laid out on a table and also coloured card, glue and scissors and to prepare a display for our own church; and a similar exercise using quotations from Pope Francis and adding our own comments below.

What a wise and down to earth man Pope Francis is, truly aware of the plight of millions around the earth and of our need for humility and love in action for all.

The afternoon concluded with the Stations of the Cross in the church using an edition where Mary was describing the scene and her feelings at each Station but always finishing with the words 'but I knew it had to be'.

We are most grateful to Deacon John and Tessa for preparing such a beneficial day; to St George's community for their hospitality and to Peter Robinson for being our organist.

Story Ann Fielder

Rainbows Day Healing the Hurt - Restoring the Hope



IN RESPONSE to a number of schools wanting to become part of the Rainbows initiative, which was launched in the diocese approximately 15 years ago, the Diocesan Schools Service arranged a Day of Training on Thursday 3 April. Over 40 school staff representing their schools took part in the day which was a great effort at the end of a busy term.

Rainbows is a Bereavement Support Programme which assists young people to come to terms with a loss they have experienced, be it through death, divorce, absence or relocation. The aim is to help young people in expressing and understanding their feelings, to feel acceptance for what has happened and to feel a sense

of belonging and love. Through this process it enables them to begin to heal and look forward to a brighter future. This is accomplished through peer support groups with fully trained adult facilitators to guide them as they begin to share their experiences.

Many schools in the diocese already successfully use the Rainbows programmes and the Schools Service is keen that eventually all the schools in the diocese become Rainbows sites to give all the children in our schools the opportunity to benefit from this experience if the need arises.

Pictured are Teresa Bullen on the left with Bernadette Connor, the Diocesan Primary RE Adviser.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the Rainbows Organisation there is a link from the diocesan website www.dabnet.org.

Story: Teresa Bullen Picture: David White

Reunion at Uckfield

EIGHTEEN WOMEN gathered (pictured) in Uckfield for the reunion of a group formed more than 30 years ago that hasn't met for about ten years. Memories were revived of the original Young Wives of St Philip's group which later became the WOSPS, Women of St Philip's.

The reunion was organised by Liz Campbell, Margaret Wilson and Ann Guthridge, and took place at St Philip's Catholic church in New Town. Each person contributed food for a buffet. Liz



Campbell said it was more difficult for women to commit to attending regular meetings as they had years ago when the Young Wives and then WOSPS group was running. The difference was that many held full-time jobs now. But she was delighted so many turned out for the reunion and she hoped there would be another get-together in the future.

Story and picture: Angela Wilding

Requiem Mass for Fr Kevin Gaskin in Wadhurst

FAMILY, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS gathered together on Friday 21 March to offer Requiem Mass for our retired parish priest Fr Kevin Gaskin who died on Ash Wednesday after 13 years of priestly ministry to us in Wadhurst. He was taken ill with cancer almost as soon as he retired; 18 months ago.

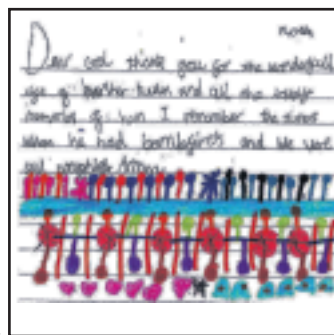
The ceremony was a prayerful and poignant tribute to his life and human-ness. An especially moving moment was the sound of his fellow priests singing the Salve Regina after the Requiem as his coffin left the church. The Papal flag, designed by the school children (but not yet recognised by the Vatican!) flew at half mast on Fr Kevin's flagpole. As well as the symbols of his priesthood which were placed on the coffin, a wheelbarrow and trowel reminded us of his love and pride in his garden, the plastic duck a reminder of his up close and personal relationship with the ducks in his pond, but most of all the toy steam train nestling in the flowers (pictured) on his coffin reminded us of his great enthusiasm for the Bluebell line and steam trains.

Sacred Heart Parish were honoured that the family allowed us to organise the reception after the ceremony giving us a chance to contribute and allowing the family time to talk together and reminisce. Organised by Toni Buckley the Wadhurst ladies produced almost enough food to feed the 5000!

Fr Kevin was always hands-on, especially in the Sacred Heart primary school where he was like a favourite Godfather.

The children said the bidding prayers at his Requiem and took up the offertory including the duck, wheelbarrow and steam train. To them Fr Kevin had done it again, - 16 priests, two deacons, one bishop and a day off school! So many of the letters they wrote (some pictured) expressed the sentiments 'Dear God, please look after Father Kevin in heaven as he looked after us here.' Amen. RIP.

