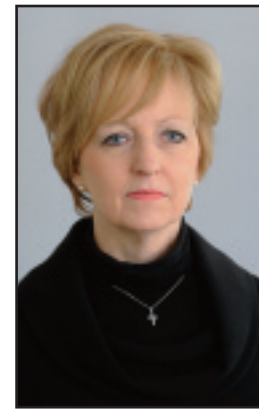


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A happy and Holy Christmas to all our readers

Deacon Robin ordained at Hove

A PLEASANT AUTUMN DAY in November saw an unusual event at the Sacred Heart church Hove. Normally transitory diaconate ordinations (on the way to the priesthood) take place at the seminary with just immediate family but this was held at the church where the ordinand and his family had lived for the last two years. Robin Farrow is a former Anglican priest who is married with four daughters (*see our picture*).

Bishop John Hine, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark acknowledged in his opening welcome the part that Robin's previous ministry had played in bringing him to his present vocation, which Robin had also acknowledged when he gave a speech at St Theresa's church, Southwick at the time when he went to study at Womersley for the Catholic priesthood.

The Mass began with the hymn Praise to the Holiest by John Henry Newman himself a convert from Anglicanism and eventually a Catholic priest and later a Cardinal. The Ordinary of the Mass was sung in Latin and the readings were Jeremiah 1: 4-9, 1 Timothy 3: 8-10, 12-13, especially appropriate for Robin, and John 12: 24-26.

Following the homily Robin made his commitment to his Ordinary and his promise of obedience. He was then ordained by the laying on of hands, invested with his stole and dalmatic and presented with the Book of the Gospels 'Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you preach'.

Customers at the DABCEC Bookshop over the last few months will have met Robin, working there until permission was received from Rome for his ordination. He left his living as Rector of St Peter's church, West Blatchington in 2010, taking employment with a funeral director until he undertook studies at Womersley Seminary. He acknowledges that his employment gave him time to discern whether he was called to priesthood in the Catholic Church. With his growing family he acknowledges the generosity of the St Barnabas Society in supporting him at this time. A reading on his last Sunday as an Anglican priest contained the sentence 'If anyone would be my disciple he must leave all that he has and follow me.'

The next part in Deacon Robin's journey will be his priestly ordination which it is hoped will take place during Eastertide next year. Our prayers will be with him on the journey.

Story: Pauline Groves, picture: Harry Robertson



Pictured with the Bishop are (left) Deacon Stephen Sharpe and Deacon Robin, Fr Kevin Dring, parish priest of Hove. Front Isabella holds Imogen, to her right Felicity and Theodora in mother Caroline's arms.

A very special Nativity play



WORTHING DEANERY Sense of Prayer Group for Adults with Learning Difficulties put on a Nativity play on Wednesday 26 November. The evening included activities such as colouring Christmas cards, wrapping presents for each member of the group followed by a time of prayer and ended with a Festive feast. Photo shows adults with and without learning difficulties in their costumes.

Story: Mark Woods Photo: Len Argent



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New Chapel at More House

THE NEW BUILT CHAPEL of Christ the King at More House School, Frensham, was blessed by Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB, on 12 November. The chapel replaces one in the main building of the school and is now in the centre of the school, on the cross roads. Anyone moving from one part of the school to another will always go past the chapel.

Fr Stephen preached about the importance of sacred space. When we get off the cat walk of our lives and encounter the real us, and have a chance to encounter God. During the service attended by boys, staff, governors, parents and friends, we blessed the builders who built the chapel, and many other buildings in the school over the last ten years. We also prayed for Ralph Ball, the architect of the chapel and Malcolm Boyd, a school governor who both died as the chapel was completed.

A chapel in the grounds of the school has always been the dream of Barry Huggett, the headmaster. His first ideas were sketched on the back of an envelope, and have many of the features that he has appreciated in churches and chapels in different places. This has been the realisation of that dream, a building set apart for the community to have the chance to stop and seek God. We gave thanks to God during the service for this vision.

Fr Stephen spoke of the beginning of a new period for the school with the new chapel, and he spoke of the end of an era as Jo Jacques, the chaplain retires in December, and Barry Huggett, the headmaster retires in the summer.



