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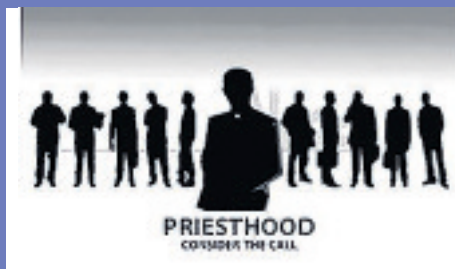
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40 Years of Permanent Diaconate in Arundel & Brighton Diocese

On Sunday 10 August, the Feast of St Laurence, Deacon and Martyr, the deacons of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton with family and friends gathered at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Kieran for Evening Prayer followed by a celebration in the nearby Cathedral Hall. It was the occasion to give thanks for 40 years of the Diaconate in the diocese, restored during the Second Vatican Council 10 years before.

Eric Kilminster was the first man to be ordained for the restored permanent diaconate in Arundel & Brighton Diocese on 11 August 1974 by Bishop Michael Bowen, though his initial ministry was in the Gulf state of Bahrain. He was the first deacon for Arundel & Brighton and second ever in England and Wales. Although Eric has since died his widow is still living in retirement in the West Country.

The diaconate formation process in the diocese did not, however, begin in earnest until 1981 when four men began training, of which three were to eventually be ordained. Hilary Parson, one of these three, is still alive, living in retirement in Portsmouth Diocese. He celebrated his 30 years as a deacon this year on 29 June, the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. This was recognised on the day when he was presented by Bishop Kieran with an icon of Christ washing the feet of the disciples during the

Diocesan Festival in Crawley on that day.

Since Eric's ordination the place and role of the diaconate has grown and deepened in the diocese. At the time of the silver jubilee of the diocese in 1990 there were 10 deacons. As we approach the golden jubilee of the diocese in 2015 there are four times that number. Currently there are 38 active deacons in the diocese with nine retired deacons and five men in training.

Bishop Kieran gave thanks during Evening Prayer for all that deacons had given to the Church in this diocese over the 40 years, but challenged the deacons present to reach out to those on the edge of the Church and draw them in more fully into the life of the Church through gentleness and mercy.

The 40th Anniversary of the Diaconate in Arundel & Brighton Diocese will continue to be celebrated during the year especially as it coincides with 50th Anniversary of the Vatican II document on the Church, *Lumen Gentium* which at paragraph 29 speaks about a restored permanent diaconate.

Story Deacon Mark Woods. Main picture Canon Tim Madeley

Pictured below to the left is Bishop Kieran with the Deacons, families and friends
Pictured below to the right is Deacon Hilary Parsons with his icon



New Cathedral Chapter Canon

On Sunday 31 August Bishop Kieran, Provost Whale and the Cathedral Chapter gathered in Arundel Cathedral to install Fr Paul Jennings as a Chapter Canon replacing Mgr Canon Jeff Scott following his untimely death earlier in the year.

Canon Paul was joined for the celebration by his mother, other members of his family, clergy and numerous parishioners from the parishes he has served in over the years, including Barnham, Horley, Farnham and from his current parish of Seaford. Following the service, the parishioners from Arundel laid on tea and cakes for Canon Paul and his guests in the Cathedral Centre.

Story and picture Canon Tim Madeley

A Cathedral Chapter of Canons is a college of priests, whose role is to celebrate the more solemn liturgical functions in the cathedral. The Bishop, at the invitation of the Provost, attends at least part of the Chapter meetings which are held twice a year.



Pictured above is Canon Paul with his mother and the Bishop



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2014 Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage: Liverpool to Carlisle 'Peace – the way of St Francis'

EACH SUMMER THE DIOCESE of Arundel and Brighton organises an ecumenical walk to a place, shrine or area exploring a particular theme or aspect of our faith and Christian heritage. What we rediscover year after year, is the amazing personal and community value of going on a pilgrimage as our medieval forebears did - the journey, walking, laughing, sharing, praying and singing become as important as the destination. We stop at a pub for lunch and sleep on the floors of church, school or community halls. We try to walk on footpaths not roads.

The 2014 Pilgrimage made a ground-breaking trek from Liverpool to Carlisle through the Lake District: Liverpool-Southport-Preston-Churchtown-Lancaster-Arnsdale-Kendal-Ambleside-Chapel Stile-Keswick-Caldbeck-Carlisle. There was no gentle start this year with a 17-mile walk on the first walking day followed by 23.5 miles between Southport and Preston on the second walking day. Highlights of this section of the walk included the Ladywell Shrine near Preston and the rural Catholic church of St Elizabeth and St Thomas, Upper Thurnham dating from the 1800s. The first rest day was spent in the university town of Lancaster. The second rest day was spent relaxing in Ambleside by the shore of Lake Windermere. Once in the Lake District the terrain was more mountainous with stunning scenery but significant ascents and descents between Chapel Stile, Keswick

and Caldbeck. It was the first time the pilgrimage has ventured into the North West of England. We walked 180 miles in 11 walking days, reached heights above 2000ft and about 50 pilgrims celebrated the pilgrimage's arrival by attending evensong in the Anglican cathedral of Carlisle.

Each day we worshipped together as a Christian community. This year our spiritual theme reflected on the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War and the new Pope's choice of Francis for his name. As we stopped to pray at the churches we were passing we read some of the First World War poetry that in its literary form can be close to prayer in its cry from the heart and considered what St Francis of Assisi can teach us about peace.

Next year the pilgrimage will be celebrating its 40th anniversary and as the diocese celebrates its 50th anniversary we will be making the anniversary pilgrimage around the deaneries of Arundel and Brighton diocese. We are keen to build or make contact with parish rambling groups in advance of the anniversary walk. If you would like to receive information please email database@thepilgrims.org.uk quoting 'A&B Parish Ramblers'. If you would like to find out more about the A&B Ecumenical Walking pilgrimages you can visit our website www.thepilgrims.org.uk



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Dominican Youth Pilgrimage

THE PILGRIMAGE FOR 2014 started this year from Arundel on the Feast of St Dominic. Eighteen youthful pilgrims led by Fr Ben (Chaplain to Durham University) and Bro Matthew and Bro Jordan (both from Oxford) gathered on Thursday 7 August to celebrate Vespers and Compline before settling down for the night in the Cathedral Centre. The next day after Mass at 8am, the intrepid travellers set off for Canterbury on foot. The ten day pilgrimage took them to Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead, then to Worth Abbey for a day of rest on Sunday. Following this the group continued to Southborough parish and thence to Aylesford Priory, Rochester and Charing arriving at Canterbury for a two day stay on 16 August.