Story and pictures: Peggy Purslow



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The sessions will take place on the evening of Monday 23 June and in the day time on Tuesday 24 June in Crawley.

Full details will be published in the next A & B NEWS and on the diocesan website.

For further information please contact
David Wills, Diocesan Adult Formation Adviser
on 01293 651157 or email david.wills@dabnet.org

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A Quick Journey through the Bible has run in several parishes across the Diocese in varying formats and so far over 300 people have attended.

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Through a Bible Timeline learning system, this study is designed to give the student a brief overview of salvation history, from Genesis through to the resurrection of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. Students will learn about the spiritual benefits of Bible study and how to enter deeper into 'His-story' as they begin their study of the scriptures.

Due to popular demand, further dates continue to be added; however it is likely that there are still a large number of people who may be interested in attending this course. If parish priests or parishioners would like to organise the course in their own parish or area, David Wills would be happy to provide support

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Headteacher's Induction Mass at St Wilfrid's

ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL in Crawley saw their Headteacher, Mr Michael Ferry, inducted into the school in a special Mass led by Bishop Kieran on Friday 28 March (pictured).



This was a liturgical celebration as a way of affirming the role of Michael as our Headteacher and the important link between family, school and parish which also reinforces the Church's mission towards education in the presence of our students.

The Mass was attended by members of the deanery clergy, governors, staff, parents, deanery headteachers, fellow West Sussex headteachers, our local MP Henry Smith as well as other friends of St Wilfrid's. All of St Wilfrid's staff and students were able to see the Mass as it was televised live via our interactive whiteboards.

At the end of the Mass Michael addressed the school: 'I can't help feeling, so please indulge me for a moment; that it's not bad for a lad who was told he wasn't clever enough to go to university!

'A big thank you to Bishop Kieran and the clergy for giving up their time today and all of the organisers, Debbie Betts and Jack Regan for all the work they have done in putting the Mass together, it is really much appreciated. To our invited guests, governors, fellow heads, colleagues from other schools, ex colleagues and lots of people who have helped me on my way to where I am now and for that I am eternally grateful. I would like to thank the governors and crucially the parents; the fact that you have given up your afternoon to come here and represent the parent body is fantastic. When we have such strong links between school and home working in harmony then the children in our care achieve way beyond what they could ever possibly dream. That is due to the parental commitment that our parents have by sending their children to a school of faith, St Wilfrid's, and I thank you very much for that.

'Thank you to the wonderful staff of St Wilfrid's, who are the greatest resource that the school has and who are always prepared to go that extra mile. I have been here for seven years and always knew that the staff work hard but in the last nine weeks since becoming Headteacher I have really seen the brilliant energy and commitment the staff have for the students that come here.

'Now I come to thank the last group of people who are the most important people at St Wilfrid's, the students. This is your school, it is not mine and it never will be. I was lucky enough to go to St Leonard's in Durham 300 miles away and that is my school. I have been privileged and honoured to work here and even more so now that I am Headteacher but this will never be my school. It is part of the joy of being a Headteacher, the knowledge that one day I will pass this on to somebody else and my job is to make sure that your school is the best it can possibly be and that you have the opportunity to be the best that you can possibly be.'

Story and picture: Sarah Gildea

'Be a quiet, blessing grandparent'

HORSHAM GRANDPARENTS' GROUP organised a gathering for Prayer and Reflection on the morning of 11 March, led by Fr Terence Bateman. Over 20 parishioners, almost all grandparents, attended.

Following morning Mass where the prayers of Sts Joachim and Anne were requested the group assembled together for coffee and then Fr Terence gave an uplifting and inspiring talk based on the 'Presentation of our Lord in the temple'. This was followed by group discussion and a period of silent reflection and prayer on 'Spirituality and the Second Half of Life' where 'the task is to become the quiet, blessing grandparent who no longer needs to be the centre of attention but is happy simply watching the young grow and enjoy themselves'.

The gathering concluded with a fish and chip lunch.