Story and picture: Jo Jacques

St Philip Howard, Top Debaters

THE DEATH PENALTY? Vigilante mob justice? Non-custodial sentences? The senior public speaking team of St Philip Howard Catholic High School won the local heat of Chichester Rotary Club's Youth Speaks public speaking competition this week with a presentation on the topic of 'Crime and Punishment'. Speaker Charlie Finniear argued that, instead of seeking revenge and retribution, we should aim to treat those who break the law with compassion and consider solutions



which lead to rehabilitation. The other members of the team were Ellen Spurr, chairperson, and Mark Brookes, proposer of the vote of thanks. The team now move on to represent the area in the next round of the competition in the new year.

The intermediate team of Mollie Finniear, Murren Peskett and Georgia Dearnley were runners up in their age group, speaking on the topic of the environment with a speech entitled 'There is no Planet B'.

Story and picture: Alison Baker

Christmas Gifts from St George's Generous Juniors

EVERY YEAR, pupils at St George's Junior School take part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. The idea behind the Shoebox Appeal is simple. Children and adults wrap and pack shoeboxes with a range of gifts and take them to a convenient 'drop-off point' to be later taken overseas to reach underprivileged children. Each shoebox is an unconditional gift, given to a child with nothing asked for, or expected in return.

During the last couple of weeks, children at the Junior School have been bringing these boxes into school. A total of 307 boxes have been dispatched and it is hoped that these will bring lots of happiness to the children that are going to receive them.

Operation Christmas Child is a campaign that thousands of schools, churches and other organisations from across the UK get involved with during September, October, and November. In fact, it is now the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal.

Marta Rolon, School Chaplain, said of the collection:

'Hospitality was one of Constant van Crombrughe's values (he was the founder of St George's, Weybridge in the 1800s) and through this act of sharing, each child will be 'like the sun that fills the sky with light each morning'.



Story and picture: Richard Morris

More Poppies at Haywards Heath



AT ST JOSEPH'S RC Primary School, Haywards Heath we have been marking the 100th Anniversary of WW1. Each family has made their own commemorative poppy in order that we could recreate the poppy display that is outside the Tower of London in our grounds. These poppies were planted on 11 November to commemorate all those who lost their lives and to ensure pupils are fully aware of the history surrounding this day.

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HCPT Group 2 of Guildford Quiz Night

OVER £900 WAS RAISED by the Group for their 2015 pilgrimage to Lourdes. Over 80 people joined in the 'Quiz and Chips' night and a number of local businesses supported the event by providing prizes for a raffle.

The cost to send a child to Lourdes each year is £750. All the money raised from the night will go towards the cost of funding children next year. If anyone would be interested in joining HCPT Group 2 (medical or non-medical background welcome), supporting the group financially or wishes to nominate a child to travel to Lourdes, please contact John-Paul Indoe at hcptquiz@outlook.com. Pictured are some year 2014 Guildford HCPT Group 2 in Lourdes.

Story and picture: Geoff Balls



Students encouraged to think about Theology as a university subject

WORTH SCHOOL played host to 120 Sixth Formers from across the South East on 7 November. The occasion was the school's first 'Theology Plus' conference which gathered together a wide range of people all reading theology – sixth formers, university professors, monks and teachers – to discuss the place of theology in the world and what its future might be. It was also hoped that the event would inspire students to read theology at university.

At the conference were students from St Wilfrid's Catholic School in Crawley, St Leonard's in Mayfield, St Mary's in Ascot, Bedales near Petersfield and Worth. The students made their own lively discussion in the breaks and over lunch, while there were more formal sessions with leading speakers on the relevance of theology to art, creation and social justice.

Oliver, a Sixth Former at Worth, was surprised by the day: 'As someone who is planning on reading theology at university, I thought the day was a great success'. When asked about how the day has influenced him, he said, 'The conference was both informative and thought provoking. I was inspired by the idea of using theology from the past in order to help us find meaning in the way we are living our lives today'.

The event was organised by Eamon Manning of the Christian Theology department at Worth School who said: 'The place of theological discussion in society has never been more relevant than now. We need a wise and informed reading of theology of the past and a creative look at what this tells us about life today. Theology gives us a unique perspective on how we live our lives but also our ultimate destiny and can enrich the lives we lead because of this'.

Pictured are Professor John Loughlin and Professor Janet Soskice, both from the University of Cambridge with Worth School students. The third speaker (not pictured) was Professor Ben Quash from King's College London.