They are pictured just before they set off from the front of Arundel Cathedral.

Story and picture: Canon Tim Madeley



Teams of Our Lady group in Hastings/Bexhill visit Poland

FOR ABOUT A YEAR now my husband and I have been members of the Teams of Our Lady group in Hastings/Bexhill. Teams of Our Lady is a lay movement in the Catholic Church and was started by Fr Caffarel in Notre Dame in Paris for married couples to support one another in living the sacrament of marriage. If you would like to find out more about Teams in Great Britain the website is www.teamsgb.org.uk.

This summer our responsible couple, Jan and Marta Kaczmarek, left their job in Hastings and returned to their beautiful home near Wroclaw in Poland. Before they left they helped us to organise a week long stay for our whole team (4 couples) at their house in Ligota Piekna, which means beautiful village. They are so generous that the house they have built is deliberately large enough for groups of family and friends to stay.

I knew nothing of Poland before the trip, in fact I hardly knew where it was on the map, but Jan had planned an itinerary which really opened our eyes. The past has cast a long shadow. We saw grand buildings which would have been full of antiques and paintings, but had been stripped by various forces during and after the Second World War. We also visited Gross Rozen concentration camp which was harrowing, especially in the searing heat. While we were there Jan told us about his parent's experiences during the war, which was very moving.

But I mustn't give the impression that we dwelt entirely on the past as we had a joyous time together. We had a trip on the river, visited huge rococo churches, attended two Masses, ate sumptuous meals, and saw the famous Wroclaw Panorama and an amazing water show at the Olympic park. The sitting room even became an impromptu dance floor one evening.

The weather was very warm for the whole week, but a couple of days were *escorchio*! Luckily we had planned to have a retreat day and stay in out of the heat. The priest was unable to come so we had about thirty minutes each to share whatever we wanted. It was a beautiful time of sharing and really brought us closer. I'm still doing the Tibetan exercises Marta showed us.

A wonderful time was had by all, feeding the mind, body and soul. I think we got to know one another far better having had a week together which surely will bear fruit during our monthly meetings.

Story and picture: Sally Hick



National Day of Reparation and Consecration at West Grinstead

PARISHIONERS FROM Our Lady Queen of Peace in Adur Valley along with many others from all parts of the Diocese recently attended this National Day of Reparation and Consecration at West Grinstead. The theme of the day was centred on Marriage and Family Life.

Our worship at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead started at noon with the Angelus moving into Mass concelebrated by Fr David Goddard with Fr Terry Martin. After the post communion prayers we recited together A Prayer of Consecration To Our Blessed Lady led by Fr David; Fr. Terry read the Papal Blessing that Pope Francis gave to participants on this day praying for the stability of marriage and family life and for peace in the world. We then moved into the beautiful grounds, on what was a perfect warm and sunny day, for a picnic lunch.

After lunch Fr David and Fr Terry were joined by Fr Tony Lovegrove for confessions and the Five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary were prayed whilst processsing around the beautiful Rosary Way (pictured). This was followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, a time of reverent adoration and silent prayer and Benediction with Deacon Seamus Mahon. It was a wonderful day which left us all feeling truly blessed.

The Pilgrimage took place concurrently with those at other Marian Shrines throughout the United Kingdom; Walsingham in Norfolk; West Grinstead in West Sussex; and Osmotherly in North Yorkshire. The date of next year's National Day of Reparation and Consecration is Saturday 18 July 2014.

Story and Picture: Penny Richardson



Latin Mass Society annual pilgrimage to West Grinstead

THE LATIN MASS SOCIETY recently came on the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Solemn Pontifical High Mass was celebrated with Bishop Athanasius Schneider, the Auxiliary Bishop in the diocese of Astana in Kazakhstan.

Story: Fr David Goddard

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AUTUMN IS WITH US and life which quietened during August and the beginning of September is now in full swing. The booklets for our next Jubilee groups are available. They ask us to consider the nature of the Church. Our 'Thought' writer (*see below*) and one of the contributors to the group material, challenges lay people all to think of themselves as 'Church'. 'Father will do it' is heard quite commonly.

One parish has recently offered a challenge to everyone to think about what sort of commitment their membership should lead them to, as we can read on page 8.

The Vatican Council document which are invited to consider this time is entitled *Lumen Gentium* (The light of the World). We are proud, yet again to report on events around our diocese in which some of us have very much been a light to the world, especially by the way in which our less fortunate human beings have been helped.

How much can we be 'the kingdom of Christ now present in mystery, growing visibly through the power of God in the world' (*Lumen Gentium* para 3?).

What a challenge!

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JUST A THOUGHT

HOW TO BE CHURCH

COULD YOU WRITE a reflection for the October issue? I could. How long? About 220 words. Alright. What on? Maybe something about what it means to be Church, given that the diocesan Jubilee programme this autumn is inviting us to look at what the Second Vatican Council had to say about that key area of our faith. Okay.

Maybe I could tell them how the Church doesn't exist for itself. That it's a Sacrament and Sign, pointing beyond its own structures and activities to Jesus Christ. That it is Christ who gathers us together as a Pilgrim People, who leads us on an Exodus journey, who sets us free for love. That, yes, the Church has its structures and offices (Deacon, Priest, Bishop, with the Pope as a focus of unity), but that the ordained are placed *under* the community, not over it, meant to be last of all and servants of all. That the point of all that we do is that everyone is called to holiness, to a sharing in the life of God, and that all are called to be-long; and that the lives of all of us are meant to be parables of God's love. That Mary is the first among believers and our Mother, too. Maybe I could tell them that (in 219 words).

Fr Rob Esdaile

Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes,
Thames Ditton.