Story: Michael Evans and David White

Fundraising for CAFOD's Syria campaign and the Redshirts

ST ERCONWALD'S in Walton-on-Thames held its parish concert on 29 March which has now become an annual event. Our parish has a wealth of talent and we were treated to beautiful guitar, flute and piano playing, singing, Irish dancing, ukuleles, and, not least, the Cardinal Newman school choir. Music ranged from classical songs to jazz, folk and some good old rock, and ages ranged from very young, to teenagers, to not so very young! Our memorable comperes were Naomi Bealin-Kelly and Hannah Reals, who entertained us and kept the evening running smoothly. During



the interval we enjoyed home-made cakes and biscuits and in total close to £1,000 was raised through donations, refreshments and the raffle! This money is being split between CAFOD's campaign for Syria, and to help send three of our young parishioners to Lourdes as Redshirts for the diocesan pilgrimage. Just as importantly, this event has become an important part of our parish's calendar, and is a great opportunity for parishioners of all ages to meet and get to know each other.

Story and picture: Lucy Jardine

Primary Schools Dance Festival

THIS YEAR saw 18 schools and over 300 pupils taking part in the most exciting event to date at St Philip Howard Catholic High School in Barnham. This is the seventeenth year that the festival has taken place and organiser Ann Careless –Assistant Headteacher and Dance Co-ordinator was delighted by the response. Pupils aged from 6 to 11 years are involved and the standard of performance and choreography was most certainly very high indeed. Ideas for dance choreographies were inspired by Hans Christian Anderson stories, the Wall Street crash, The Victorians, Dr Who, Jungle Book and Up, to name but a few.

The whole day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. This is a wonderful experience for primary students to perform in front of a large audience and many of the schools and pupils were new to the festival.

A real sense of achievement was felt by everyone and the audience was spellbound by the creativity and some of the complex movements involved in each piece performed. So much work goes into the planning and preparation of each dance and all of the performers have their efforts rewarded by receiving a certificate of achievement at the end of the festival. Many staff are also influenced in their own future planning for teaching dance, which has enabled us to raise the whole profile of dance in schools within the area.

The festival also included a dance performed by the St Philip Howard Catholic High School Year 10 GCSE Dance students – who also worked tirelessly all morning to assist with the smooth running of the programme.

Schools involved were: Aldingbourne Primary, St Philip's Catholic Primary, St Mary's Catholic Primary, St Richard's Catholic Primary, St Mary's CofE Primary, Eastergate Primary, Bishop Tufnell Primary, Central CofE Primary, Edward Bryant Primary, Slindon CofE Primary, Jessie Younghusband Primary, Arundel CofE Primary, Walberton and Binsted CofE Primary, St Anthony's School, Nyewood CofE Junior, St Catherine's Catholic Primary, North Mundham Primary and Barnham Primary Schools.

Pictured are Walberton and Binsted performing 'Colour Moves'. This is a celebration of the futurist movement in art, principally referencing 'The Cyclist' by Natalia Goncharova and the fashion and costume design of Sonia Delaunay.

Story and picture: Alison Baker



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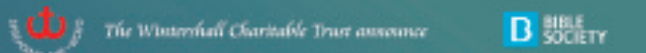
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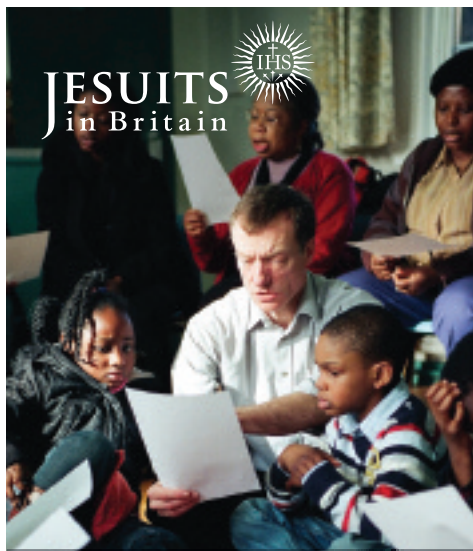
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JUNE AND PHILIP PORRITT, long-standing and active members of the parish community at St George's in Hove, recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. Here they are seen in the church after they had been presented with flowers and a card signed by their many friends amongst the congregation.

Helen Granger-Bevan

SVP Friends in need

ONE SUNDAY afternoon Tom came across Evelyn weeping in church. Concerned he went to see her. She wouldn't tell him why she was crying but agreed to him contacting the SVP. Two SVP members went to see her and asked what they could do to help. Evelyn replied: 'I have a place to stay, food to eat and clothes to wear. What else do I need?'



It turned out that Evelyn needed more. She needed to talk about what had happened to her. It was hard listening to her. Evelyn had had the same sort of Catholic upbringing as my own daughters, but her country erupted into terrible violence. She witnessed her mother being shot. With a promise of a decent job she was lured to England and was held against her will in a house near London. Eventually the police rescued her and took her to a safe house. She was due to attend a clinic for test results for diseases she might have contracted during her captivity. She said that she would like one of us to go with her and then said: I wish I had a copy of the Novena Prayer to St Jude.