Story and picture: Catherine Forrester



Barnardo's Supported Lodgings

SUPPORTED LODGINGS is a new project run by Barnardo's with the council in Brighton & Hove and the surrounding areas. The project supports up to twenty young people aged 16-21 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Many of those who are supported by the project may be in or leaving the care system. Each young person is paired with a suitable host who provides lodgings and support in their own home. In addition, they have the support of a key worker to assist them to achieve their full potential and move forward.

Barnardo's are currently looking for individuals or families to host a young person in every corner of the community including Worthing, Seaford and Haywards Heath. Contact Barnardo's, Old Shoreham Road, Hove, BN3 7GS 0800 043 2120

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Special Needs Award for St Joseph's

ST JOSEPH'S Specialist School and College won the Special Needs Initiative of the Year award at The Independent School Awards.

After a survey revealed that, for some, being at St Joseph's was the peak of both their skills and independence, it wanted to ensure that pupils not only had an outstanding education and care at school, but also after they left. It converted its existing house in the community into a supported living house offering care, support and work opportunities. It has five tenants, three of whom are in work, and has approved a plan for two more houses.



St Joseph's Specialist School and College were shortlisted for work with tenants in one of its Supported Living houses. The Independent Schools Awards celebrate excellence in the strategic and financial management of independent schools in the UK. St Joseph's was shortlisted for the Special Needs Initiative of the Year category for its work in finding and maintaining work opportunities for young adults with learning disabilities. Alan Day, Head of Residential Learning said 'Our aim is for young people to live in and build a life in the community. We have worked closely with local organisations and the local parish council to secure work placements within the local community including gardening, leaflet dropping and weeding the cemetery.'

St Joseph's School is a non-maintained school for children aged 5-19. It also has 2 supported Living houses for adults aged 18 and over. Alan Day said 'We recognised that all the progress young people make at St Joseph's can quickly become undone when they leave. We wanted to ensure we continue to provide the Care and Support and enable people to live their life, their way in the community. Our supported Living houses do just that, all the tenants are supported to achieve and maximise their potential to ensure they lead as fulfilling a life in the community as you or I'

The Judges' comment: 'Very impressive to see the school thinking beyond its own direct responsibilities.'

Their victory was witnessed by over 300 people gathered to celebrate the sector's achievements at the awards ceremony held at the Nottingham Belfry, on Thursday 13 November 2014.

Other awards at the prestigious event, hosted by Romesh Ranganathan, included prizes for the Independent School of the Year, Outstanding Governing Body of the Year and British International School of the Year.

The Independent School Awards aim to recognise excellence in the strategic and financial management of independent schools

(Pictured l to r above) Mr Romesh Ranganathan, event host. Mrs Mary Fawcett, School Principal and Mr Jeremy Herrtage, from event team of judges.

For more coverage of the awards, full lists of winners, and photos from the event, please visit www.fisawards.co.uk.

For further information on St Joseph's please visit the website www.st-josephscranleigh.surrey.sch.uk or email office@st-josephscranleigh.surrey.sch.uk

Story and picture: Hilary Clark

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I give him my heart

DURING ADVENT we have heard of 'Black Friday' - not a Church feast - but an act of worship of consumerism. This is the day when the books of retail trade go into the black, by crazy buying, as we saw on our television screens.

It was followed by 'Cyber Monday' when the heaviest on-line ordering of the year takes place. Many of the gifts will be unwanted and will find themselves on e-bay very soon.

And in a few more days so much food will be bought and then thrown away in the New Year. This in a world where one in eight people goes to bed hungry.

Is this really the way we will be celebrating the coming of a poor child born virtually homeless?

What are the real gifts which we should be giving to him and to those around us? The Christmas carol 'In the bleak midwinter' gives us an idea. 'What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part: yet what I can I give him my heart.'

A very happy and holy Christmas
to all our readers

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JUST A THOUGHT

Dear God,

Please guide me through my learning and help me to find the right path to Heaven.

Please send the Holy Spirit to guide me through life and to help show me how to act.

Help me to use my knowledge in school so I can succeed.

Help me to use my wisdom when someone needs my help and when I need to stay focused to reach Eternal Life.

Help me to use my right judgement when I have to make a big or small decision.

Help me to use my wonder and awe to realise how great You are for creating me and the rest of the world.

Help me to use my understanding to know my faith and to keep it.

Help me to use my reverence to treat You as my Father and to be your joyous child.

Help me to use courage to overcome my fears and help me be willing to take risks as a follower of Christ.

Thank you for all the help you have given me on my journey so far.