LES WHITTAKER'S HOMAGE TO MOTHER TERESA INTREPID CYCLIST'S PILGRIMAGE TO HER BIRTHPLACE IN SKOPJE

WE REPORTED ON Les Whittaker's memorable cycle ride to Auschwitz in December 2010. At the end of this article he was asked whether there was another bike ride left in him. 'I do not think so... but, as you know, there might be just one!' Well, here he is - at it again. This time he makes his personal pilgrimage to Mother Teresa's birthplace in homage of this great woman's work with the poorest and most disadvantaged. Mother Teresa left for India in December 1928, just aged 18. *Les talks with A&B News' Special Correspondent, Peter Burholt, to record this amazing journey in his own words.*

Preparation for the Journey

Mother Teresa was born in Skopje in 1910, now the capital of the Republic of Macedonia. I decided it would be good to cycle there - I wanted to get into the heart of Mother Teresa, finding out more about her early life and influences; to pay homage to her for introducing me to a true life in Christ; to fulfil an obligation to raise awareness of the Missionary of Charity (MC) charism (char-ism); to give me a stern physical and mental challenge, building on the experience gained from my earlier rides, a discipline I hoped would help me along the road of discipleship.

I prepared a paper of Mother Teresa sayings, prayer and meditation, which I made available in local parishes and handed out en-route. I gave a laminated copy to the sisters at the MC house in Skopje. I also wore an MC badge - I was not aware that anyone recognised it, but it buoyed me when I saw those distinctive blue and white stripes reflected in the screen of my bike computer.

The chosen route from the MC house in Southwark to Skopje was some 2,000 miles. The route took me to Harwich - Hook of Holland - Arnhem - River Rhine Cycleway to Mainz - Bavaria - Altmühl Valley - Danube Cycleway from Kelheim to Budapest - Belgrade - Nis - Skopje.

All prepared, I set-off on 8 August, the day in 1948 that Mother Teresa learned that she had been given permission to leave the Loreto convent, to serve the 'poorest of the poor'. I arrived in Skopje on 12 September.

Forewell to England and my First Fright

Having successfully navigated to Harwich, I took the overnight ferry to Holland - which gave me the biggest fright of the trip. The alarm that sounded at 5.30am to wake everyone up was absolutely deafening - I had never jumped out of bed with such a start in my life! After that, experiencing the charm of cycling in Holland was all the more special.

Remembering the difficulty I had on my trip to Auschwitz at finding places to stay I took a satnav. It was money well spent, easily finding sites to stay at between Woerden (Netherlands) and Budapest. I did though develop a love-hate relationship with it. The next morning it sent me to a main road I was not allowed to cycle on - a bad start to the day. It also could not take account of elevation - not important in Holland of course, but critical in Bavaria and Serbia. The biggest treat of the day was a shower - a truly wonderful experience after spending up to 12 hours on the road. I also developed a very dry mouth and peeling lips, which was a constant reminder to me of Jesus's thirst for our love - central to the MC charism.

Through Holland to Budapest

I was generally fortunate with the weather - it was not too hot. Quite a few days nudged the 30's but there was often cloud cover, and several genuinely wet days. There were also some cold nights, which took me by surprise. My preparations seemed to have worked well, with an important upgrade - an airbed. It took me longer inflating it than putting the tent up, but the extra comfort made it worthwhile!

I could write much more about how the trip went, but space does not permit. However, here are a few thoughts and images that come to mind on the ride as far as Budapest: beautifully dressed windows and manicured gardens in Holland, the blue pottery of Delft; crossing the Rhine and Danube on sometimes tiny ferries; happy families at campsites; the frustration of getting lost in the Rhine industrial zone and being on the 'wrong' side of the river; the breath-taking scale of Cologne Cathedral; cycling through the beautiful but shadeless 'Rhine Gorge' to Koblenz on a very hot day; the sound of a classical concert on the opposite side of the Rhine at Mainz, ending with a firework display beautifully framed by campsite trees in front of my tent; the 'Romantic Strasse' cycle route in Bavaria - beautiful, even in the rain; the portrait of 'The Smiling Angel' at Regensburg Cathedral, Gabriel's radiant smile showing God's love for you and me; stiff knees and no cod liver oil tablets left (unavailable in Germany); the grand structure of Melk Abbey overlooking the town; an early morning visit to St Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna; the charm of old town Bratislava; seeing the familiar Budapest skyline in the distance; a diet of 'fast food' - muesli, orange juice, snicker bars, coke, bratwurst, ice cream, coffee, and the occasional decent meal.

Journey to Skopje

I was nervous about the prospect of cycling south out of Budapest, given the size of the city and the busy roads. I did not plan to follow the Danube any further, although I would be meeting it again at Belgrade. Would I be able to find the road I had earmarked as the most direct route to my next stop? I enquired at a bike shop - 'don't for goodness sake use the main road south' looking serious the owner said 'cyclists call that death alley'. This did not fill me with confidence and I did not mention this to my wife, Alison! Nevertheless, I set off on the anniversary of Mother Teresa's death, allowing eight days to cover the 600 odd miles, with rooms booked and no days off.

I managed to get hold of a cycle map of Hungary, which greatly helped me find a safe route out of Budapest down to the Serbian border at Subotica. Getting across the border can take some time, but I was lucky enough to find a part time crossing still open with a very friendly guard - who could not believe I had cycled from England and at my age!

The further south I travelled the fewer bikes I saw, and the smarter my bike looked - set against the poverty, particularly in the rural areas. I never felt threatened, but did feel embarrassed with my high tech bike, complete with bright yellow paniers. Whilst the people were friendly, the many dogs weren't - yapping at my feet as I rode past. Serbia is a hilly country, generally lovely countryside with frequent very abrupt, steep hills. I needed all 27 gears on my bike to get up them.

Cycle routes do not exist in Serbia. However, I was fortunate a new

motorway had been constructed and I was able to use the old road going south to Macedonia, which was often virtually empty.

Disappointment Just 24 Hours from Skopje

Then it was nearly disaster. The motorway terminated and all the traffic was diverted to using the old road - when I was just 24 hours away from Skopje. I had been aware of the issue for a couple of days and discussed what I should do with local folk. Some thought I could still use the old road with care, some didn't. Perhaps I could get to Skopje using a different route, via Kosovo? Not possible due to border problems I was told.