At the clinic, I gave Evelyn an envelope containing a copy of the prayer and a card from all the SVP members. She clutched the unopened envelope to her as though it contained a great treasure. Her social worker insisted at opening the envelope as part of her job. Tears rolled down Evelyn's face as she handed the envelope to her. The social worker checked it, then returned it gently to Evelyn with an apology. She was kind, just doing her job. Evelyn regarded me as the friend she insisted that accompanied her to get the test results.

Evelyn has now moved on but she benefited from the friendship when she really needed it. The mission of the SVP is 'seek and find', Tom found Evelyn for us and we are very grateful to him. We do need the help of more Toms who are concerned and contact the SVP.

SVP member

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PENTECOST

Pentecost Vigil - Saturday 7 June at 8 pm - followed by a Pentecost bonfire and refreshments in the Piazza
Further information on all these events from Worth Abbey (01342) 710318 www.worthabbey.net



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WE ARE REMINDED every day of the generosity of the Catholic Community especially in times of emergency and at our Fast Days. We know that compassion for those in poverty is one way of living out our faith and part of CAFOD's role is to raise awareness of the needs of the World and how our faith calls us to action. To this end we have a variety of resources which we can offer to communities and individuals to help them reflect, learn and pray about our call to compassion.

We have many Children's Liturgy, Confirmation and youth group resources as well as a whole host of sessions, activities and ideas for school groups. We also have a network of volunteers willing to visit, support and inspire parish and school communities.

We have prayer cards, reflection books, weekly emails and packs to help people reflect on their faith, learn about Catholic Social Teaching and pray for our world. These include Stations of the Cross, Call of Creation, Livesimply and Emmaus meals.

These are just a small example of what is available and they act as one small way in which we can support the Church who supports countless people throughout the world. More information can be found on the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk or from the Diocesan Office in Womersley. 01483 898 866 arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Michelangelo at Goring-by-Sea

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN for viewing our ever-popular ceiling from 1 April this year which also marks the 450th anniversary of the completion of the original in the Sistine Chapel by Michelangelo. Gary Bevens, who completed the copy about twenty years ago, has been serving our parish as Deacon for the last four years. We are open for viewing Tuesdays to Fridays from 10am to 4pm. Those who have not already visited us have missed a world famous work of art - the only painted copy of Michelangelo's masterpiece in the world! If you would like to bring a group and have an explanatory talk, please ring 01903 506890 (Church Repository) or 01903 242624 (Parish Office). No booking needed for individuals!



Story and picture: Eileen Godfrey

BISHOP'S DIARY

APRIL / MAY

Mon 28		De La Salle Brothers, Liss
Tue 29	9.30am	Secondary Heads/Chairs/Chaplaincy Meeting, DABCEC
Wed 30		Day for Religious, Worth Abbey
Thu 1	12 Noon	Episcopal Ordination of Archbishop Elect, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool
Fri 2		Visits St Joseph's School, Cranleigh
	5pm	East Sussex Credit Union, Polegate
	8pm	Worth School Confirmations, Worth Abbey
Sat 3	11am	Epsom Deanery Confirmations, Epsom
	2.30am	Epsom Deanery Confirmations, Epsom
Sun 4	3pm	Mayfield Deanery Confirmations, Uckfield
Mon 5 - Thu 8		Bishops' Spring Conference, Leeds
Fri 9	11am	Catholic Grandparents Association Mass, Westminster Hall
	7.30pm	Weybridge Deanery Confirmations, St George's College
Sat 10	11am	Weybridge Deanery Confirmations, St George's College
	3pm	Weybridge Deanery Confirmations, St George's College
Sun 11	10am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Sidley, Bexhill on Sea
	3pm	Cathedral Deanery Confirmations, Arundel Cathedral
Tue 13	11am	Mass for Jubilarians at St Joseph's Convent, Littlehampton
	pm	Visits House of Prayer, East Molesey
Wed 14	12 Noon	Jubilarians' Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Thu 15	11am	Mass at Notre Dame School, Cobham
Fri 16	9.30am	Visits St John the Baptist Catholic Comprehensive School, Woking
	7.30pm	Eastbourne Deanery Confirmations, Our Lady of Ran-
som,		Eastbourne
Sat 17	11am	Redhill Deanery Confirmations, Redhill
	2pm	Redhill Deanery Confirmations, Redhill
Sun 18	3pm	Worthing Deanery Confirmations, Arundel Cathedral
Mon 19 - Tue 20		Clergy Overnight at St Cuthman's, Coolham
Wed 21	9.30am	Mass at Chatsmore School
	pm	40th Jubilee of St Bernadette's Primary School, Brighton
	7.30pm	Knights of St Columba Annual Mass, St Dunstan's, Woking
Thu 22 - Fri 30		Visits the Chulucanus Diocese, Peru