Amen

Lauren Kernoghan (winner of the national Knights of St Columba prayer writing competition story on page 8)

PASTORAL LETTER OF ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH

read at all Masses on the weekend of 29/30 November 2014, the First Sunday of Advent

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

I am very conscious of the fact that you will be celebrating the season of Advent this year without a Bishop, following the distressing news two months ago of Bishop Kieran's resignation. It has been a time of mixed emotions - shock, sadness and a sense of bereavement and loss. Experiencing such times in our lives, we can easily lose our enthusiasm and energy and be gripped by a pessimistic spirit which de-energises us.

A week or two ago, I got up as usual early in the morning, drew back the curtains and contemplated the start of another new day. What I saw from my window hardly filled me with enthusiasm. The prospect was decidedly gloomy. It was still dark, but in the light of the streetlamp outside I could see that a steady and persistent rain was falling. The trees in St George's Road were almost bare, and the pavements and gutters were covered with a scattering of sodden leaves. A solitary pigeon was perched on the roof of one of the houses opposite me, looking decidedly bedraggled and lacking in energy and enthusiasm! As I looked out on the dismal scene it reminded me of the words of the Psalmist, 'I lie awake and I moan, like some lonely bird on a roof', and of the words of Isaiah in the first reading of today's Mass: 'We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind'. The scene I looked out on reflected my inner mood. I felt a distinct lack of joy at the prospect of the coming day, a reluctance to get started on what would be a long day full of meetings which I was not particularly looking forward to. Then I remembered the words of another Psalm which summed up and expressed exactly how I felt: 'My spirit fails; my heart is numb within me'.

Thank God not every day is like that! Thank God there are days when we get up and can't wait to get started. On those days life seems good and we begin them with a sense of eagerness and enthusiasm. We have a sense of joyful anticipation, ready and willing to face the new day and whatever it may bring. Provisionally one of the Psalms at morning prayer that morning was Psalm 50, and one verse in particular put into words my hope for the day: 'A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me'. And He did!

As with the ordinary days of the week, so it can be when we face the start of the Church's new year, the season of Advent. In Advent we are encouraged to make a fresh start on our journey of faith. This journey has two stages: the long term destination is the second coming of Christ at the end of time when all things will be made new. The more immediate destination is the celebration of Christ's first coming into the world at Christmas. It is perhaps easier to face the shorter journey towards Christmas rather than the one which still seems so very far away.

We may approach this journey with a sense of lethargy and reluctance, or with joy and enthusiasm, depending on our particular circumstances and frame of mind. If, today, we find ourselves rather reluctant, the liturgy offers us a sense of real hope and encouragement. We begin to capture the spirit of this season when we hear and make our own the words of the response to the Responsorial Psalm: 'God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved'. To take the path towards the house

of our heavenly Father is to make the journey towards our ultimate end - a full sharing in the life and love of God for eternity - the very reason for which God created us. He says to each one of us 'You are precious in my sight, and I love you'. That should fill us with great hope and consolation. His love for us is revealed especially in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ whose birth we shall commemorate at Christmas. The Church asks us to prepare for the celebration of this great feast by entering fully into the spirit of Advent, and to do so with energy and enthusiasm. It is the spirit of renewed hope and expectancy as we wait, once again, for the coming of the Saviour into our hearts and minds through the power of the Holy Spirit.

But we can only hold fast to Christ if we are fully awake and alert to his voice in the scriptures, in our daily prayer, and when we meet him in the celebration of the sacraments. We also meet him too in the weak, the poor, the sick and the suffering, and all those in need. These are 'God's little people' for whom we, like Christ himself, must have a special care and concern.

To make this journey of faith and to support each other along the way is not easy. We need to be awake and alert, as Jesus commands us in today's gospel. We need energy and enthusiasm. We need the support and encouragement of each other. And at the end of the day, we can only make the journey through the power of the Holy Spirit. Otherwise we will not have the resources to go on, and we will want to stop where we are, or even worse, turn back to the old and familiar places which we have long left behind. So I ask you all to heed the invitation of Pope Francis to every member of the Church throughout the world: "I invite

all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise he is already there, waiting for us with open arms." (Evangelii Gaudium 3.)