I resolved to give the old road a go, hoping there would be adjacent quieter roads I could use. I rode about 40 miles south to where the motorway finished and stood by the road to assess the situation. Narrow two lane carriageway, no accommodation for cyclist on the road and no easy run-off to the sides, full of rocks and scrub. Cars and lorries travelling at speed and no other cyclist in sight. On top of that, the mirror I had fixed to my helmet had sheared off earlier in the day and the spare adhesive pads I carried had perished in the heat.

To give up now would be a complete disaster - and being so close. But I did not want to kill myself trying to get to Skopje. I decided the valley road was too dangerous and, as there was no realistic alternative route, I would abandon the ride and complete the journey by rail. Naturally, I was upset. However, what did console me was - spiritually at least - the failure would do me no harm.

At Last, my Goal is Achieved

I arrived in Skopje the next day and stayed there for 5 days. When Mother Teresa was born it was part of Albania - now it is the capital of the Republic of Macedonia. During my stay I visited the Missionary of Charity house located in the suburbs. I spent time with the sisters, but was disappointed to find the soup kitchen closed for the summer - I had wanted to help out there.

In 1963 an earthquake destroyed much of the city, including Mother Teresa's home, and the cathedral where she worshipped, since relocated. On the site of the original cathedral a museum has been built dedicated to the life and work of Mother Teresa. It displays many interesting photos and artefacts from her early life in Skopje, with a chapel above which had the most beautiful image of her.

In recent years the Macedonian government has, in a neoclassical building spree, installed very grand buildings, statues and a Napoleon style triumphal arch, all to foster national pride. I found Mother Teresa's message of love and service the perfect antidote to this rather aggressive nationalistic posturing. There are plaques throughout the centre of Skopje on which quotations from Mother Teresa are written - a shining light.

For me, I experienced a deep sense of joy in my heart throughout the journey to Skopje, and my time there, particularly when things did not go according to plan. I quickly came to regard the disappointments as jewels, to be gazed at, and meditated upon. Being in the city where Mother Teresa was born, and still saving souls, was an absolute privilege.

If I have sparked an interest in anyone to learn more about Mother Teresa, I will be pleased to email copies of my hand out - please contact me on: whittakerleslie@sky.com

So, once again Les' story comes to an end. Is he mad or has he the true spirit of Christ in him - which you and I might envy? Is there another ride left in him? This time he stays coy and just smiles!

Pictures: Les Whittaker



Pupils from Our Lady's School in Langley Green visit Number 10

EIGHTEEN PUPILS from Our Lady's Catholic Primary School in Langley Green took up the invitation of Crawley MP, Henry Smith, to visit Number 10 Downing Street and the House of Commons on Monday 30 June. They are all pictured outside Number 10 Downing Street.

This was a return visit for the pupils, who had welcomed Mr Smith into school last November, during National Parliament Week. The trip was a brilliant learning opportunity, with the children getting the opportunity to quiz Mr Smith both on the history of Parliament, and also on the work of MPs.

The culmination of the visit was a short stop at Westminster Cathedral, where the children were given the opportunity to go to the top of the famous tower, and gaze over the cityscape of our capital. As Sam Wills, one of the Year 6 children commented 'this is the best day ever!'

Story and picture: Tobias Melia - Headteacher



Adur Valley's Secret Revealed

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE in Shoreham-by-sea and St Peter's in Steyning revealed their not so well kept secret with a Musical Evening hosted by the Secret Singing Club.

The choir of 23, led by Antonia Hyatt, meet every Monday morning - a great way to start the week - to rehearse a diverse selection of songs from *Daisy, Daisy* to *La Vie en Rose* by way of many songs from the musicals.

A Musical evening took place on 11 July involving some audience participation and was a great social occasion attended by around 40 people (pictured). Money was raised towards the new flooring in the church. As well as the performance by the choir accompanied by pianist Anne May we were treated to some duets with Paul Turner and David Simmons and a performance by

the guest singers *Quintessential* comprising Antonia, Paul and David with Anne May and Kimberley Pulling. A video of the evening is available on request.

The Secret Singers are always looking for more people who just enjoy singing to join them. Just go along to the St Peter's hall on a Monday morning at 10.30 and you will be made most welcome.

Story and picture: Penny Richardson



Forum on Death, Dying and Assisted Dying

arranged for and on behalf of people who work in the Health and Care Sphere by SUCADO

THIS ISSUE has been so much in the news recently, with many conflicting views being expressed, and we felt that as a diocese which does all it can to support those who work with the sick and the dying, that a Forum for nurses, doctors, hospital workers and administrators and those who work in hospices and care homes would be timely.

SUCADO (the network for Catholic and Christian Doctors of other traditions) has arranged a morning of discussion and sharing for those who work in healthcare, with a panel made up of people who have particular experience in this field.

At the time of writing I can confirm that Dr Joe O'Dwyer of the Lourdes Medical Association and the founder of SUCADO will be leading the discussions and we are delighted to welcome back to our diocese Dr Victor Pace of St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham. Some of you may remember that Dr Pace was our Speaker on the Day on Dementia a couple of years ago - the humanity and compassion he showed on that day was much remarked on by those who attended. We will have other people who are yet to be confirmed at the time of going to press.

If you work in healthcare can I take this opportunity to remind you that there is the Healthcare Workers' Mass at 12.15pm on Saturday 8 November at The Friary Church in Crawley, and the Doctors' network meets every couple of months for discussion, networking and sharing. We are also going to arrange further events for healthcare workers and nurses in 2015 - if you would like to know more, or take part or lead a group please do contact me on susan.obrien@dabnet.org or telephone me at DABCEC on 01293 651162.



Barrow Hills School replace Pencils with Digital pens

THE SCHOOL IN GODALMING and Samsung Electronics have partnered to form a revolution in teaching at the traditional prep school. Pupils and teachers have been equipped with the latest Samsung Galaxy Note devices and digital pens, which connect to Samsung Wi-Fi connected classrooms and work is shared on large 60-inch interactive touch-screen displays that have been installed at the front of each classroom.