JUNE 2014 DIOCESAN FESTIVAL IN CRAWLEY

PREPARATIONS ARE NOW WELL UNDERWAY for the Diocesan Festival at St Wilfrid's School in Crawley on 29 June this year.

It promises to be a marvellous opportunity to share, learn, enjoy, worship and simply relax in the company of fellow parishioners from every part of the diocese. It will also provide a glimpse of some of the exciting events planned for next year's Golden Jubilee celebrations - to be held in the spectacular Amex Stadium, home of Brighton & Hove Albion football team.

At St Wilfrid's School there will be separate activities for children, families and young adults. These will include lively music, talks, interesting discussions, opportunities for confession and a number of workshops on prayer and spirituality - as well as a bouncy castle! Refreshments and food will be available but you are also welcome to bring a picnic. The day will focus on the Word of God and will end with Mass.

We would like to invite someone from each parish to act as point of contact for both the June 2014 and the July 2015 Diocesan Festivals. If you are planning to attend the Diocesan Festival in Crawley, feel enthusiastic about the events and are willing to share that enthusiasm and encourage attendance from your parish, first talk to your parish priest and then let us know of your interest by contacting the Festival Office - Email festival@dabnet.org or write to Jubilee Festival, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

Similarly, if you have a skill that would be useful for the July 2015 Festival - or just want to volunteer on the day to welcome, help and guide people - come along to St Wilfrid's School on 29 June and let us know then, or contact us using the details above.

For more information and updates on both Festivals, go to www.abdiocese/diofestival

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Is healed by the candles array,
And the gentle light it produces,
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The glow of the candle so gentle,
Entices me to pray,
So when I have a problem,
To pray must be the way.

So I will pray before a candle,
It seems right in my mind,
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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

DURING FAIRTRADE fortnight two events took place at St Peter's; firstly Greg Valerio, jeweller and Fairtrade campaigner, spoke about his campaign for Fairtrade Gold; then on Sunday there was a Fairtrade breakfast after the 9am Mass along with a sale of many Fairtrade items. It is ironic but for all good causes in Lent, food seems to be much in evidence this month. At Christ the King in Steyning Lent lunches are being held every Wednesday. The first for the Apostleship of the Sea followed by one hosted by the Sisters from the Towers for their work in Brazil and this week the funds will go to HCPT.

At St Peter's one of our parishioners, Kate Davis, who works for Save the Children, gave a talk and visual presentation on the work of Save the Children in the Central African Republic.

Another Day of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with prayer and fasting in reparation for the sins of abortion was held at St Peter's at Noon on the first Friday, although attended by a few it is hoped that more will join them the next time this is held in June.

Penny Richardson

ARUNDEL

OUR LENTEN pathway has been paved with discussions and reflections in our parish groups, cleaning up the cemetery, as well as walking and praying the Way of the Cross with our Anglican friends on Fridays, worshipping in both churches.

Mothering Sunday with its lighter touch and rose colours provided us with an opportunity to enjoy the informal chatter and banter of parish life. While the ladies left Mass carrying their flowers, they were delighted to find the men in the Cathedral Centre ready and waiting to serve everyone with coffee and croissants. Adding to the celebration the tables decorated in white and yellow gave us just a hint of Easter.

Hilary Caws

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Broadfield & Bewbush

OUR CRAWLEY PARISH eight-week course 'A quick journey through the Bible' is nearing its end and has been a great success with over sixty people attending. Four people from our congregation have joined in: Mavis Wharton, Caroline Johnson, Ken Brown and Viv Chantler. Caroline and Ken have enjoyed being group leaders, each with 8 or 9 participants gathering to discuss the Jeff Cavins DVD, which is the background to the beautifully coloured workbooks, Bible Timelines, bookmarks and wristbands.

Ken Brown has been working hard compiling our parish archive, and has now completed Volume 2 of the story of our Christ the Lord Catholic community. It is on display in the foyer for us to peruse. Many thanks, Ken, for this fascinating insight into the history of our parish.