If we are to persevere faithfully on our journey towards the great feast of Christmas, and on that life-long journey of faith which leads to the Father's house, we will need that strength and encouragement which only the Lord can give through the power and presence of his Holy Spirit in our hearts. I pray that this Advent we may all open our hearts to that presence of the Holy Spirit, the *Lord and Giver of Life* whom we received in Baptism and Confirmation. It is the Holy Spirit who will empower us and give us strength for the journey, however difficult and however dark that journey may sometimes seem. It is the Holy Spirit who will enable us to respond to the loving and urgent invitation of Mary, Mother of the Lord: 'Do whatever he asks of you'. [Jn 2:5]

Peter Smith

Archbishop Peter Smith
Apostolic Administrator

The Logic of War and The Logic of The Gospel

NOT STRANGERS BUT FRIENDS

Many of us have been deeply moved in recent months by the commemorations of the beginning of World War I. It's been a difficult balancing act. How to honour the bravery of the men who marched off to war without losing sight of the critical questions that emerge: How could such carnage be tolerated over such a protracted period (4 years, 3 months and a week)? Why, once the juggernaut of war had been unleashed, could no one stop it? How come a Second World War followed so swiftly? The poppies in the moat at the Tower of London (pictured below), like every poppy, represent individual heart-breaks and a collective failure of the human spirit: an unfreedom, or, in other words, a form of slavery.

Slavery and its ending is the theme of this year's *World Day of Prayer For Peace*, kept in England and Wales on Sunday, 18 January 2015. Pope Francis chose the title, *Slaves No More, But Brothers and Sisters*. At the Last Supper Jesus told his disciples, 'I call you not servants but friends'. (cf Jn 15.15) And in the Letter to the Ephesians Paul speaks of a similar transformation for his Gentile readers: 'So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are fellow-citizens with the holy people of God and part of God's household'. (Eph 2.19-20)

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN VISION

That's the Christian vision of the world as it should be; the world that we need to work for together. But take a moment to register how far we are from living that vision at so many different levels. Firstly, there is the question of how we personally treat the people around us - strangers or friends, a potential threat or our brothers and sisters? Loneliness and isolation are just taken for granted as normal.



Secondly, and shockingly, we have had to recognise in recent years that modern slavery is a reality, not only on distant cocoa-plantations in Côte d'Ivoire, but in our own high-streets and housing es-

tates, where victims of trafficking are forced to work as prostitutes or domestic servants. And when we don't ask questions about how our food and clothing and gadgets are produced we become implicated in this exploitation.

Thirdly, there is the fact of the globalised violence of armed conflict (and the arms trade which fuels it). In many wars that includes the use of child-soldiers, who truly are slaves. But in every case it involves the acceptance of a logic which is the opposite of the Gospel message that we are all brothers and sisters.

IN GOD'S NAME - WAR OR PEACE?

In The Great War all the major powers more or less explicitly claimed to be doing what they did in the name of God. The blood of the innocent Christ was shed all over Europe without bringing much healing to the fractured heart of our continent. Will we have a bigger, more Christ-like vision of a future in which war is simply unacceptable as a means of resolving conflict? Pictured is a grave in Tyne Cot British Cemetery in Belgium

We need to show the world that alternatives to war exist. Since just after the end of the Second World War, the international Catholic peace movement, *Pax Christi*, has worked to build understanding across the divisions of our world and to challenge the logic of the easy resort to war from a Catholic and Christian perspective. Please remember them in prayer. Please consider making a donation to the work of *Pax Christi on Peace Sunday on 18 January 2015*. Please join them in their work.

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Story and picture:
Fr Rob Esdaile



Storm over St Erconwald's

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF ST ERCONWALDS Parish Work, Pray and Reflect Together On the night of 22 November 2014 the rain fell down in sheets around St Erconwalds parish while many of the young parishioners prepared for their overnight vigil. Many of them are on the journey to their confirmation. The vigil was held in anticipation of National Youth Sunday, but also aimed to raise awareness of Ebola, in particular to help the young people understand how some of our brothers and sisters in West Africa are enduring this terrible situation. They also hoped to raise funds for the CAFOD Ebola appeal. The young people met at 8.15 pm in the church hall and took part in a fun ice-breaker where all were welcomed to the group.



We had the amazing privilege to have a talk from Kayode Akintola from CAFOD. Kayode is helping to head the relief effort to tackle Ebola in Sierra Leone. The young people, organisers and volunteers were all captivated and humbled by the information they heard. One of the questions asked was, "what would Kayode be feeling/doing if he was a young 14 year old boy in a community affected by Ebola?" Feedback from the young people included the following comments 'Different from what you hear on the news'; 'It felt like you were hearing it first hand'; 'The talk was very powerful, really opened your eyes'.