Barrow Hills School selected this range of Samsung devices to create a brand new interactive and engaging learning environment, helping their pupils develop a more self-guided learning style.

From the pupils' perspective, the Samsung Galaxy Notes are the focal point of the connected school: they provide an all-in-one journal, exercise book, text book, creative pad for design and art, a calculator, a research tool and more.

A Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), accessible via the cloud, provides access to a range of documents. This technology makes lesson preparation and marking much quicker, meaning less time on administration and more time in the class room. Homework can be set and marked digitally using the tablets and a complete record of each child's progress is automatically stored on the VLE.

Matthew Unsworth, Headmaster at Barrow Hills School commented: 'Barrow Hills is the first prep school in the country to move towards a digital school bag. We are delighted to be driving forward the future of education by focusing on the development of transferrable skills and guided, independent learning rather than the acquisition of facts, empowering our children to become 21st century explorers. We will be preparing our children for the future whilst at the same time maintaining the traditions of prep school education. Our ethos is to educate the whole child, find out what they do best and celebrate their successes in our school community. Investing in Samsung's innovative technology enhances our teaching and learning enabling us to be better still in preparing our children for greater things.'



Andy Griffiths, President, Samsung UK & Ireland said: 'We are delighted to support Barrow Hills School's journey to help provide new teaching methods powered by technology. The staff and pupils are using Samsung Galaxy Notes in new, creative ways every day and children are already developing self-sufficient and inquisitive learning styles.'

Teachers have embraced the technology and meet once a week to discuss innovative ways of working using the Note - whether they've been found by teachers or their pupils.

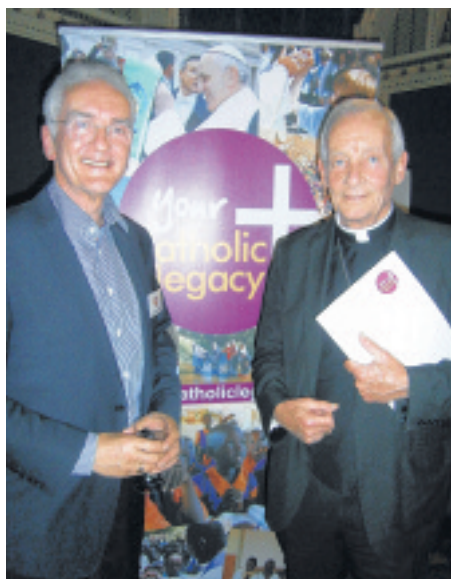
Launch of Your Catholic Legacy

ST JOAN OF ARC FARNHAM PARISHIONER Alastair Emblem recently helped launch a new initiative *Your Catholic Legacy* to encourage Catholics throughout the UK to leave legacy gifts to Catholic charities - and the Catholic church in general.

Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark (pictured with Alastair), who lent his support to the launch of *Your Catholic Legacy*, said: 'Legacies play a crucial role in funding the work of Catholic charities. No matter how big or small, a charitable gift in your will brings hope to poor communities across the globe, enables the sharing of God's love and provides those in greatest need with a vital lifeline.'

The initiative is endorsed by the Catholic leadership in England and Wales and is being promoted by thirteen Catholic charities, including CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need, Missio, and Apostleship of the Sea, for which Alastair works as Legacy Officer. 'I am delighted to be helping to raise funds for Catholic causes,' said Alastair. 'It runs in the family, as my grandfather Bernard Emblem was the founder of the Deed of Covenant scheme - a forerunner of Gift Aid - which enabled the Catholic Church to reclaim millions of pounds of tax rebates.'

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Speaker - Fr Rob Esdaile
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Session 4 - Sat 7 March 2015; 9.30am to 1pm
Speaker - Fr Jonathan How
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Session 5 - Sat 18 April 2015; 9.30am to 1pm
Speaker - Sr Anne Dunne
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Session 6 - Sat 6 June 2015; 9.30am to 1pm
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The Royal party toured the school taking in dancing displays, sports events and watched learners in the swimming pool, and later the annual fashion show. During her visit The Countess chatted with learners and staff; one of the learners invited The Countess to take part in the egg and spoon race with them, a challenge to which HRH happily agreed (*pictured*).

As the patron of the Royal College of Speech and Language The Countess was particularly keen to see the different varieties of therapies accessed by our learners. Some of their favourites are the equine therapy horses, Rubin the PAT dog and the school radio station.

During her visit Her Royal Highness unveiled a plaque and signed our visitor's books (*pictured*). Before she left, three of our learners presented her with a bird box and preserves made during their enterprise lessons and a posy of flowers.

School Principal, Mary Fawcett, told staff and learners 'I felt so proud to be a part of St Joseph's Specialist School and College, the day was amazing and you are all stars!' To commemorate such a successful day learners will be creating a memory book during literacy lessons to record the events of the Royal Visit.

Story and picture: Hilary Clark



Crowning of Our Lady

OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN school in Crawley celebrated its most special event in the school calendar, the Crowning of Our Lady, Patron of the school, on Friday 6 June. The school was lucky enough to have Bishop Kieran join them to celebrate. Over 400 children, parents, parishioners and staff were in attendance to celebrate on such a beautiful sunny day (*pictured*).

The Liturgy, which was held on the field, began with a hymn and a welcome from Bishop Kieran before representatives from each class processed to the statue of Our Lady and the infant Jesus with flowers and a banner made by the children to represent the many names given to Mary, including Our Lady of Light, Mary Star of the Sea, Queen of Angels, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and, of course Patron of the school, Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Between the procession of flowers and banners the Holy Communion children lead the service by reading the Joyful Mysteries with Bishop Kieran praying for the school and community. The afternoon concluded with ice creams and a magic show for the children and tea and cake for the guests.



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Story and picture: Irene Archer

The Towers – A Giving Community

THE SECOND WEEK IN JUNE saw two important calendar dates for the community at The Towers Convent School. On Tuesday, the local Self Help Group of elderly people was treated to a magnificent Afternoon Tea by the sisters. Whilst tucking into a delicious selection of sandwiches, cakes and scones, the visitors were entertained by pupils who sang and performed Irish dancing. Towards the end of the tea party Sr Mary Andrew led us all very ably in singing nostalgic war songs. All in all a great afternoon!