Congratulations to parishioner Katie-George Dunlevy, who has been selected to represent Ireland at the World Track Championships in Mexico. It is the first step towards her achieving her dream of winning a medal for her country at the 2016 paralympics in Brazil, fol-

CATERHAM



THE PARISH continues to thrive with well attended Masses, and recently someone remarked that they had never seen so many worshippers at the Ash Wednesday Masses.

On Saturday, 15 March 16 Altar Servers from our church joined over 1,000 Altar Servers from across England to celebrate Mass with Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The Mass was arranged by the Guild of St Stephen and is held each year at Westminster Cathedral. This is the first time that our servers have attended and they thoroughly enjoyed it, especially meeting and shaking hands with our new Cardinal.

The Irish night held on the same day raised over £700 for CAFOD. There was lovely Irish dancing from Emma Doyle, and an Irish breakfast on St Patrick's Day with a singsong of Irish ballads led by Fr Kieran Gardiner on his accordion. Much enjoyed by those who attended.

The variety of Lenten Groups are well attended and interesting; a time for reflection.

Peter Patterson

lowing on from her success at the London 2012 Paralympics.

Barbara Winstanley

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

ON THURSDAY 20 March, priests from across the diocese joined us at Our Lady & St Peter for the Vigil Requiem Mass for Fr Kevin Gaskin, our much-loved former parish priest. The celebrant was Vicar General Mgr Benedict O'Shea. (*See story page 3*)

During Lent, the devotion of the Way of the Cross has preceded weekday Masses at Our Lady & St Peter.

Friends of the Holy Land held their AGM at the parish centre on 2 March. On 19 March, the Friends hosted a successful fund-raising event at the Hare and Hounds, Lingfield.

The parish spring lunch on 9 March, in St Bernard's Hall, Lingfield, was well attended and much enjoyed.

The Catholic Women's League hosted a coffee morning after Mass at the parish centre on March. Cakes and greetings cards were on offer as well as information about the work of the League.

Members of the parish attended the interdenominational World Day of Prayer services at St Mary's Anglican Church on Friday 7 March.

Clive Carpenter

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King, The Holy Rood
and St Joachim

THE FUNERAL MASS for Fr David Rhys took place at Christ The King on 3 March. Bishop Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark was the principal celebrant accompanied by Fr Barry Anderson and other priests from the local deanery and from Southwark Diocese where Fr David had been based prior to retiring to Eastbourne in 2009. Deacon Eugene Adams was in assistance. Among the large congregation were Fr David's widow, Judith, and other family members, former parishioners from Fr David's days as an Anglican priest prior to his reception into the Catholic Church in 1999, as well as many friends that Fr David and Judith had made in our parish. In his homily Fr Barry paid warm tribute to Fr David and praised his work in the parish carried out at a time of great difficulty caused by his declining health.

Kieran and Moyra Boyle have been leading a series of Lenten prayer meetings using music from Taize. The Newman Association met to hear a talk by Fr Raglan Hay-Will entitled 'To-

wards a theology of women in the Catholic Church'. This provoked lively discussion and we now look forward to the next meeting when Fr Neil Chatfield will be speaking on The Ordinate.

John Carmody

EASTBOURNE

Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory
and St Agnes

AFTER VERY enthusiastic fund raising our church boiler is now up and running, much to the delight of our congregation and visitors; the parishioners were very patient during the time of fitting when the church was without heating, they endured the cold without one complaint. Thanks go to everyone who worked so tirelessly to achieve this magnificent goal.

Dr Nick Woodall is attempting a 50 mile run along the South Downs Way to raise awareness for the need for a new roof at St Gregory's church, following his successful run in the Beachy Head Marathon for the church boilers.

The Catholic Women's league held their national coffee morning in the parish centre with stalls and a tombola. It was very well attended.

A small group of people from Our Lady of Ransom have been busy fundraising to send three young people from the parish to Lourdes as Redshirts in July. Since November they have been running coffee mornings, lunches, a quiz, carol singing at the railway station and a Christmas raffle. They would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported them, with a special mention to the parish of Christ the King and St Thomas a Becket junior school who were also very generous, they hope to send more young people next year.

The HCPT quiz raised £2,300 to cover the cost of sending two local children to Lourdes this Easter.

A new parishioners evening was held to welcome all newcomers to the parish, it has been a bumper year for new parishioner registrations

Mary Staffiere

EGHAM

ON SATURDAY 15 March our children celebrated Reconciliation, and immediately we start the next stage of work for their First Holy Communion in late June.

David Keel talked to us recently about Gift Aid which will raise much needed funds to go towards paying off our current debt.

Alice Mabbs

HASLEMERE

ALL THREE churches joined together for the 'Host a Roast' event for the Pilgrimage Sick Fund. The parish hall had been transformed into a French café, festooned with flags, checked tablecloths and a tableau depicting a typically French scene. Eighty guests sat down to a delicious meal of Ardennes paté, coq au vin, ripe Brie and chocolate mousse avec Coin-treau, all cooked and prepared by a group of ladies headed by Diane Breen. Waitresses wore striped tops, neck scarves and berets, while male helpers sported a variety of moustaches and onions! Among other outfits, several guests appeared as characters from TV's 'Allo, 'Allo'.

Between courses there was entertainment from 16-year-old Verity Foster who played 'Clair de Lune' on her harp, and provided keyboard accompaniment for her father Jonathan and grandmother Fay in their French-themed songs. A picture quiz sought the names of French celebrities, paintings, music and film titles, while, towns had to be added to an outline map of France. Instead of a raffle there was a donation envelope draw for a splendid French food hamper. (See picture Page 2)

Throughout the evening bidders took part in the interactive auction and tension was high as finally four parishioners successfully won their chosen lots.

As well as being a most enjoyable parish function, it excelled financially, with a profit of over £1,300, excluding the auction.

Fay Foster

LEWES

ON SHROVE TUESDAY the SVP Conference at St Pancras hosted a pancake evening. About 50 parishioners turned up and were treated to customised pancakes made on the spot in the

kitchen of the Wood Room. Representatives from the SVP Conference of the Sacred Heart Church, Hove, had been invited, and two of them then gave a presentation, giving a brief history of the SVP Society, and also telling of their work in their parish. We hope that by encouraging our congregation to become active in the work of our conference locally we can support our parish priest's pastoral plans. We are pleased that the evening produced a keen interest, as well as helping start off Lent in an appropriate way!

Ffion Wilkes

PETWORTH with DUNCTON

At the parish's assembly last September one of the matters discussed was the need for more opportunity for parishioners to be able to meet informally for prayer and discussion. It is wonderful that there is now a thriving monthly meeting for prayer and fellowship held at the home of one of our parishioners where people meet over a simple supper, talk and pray together.

At the end of January there was a week of daily prayer at the United Reformed Church organised by Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT). Each daily half hour session was led by different clergy/church leaders from the area.

During Lent there is a series of weekly meetings at the presbytery. This year the theme is on the benefits of daily prayer using the CaFe dvd-based course 'Strength to Strength' which highlights the importance of regular daily prayer and offers pointers as to how to achieve this.

The CAFOD fast day lunch was well attended this year with upwards of 20 people present to talk and enjoy bowls of homemade soup. Over £600 was raised for the work of CAFOD.

Sally Bohane

POLEGATE and HAILSHAM

£200,000 IS THE AMOUNT needed to complete funding for the new church in Hailsham, and Fr Rory Kelly was happy to announce at Mass recently that we had now raised £150,000. Now it is time for people to be especially generous, he said. As he prepared to give the final blessing, a little girl - she could not have been more than three - rushed up the aisle clutching a coin in either hand, and gave it to him. In the newsletter he said 'This has been a huge achievement in the circumstances, and the relatively few who are the backbone for all this effort deserve great credit'.

A day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word was held at St George's for both communities. The day started with Mass, and then Deacon John Truman led the programme, which included bible reading, a scriptural Rosary and Mary's Way of the Cross. We also worked on a visual presentation of herbs and plants in the bible, and reflected on recent statements by Pope Francis. (*See fuller report page 5*)

Deacon John Truman and Ruth Ayres

ROTTINGDEAN

with WOODINGDEAN

THE PARISHES OF Rottingdean and Woodingdean continue to flourish both spiritually and within the local Community. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration/Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet continues Tuesday/Friday. SVP continues its good works. Morning Prayer led by Sr Cecil continues at the Convent on Thursdays.

Parish baby goods donation project helps women to make life-affirming choices and enables them to feel more positive about continuing their pregnancy. Support is shown by continued donations of items for babies to the girls at Worthing Life House.