Then on Thursday senior pupils turned out in fluffy slippers to raise money for a young boy, Wilson, who has cerebral palsy. Wilson is a tough but charming little boy with a delightful smile whose charisma won the pupils over in no time. The intention is to raise extra funds to help Wilson's family buy some of the specialist equipment he needs in his everyday life. Smart uniforms and fluffy slippers – a very incongruous sight to behold (*pictured*)! Just a normal week at The Towers.

Story and picture: Louise Crick



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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Sun 28	10am	Youthgather, St Andrew's School, Leatherhead
Mon 29 - Fri 3		A&B Diocesan Clergy Retreat, Merville, France
Sat 4	2pm	A&B Acta Meeting, Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne
Tue 7	10.30am	Council of Priests' Meeting, DABCEC
Wed 8	10am	Reflection Day, St Cuthman's, Coolham
Thu 9	11am	Meeting, London
Fri 10	10.30am	Trustees' Meeting, Egham Parish
Sat 11	11.30am	Marriage Anniversary Mass, Farnham
	3.30pm	Holy Family, Reigate
Sun 12	9.30am	Mass at St Edward's, Sutton Park
Mon 13	2pm	Service of Dedication at More House School, Frensham
Tue 14 - Thu 16		Conference for Vicars of Religious, Hinsley Hall, Leeds
Fri 17	10am	Dean's Meeting, DABCEC
Sat 18	10am	HMP Coldingley
	2pm	A&B Acta Meeting, Christ Prince of Peace, Weybridge
Sat 25	10am	Adult Faith Formation Conference,
Sun 26	9.45am	Mass at Corpus Christi Parish, Henfield
Wed 29	3pm	Royal Holloway University

Horsham - Meet the 'parish meeting'!

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING attendance has in recent years been low so it was decided to replace it this year by a 'Meet the Parish' event. Written reports from parish organisations were replaced by allocating each ministry a table in the parish hall to display and explain their ministry, to attract more support, and hand out relevant items. The annual finance report and details of the progress on the church refurbishment were also available. It was all organised by a subcommittee of the Parish Council plus Peter Murphy and proved an excellent success. After each of the two Sunday morning Masses parishioners entered the hall through a one way system that required passing each table in order to obtain the usual coffee, and in addition to renew their annual car parking permits. Pictured is a partial view of the hall with the Chairman of the Parish Council, Maurice O'Shea, in the turquoise shirt in the foreground. *Story: David White. Picture: Michael Evans*



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Third Season groups - Communion

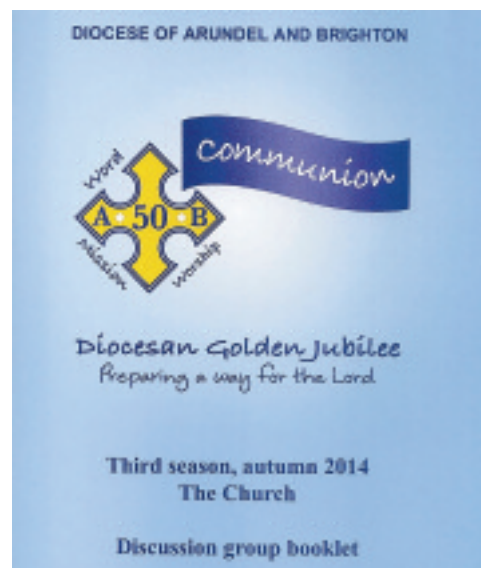
OCTOBER 5 SEES THE LAUNCH of the third season of Jubilee preparations. The focus for this season is the Church itself and the document upon which the materials are based is the Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*. As with previous seasons parishes may choose to use the material at any time in the autumn or spring.

The course is supported by DVD presentations and this season we hear not only from Bishop Kieran but also from Nick King SJ a theologian from Oxford, Fr Rob Esdaile, a diocesan priest known to many of you, and from Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the Papal household since 1980.

The first thing we discover is that the document on the Church begins with a reference to Jesus Christ who is the Light of the Nations. Indeed it is this phrase which gives the document its title *Lumen Gentium* – Light of the Nations. Our presenters then lead us through the key parts of the document unfolding important concepts such as the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Universal Call to Holiness and Mary's place in the Church.

This document is about our identity as Christians, it is about who we are as Catholic Christians, the dignity, privilege and responsibility which is received in baptism. It is hoped that many people across the diocese will again take the opportunity to explore together what these rich teaching documents of the Second Vatican Council have to say to the Church of today. Do not worry if you have not used the previous material, the document on the Church is a good place to start and it may inspire you to return to the earlier seasons, the materials for which are still available.

Copies of the DVD and the participants' booklets are now available from the DABCEC bookshop. Telephone: 01293 651165
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It will be led by Dr Bridie Stringer who lectures on the diaconate for St Mary's University College, Twickenham. The day will be held on Thursday 30 October at the Diocesan Retreat Centre, St Cuthman's in Coolham, nr Horsham in its beautiful Library from 10am-4pm including a two course lunch. Open to all interested in the diaconate.

To book please contact: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org and phone 01293 651164

Impressions of the CCRS Course

I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO EXPECT from the CCRS course, which was held in the book-lined meeting room of the university chaplaincy, and whose teaching staff included a university lecturer and a nun - just a little intimidating! Certainly the course was academically rigorous but, equally importantly, it was delivered in a warm, friendly supportive manner where questions - even big and doubting ones - were welcomed, debated and resolved.

The participants were a cross section, from teachers and catechists who needed to earn a qualification, to housewives and retirees with time on their hands and a desire to know more about their faith. Some chose to hand in written assignments, others participated in the class discussions - and the debates over the coffee break were almost as much fun as those in class. Thursday evenings became the highlight of our week; we studied together and prayed together and grew in faith together. And the course came to an end all too quickly...but it lit a flame that still burns brightly.