Congratulations to Megan, Angelica and Adam who received their St Stephen Guild medals for serving on the altar. Fr Laurence O'Keeffe OSB visited the parish twice giving well attended talks on 'Scripture being fulfilled and the Word of God is alive and active' and 'The Paschal Liturgy of Holy Saturday night and the Book of Exodus'. As usual these were very interesting and informative due his great knowledge of Scripture.

Jonathan & Jose Sharp

TO ALL OUR
CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS for the **June 2014** issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on **Monday 28 April 2014** and for the **July 2014** issue by **Monday 2 June 2014**. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to abnews@dabnet.org and if so please include a contact telephone number.

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FROM THE PARISHES

RYE

DURING LENT, when we make a special effort to show Almighty God that we love Him before all else, it is encouraging to see a number of parishioners attending Stations of the Cross led by Fr Paul Clarke on Friday evenings. Benediction follows with that precious opportunity to be present in St Anthony's during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ron Peters spoke movingly after each Mass one Sunday about the many A & B Diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes in which he has taken part as a helper. He asked that we should pray for this year's pilgrimage in July and reminded us gently that contributions from parishioners, however small, are always very welcome. We are all remembered in prayer at Lourdes.

The Rosary group is now well established and it is hoped that more will join it as the word spreads. We are blessed in a close-knit parish and chances to spend time with each other are always very much appreciated. *Jocelyn Rowe*

WORTHING

St Mary of the Angels

LENT BEGAN at St Mary's with Mass and the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday and a Healing Mass on the first Friday followed by a coffee morning.

On Friday 14 March there was a special Lent Taize Service of meditative chant, prayers and meditation.

On the weekend of 22 - 23 March we had a visit from a group of young people from the Youth 2000 organisation who had come for a weekend meeting. This is a group which organises prayer festivals and retreats for young people between the ages of 16-35, introducing them to the essentials of the Catholic faith and helping them discover a new relationship with God at the heart of the Catholic Church. Their website is www.youth2000.org for anyone needing further information.

On Saturday 22 March our First Communion candidates received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. On 30 March there was a celebration of Mothering Sunday with mothers being prayed for at all the Masses.

Astrid Gibson

SELSEY



THE ROOF IS repaired and invoices paid and the scaffolding is now in place to repair the cracks in the gable wall.

Now to pay off the loan...

The fundraising efforts got off to a flying start this year. The bring and buy sale was well supported; the bingo for all was a first time novelty and we were pleasantly surprised when players from 8 - 88 came along and enjoyed the fun; winning many prizes during the afternoon.

The big one for us so far was the sponsored swim which took place on Sunday 2 March. Thank you to Bunn Leisure who kindly provided the facilities at the Oasis Pool and eight swimmers who took to the water intent on swimming over three miles collectively. In fact they clocked up over 400 lengths between them - 6.2 miles; raising over £830. Well done to all swimmers and supporters.

We will hold events of some description each month this year from quizzes, plant and cake sales; car washes and fairs, culminating in our (now) famous family talent show later in the year.

Visit the website for a list of forthcoming events www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk.

John Bradley

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Thank you

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

..... in Crawley

THE FRIARY WELCOMED all denominations to a unique service on 7 March for Women's World Day of Prayer. This year WWDP was prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. The guest speaker was The Reverend Canon Anthony Ball, Rector of St Nicholas Anglican

He was the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Heads of the Orthodox Churches in Syria and Lebanon. He had just returned from Egypt where he is Canon at the Anglican Cathedral in Cairo. He spoke about his experiences working amongst Egyptians and the ongoing struggle of many young women to receive a decent education because they are discouraged from complete schooling and suffer domestic abuse. During the service, ladies in red garments, representing Egyptian women of varying occupations, performed a dance symbolising the life force of The River Nile. There were prayers, readings and an offering taken for the work of the WWDP and for projects run by Christian charities worldwide. The charity lunch in the hall afterwards, in aid of the Mother Teresa Nuns in India, raised £220. The amazing five-star menu included: cottage pie, tuna pasta, vegetable curry, soup, bread and a fish pie particularly popular with the Catholics as it was a Friday!

Story: Sue Fellows

..... and in Bexhill

LADIES FROM THE THREE CHURCHES in Little Common, Bexhill joined together at St. Mark's Church on Friday, 7 March to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer.

This year's service was prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. We thought about all the Bible stories that came into our minds when we thought about Egypt. The theme 'Streams in the Desert' left everyone reflecting on the gifts given to us by God.

The picture below shows the ladies who read, helped and played the music at the service.

*Story and picture: Lisa Young
WWDP Parish Rep, St Martha's RC Church*



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