Harry Robertson

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is run at Universities Catholic Chaplaincy in Falmer. Contact Dr K Williamson; k.williamson@brighton.ac.uk 01273 776491

Mass for deceased wives of Catenian Association Province

THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING of the Priory Church of Our Lady of England was the recent backdrop for a Mass in memory of all deceased wives of Province 18 of the Catenian Association. Led by Provincial President Des Bokšan-Cullen, more than 140 members and wives remembered the many ladies of the Province who have gone to their rest in the peace of Christ in the 55 years since the formation of the Province.

The Celebrant and Storrington's parish priest, Fr Charles Howell, delivered an uplifting homily relating to the readings of the day (Corpus Christi). In death, we are united to His body in a very special way, the way pre-ordained by God for us all, he said.

Then followed the reading of the names of every deceased lady from the 11 circles in the Province, with a moving appeal to bring their souls before the Lord.

This is an annual event by a very active Province in the Association and is the highest turnout in a number of years. After Mass, blest by delightful sunshine on this occasion, it is the practice to process from the church to the nearby shrine of Our Lady, and there recite the Angelus and sing the hymn Immaculate Mary

Afterwards, reminiscent of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, the 100 plus people were provided with some sustenance, despite organisers being able only to locate 45 cups and suffering from a power supply failure! This rather challenging tea and coffee session was held in the nearby cloisters of the former Norbertine priory, now occupied by the Ecumenical foundation Chemin Neuf, and rounded off a memorable occasion for everyone.

Pictured are the Provincial President Des Bokšan Cullen (front row) leading the Mass delegation.



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FROM THE PARISHES

FARNHAM



ON 6 AUGUST, Ania Botwin, a parishioner of St Joan of Arc in Farnham, celebrated her 102nd birthday. Mass on the following Sunday was celebrated for her intentions and Fr Niven Richardson gave her a blessing and a special candle.

After Mass, many of the congregation joined her and family members for a drink and cake in St Joan's parish centre. A lovely feature of this celebration was a Bach Gavotte for violin played by Gosia, Ania's 16 year old great-niece. Gosia is studying violin in Warsaw and is spending two weeks holidaying with Ania and family in Farnham.

Story: Mariola Boyd. Picture: Tony Tunstall

ADUR VALLEY

OUR PARISH BARN DANCE was a great success and raised £245 towards parish funds. The new floor we need in the church gets ever nearer!

I had not expected there to be much to report in August but in fact many things continue despite the holidays. Christ the King at Steyning ran a produce stall which was well supported and enhanced by the generous donation of a local garden centre. The Traidcraft and book stalls continued as usual as did the fish and chip lunch for the SPOGS (St Peters older generation) whilst the little ones enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic.

Reuben Selby, one of the long term servers at CTK undertook a cycling trip from Prague back to the UK with the Henry Von Straubensee Memorial Fund to raise money for education in memory of their friends (watch for a later report on this after his return). It has been interesting to meet many new people this month as visitors on holiday here who have visited one or other of our churches.

Penny Richardson

CRAWLEY

Christ the Lord (LEP)
Broadfield and Bewbush

DURING THE WEEKEND of 8-10 August we held a series of events to raise much-needed funds for our roof repairs appeal.

On the Friday we had our 'Broadfield Fun Day' when a variety of activities were on offer to appeal to all ages, such as a bouncy

castle, games, face-painting, music, refreshments and stalls, when a fantastic sum of £250 was raised.

On the Saturday we had a morning of prayer when our wonderful Blue Sash and Mauritian Choirs led our worship. We also spent some time in reflection as Taize music played quietly; Rev Howard Schnaar spoke about the Scripture reading. Our morning concluded with a brief service of midday prayer led by Fr Christopher Dobson, followed by a final blessing. Thank you too to those who provided the coffee and doughnuts. We also had a special appeal for the roof repairs for the second collection on the Sunday.

Barbara Winstanley

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

MEMBERS OF THE parish from the Philippines are active in the work of Filipino British Nurses Extra Care, East Grinstead. This organization held a disco and entertainment on 9 August to raise funds for repairs to the roof of Our Lady and St Peter and for the Street Children in the Philippines fund. As a result, a sum of £1,500 was given towards repair of the roof. In the meantime, there was scaffolding over a different part of the church roof in August while further repairs were made.

Parishioners continue to support both the East Grinstead food bank and Crawley Open House for the homeless. Parish members are also involved in the street pastors movement, providing care and a listening ear to young people at night in the town.

In August, we welcomed in Baptism Charlie John Bryant.

Clive Carpenter

WOKING

IN ANSWER TO Pope Francis's call for prayer, St Dunstan's held a Day of Prayer for Peace on Tuesday 19 August, led by Fr Peter Andrews. Exposition continued from 8 am to 8 pm, interrupted only by the usual Morning Prayers and Mass. The 20 decades of the Rosary were recited at various times throughout the day and the day concluded with Benediction. A large number of parishioners and visitors attended in silent prayer for peace in the Middle East and other areas of conflict.

The retiring collection on the previous weekend raised £2,652 for CAFOD's Gaza appeal.

Anne Riddoch

WORTHING ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

ON SUNDAY 24 AUGUST Bishop Peter Abir, the first Bishop of Sultanpet in the region of Kerala in south western India, celebrated all the Masses. He was on his way to see Pope Francis and stopped off in Worthing to see his niece, who is one of our parishioners. We celebrated our patronal feast of St Mary of the Angels on that day. Sultanpet is in a very poor part of India with a high rate of illiteracy and unemployment. There are 21 Parishes and 56 Mission Centres with 23 Diocesan priests, 12 Religious priests and 125 Religious nuns working there. There are many projects planned to build new churches and schools as well as centres for training men and women for the religious life and centres to help young men and women in finding jobs and careers. A collection was held after all the Masses to help Bishop Peter in his work.

Astrid Gibson

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Thank you

MERSTHAM, REDHILL
and REIGATE

HALEY BRAINES from Merstham paid tribute to her late grandmother by organising a car washing session at St Joseph's Redhill during the 5.30 pm Mass, followed by a cake sale, in aid of The Byre in Bletchingley. Margaret Sneade suffered from Alzheimer's and attended The Byre Day Centre twice a week before going in to a care home. Haley, and her friends from her confirmation group, raised £150 thanks to the generous support they received. The staff at The Byre gratefully received the money the following day. It will be spent on a day trip for the attendees to the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill. They went recently to a Forces Sweetheart concert, just the sort of thing Margaret enjoyed.

When Sr Simone Petra Hanel came to make the annual mission appeal she began with an elegant and impressive bow to the altar and the congregation. We soon learned that although born in Germany near Frankfurt, and now living in Farnham in Surrey, she had spent 12 years as a missionary in Japan. She greeted us in Japanese and told us about a centenary project undertaken by three of the sisters, who have gone to live amongst the people affected by the Tsunami in Fukushima, helping wherever they can. At St Teresa's, Merstham, she received the unique appreciation of a round of applause. Fr Aaron Spinelli remarked that it was most appropriate that Sr Simone Petra was speaking on the Sunday when the gospel had been about the leadership of Simon Peter! A member of the Missionary Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit, she is presently warehouse manager of the food bank in Farnham. The response to her appeal by the parish of the Nativity of the Lord was a donation of £999.81.

Story and picture: Ann Lardeur



WADHURST



Story and pictures
Peggy Parsloe

AUGUST HAS BEEN a very quiet month in Wadhurst, no children's liturgy, no music at 10.30 am Mass and a thin congregation without the young families who are all on holiday. Even Fr Martin O'Connor has gone away for a well-deserved break, but not without arranging for us a lovely locum, Fr Martin O'Connell, also a Kiltegan Father on leave from South Africa.

However, in August the community of Wadhurst came together to remember the fallen of the First World War with a service conducted at the War Memorial, by the Anglican vicar Jeremy James and attended by members of all our Churches. 149 Wadhurst men were killed from a village comprising 800, so nearly every family will have been touched by loss.

A service was also held in Ticehurst, part of our parish, to remember the children killed in the Second World War, when a bomb fell on the Primary School. It was attended by 15 survivors of that attack.

We had two First Communion ceremonies this year. Two families, whose fathers were abroad, were unable to make the first date, so our flexible Fr Martin arranged a separate ceremony. Both occasions were very special to us all.



TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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Cycling for NSPCC and Mary's Meals

Charlie Doherty, his cousin Max and mum Julie survived a 100 mile (160km) 4 day cycle/camp across the Coast of Sussex for the NSPCC and MARY'S MEALS through the thunderstorms and lightning and even managed to get a little sun tanned. Julie writes It was not without it's challenges - we missed getting to our campsite in time on the first day to check in at Eastbourne, but with help from a friend who took us in at 10pm and Ken from Halfords in Eastbourne we were back on track the next day cycling to Brighton in the rain on Sunday afternoon.

Monday brought another puncture, and lots of mud and rain!!!! On Tuesday Charlotte and Isabella (aged 5 and 7) joined us for a mile and we then decided to have a rest day in the park and on the beach in Shoreham which was was fun!!!!

We gave out loads of booklets and info on the charities, and then 112 miles later finished at St Richard's Church in Chichester, where we were met by Fr Paul Turner with refreshments and a meal.

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Garden party for Breakthrough Breast Cancer

Michael and Pippa Logan would like to thank all the people who came to our garden party on 29 June in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Mary's Meals and Homelink, and for their generous donations.

Supported by the community of Seaford and parishioners of St Thomas More, Seaford, we achieved our best ever result of raising a total of £3,750 for these charities. This amazing sum would not have been possible without the generosity, help and support of so many people. So thank you very much. It was a wonderful occasion, with lovely weather, the picture shows guests enjoying their cream tea in the garden, accompanied by the Seaford Silver Band.

Pippa and Michael Logan



Society of St Gregory Summer School 2014

THE SOCIETY'S SUMMER SCHOOL took place at The Hayes Swanwick, and was attended by approximately 80 members of the Society. This included six from A&B. It was good to note the increasing number of young people attending. It was our first visit to Swanwick, which is one of three Christian conference centres run by Christian Conference Trust. It has recently been updated and all rooms are now en-suite and can be let as singles or doubles to suit the needs of individual groups. Each group has its own dining room and conference rooms. Whilst we were there were two family groups and one bible study group in residence. There only time we saw any of them were at coffee and tea breaks when we were all served from the bar area and as the weather was beautiful we all spilled out into the garden.

Our theme this year 'A sure compass by which we take our bearings. Our keynote speaker was Fr Kevin McGinnell. He based all three Keynote Speeches on the documents of Vatican 2. It was not a question of sitting and listening (or dozing!) but each time we had a period of interaction and discussion. This certainly kept us on our toes.

We were very fortunate (as usual!) to have an excellent group of workshop leaders, and a wide variety of subjects to choose from. For example I chose: 'Building up confidence as a singer - learning by eye and ear, led by Darquise Biladeau', 'The what and how of the ministry of the Word, led by Kit and Caroline Dollard', and 'Called to be One Together?' Led by Phil Jakob During this session we went and looked at the memorial stone from the Swanwick declaration. In this way I had one session purely for me, one I can share with the parish and one to share with my friends in Churches Together!

Of course the week wasn't all work! In the evenings we had two 'Big

Sings', where we sang everything from the Halleluiah Chorus to folk songs, depending who was leading us. We had the annual concert when the participants displayed the usual breadth of talents, and of course the banquet.

I have failed to mention, so far, our services. Each day started with Mass for those who could make 7am! Morning Prayer after breakfast and Evening Prayer which followed a slightly different format each day. All our services took part in the Ecumenical Chapel. This Chapel has a magnificent tapestry of Christ in Glory, and someone remarked that the Evangelical donor could never have imagined how it could have been such a powerful part of Catholic worship!

Gill Ness-Collins

Confirmations at St Joan's Farnham

ON FRIDAY 20 JUNE 30 young people were confirmed by Bishop Kieran at St Joan of Arc parish, Farnham. On the Sunday certificates were handed out and a Confirmation celebration held which included a barbecue.

Tony Tunstall



Pictured above: Newly Confirmed young people with Bishop Kieran



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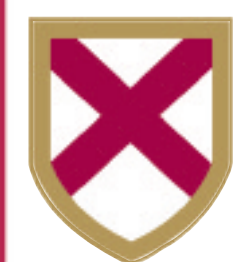

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