Armed with all of this information we were determined to work on our projects to produce items to sell after the morning masses to raise as much money as we possibly could. Cards were produced, cakes were baked, biscuits were decorated, Christmas tree decorations were created and much fun was had adorning gingerbread houses to be raffled.

Then it was time for our midnight walk. This walk had been carefully planned to give us the opportunity to reflect and pray, not only on what we had learned earlier in the evening, but on our faith and, for many who will be making their confirmation next year, on the journey they had embarked upon. Well, the rain poured and roared; eventually the walk had to be abandoned. I was so impressed with our young people. Most of them were eager to continue, to march on and pray and learn from our energetic leader Bernie.

Then came the vigil. The young people were organised into groups, prayer stations were situated throughout the church. This part of the evening was a prayerful and reflective experience lasting for 1 hour. The young people experienced how it might feel to arrive at an isolation centre with symptoms of Ebola. They progressed through the decontamination process to prayer stations where they were encouraged to explore their thoughts, feelings and experiences on topics including peace, sorrow, courage, acceptance, forgiveness and how this related to their journey of faith and prayer. Then discharge from the centre, with time to pray and reflect.

On waking in the morning all hands were on deck preparing for mass and the money-raising event after mass. The amount raised was £266.66. Above all this was a journey of exploration, learning about those suffering elsewhere in our world and exploring how we can support them and praying for them.

Story and picture: Pauline Begley-Jones

Confirmation Retreat Day at St Georges Cathedral

THE CONFIRMATION group from Southwick with Portslade and Hangleton visited St Georges Cathedral, Southwark as part of their retreat day. The evening before had been a time of preparation and 'pizza' when the group met in the Parish room at St Theresa's, Southwick.

We were warmly welcomed in Southwark and treated to a very informative tour from Canon John O'Toole, Dean of St George's Cathedral.

The picture shows the candidates with the huge three-dimensional painted Salvadoran Cross that is a permanent memorial in Southwark to Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated in El Salvador in 1980. The 4-metre cross is the centrepiece of the Romero Space which has been created in between the cathedral's chapels of St Joseph and St Patrick.

St George's is the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, and See of Archbishop Peter Smith our Apostolic Administrator.

The Imperial War Museum is just across the road from the Cathedral so we took the opportunity to visit whilst in London.

The group will also have a weekend retreat towards the end of their programme before they are confirmed in June 2015.

Story and picture: Gill Sajnog



BRIGHT STAR

Before the apple seed was ripe
And Adam clasped its fruit;
Before the garden turned to weed
And cloud obscured the sun;

Before the sleeping universe
Exploded into life –
Bright star: before you came to birth
You shone within God's eye.

And when the Lamb of God was nigh,
You rose within the eastern sky
To lead the Magi out across
The desert sand to Bethlehem.

Mary Hale

Corpus Christi Henfield Celebrates 40 years

THE MASS on Sunday 26 October at Corpus Christi was a very special occasion. Fr David Maskell, accompanied by Fr Tony Lovegrove, Fr Richard Biggerstaff and assisted by deacon Seamus Mahon concelebrated a Mass of remembrance and thanksgiving to mark the 40th anniversary of the blessing of the new Corpus Christi church in Henfield by Bishop Michael Bowen, the then Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.



A packed church, which included Fr John Nuttall and a contingent of Sisters from the Towers Convent, heard Fr David tell us that 'Churches are built to remind us who we truly are. They stand across our landscape as pointers to the truth.' This, he said 'is intensely true of this church' where 'Catholic witness can be traced back to the eight century when a Saxon nobleman built a church here.'

Our present church was built as a result of a labour of love by parishioners who spent twenty one years 'assiduously and painstakingly collecting to raise enough money. Many of their children and grandchildren still worship at Corpus Christi today.' Corpus Christi has been fortunate in being left legacies which were used to build our new parish hall where the celebrations continued after Mass.

Around 100 parishioners, family, friends and well-wishers, including the ministers from the other churches in Henfield gathered for a sumptuous banquet of barbequed leg of lamb served with baked potatoes and salad (followed by delicious desserts, of course!). The joyful occasion today mirrored the jubilant celebrations of forty years ago when the church was opened, and provided a tangible reminder that Corpus Christi parish continues to be a cohesive, growing and visible witness to the teaching of Christ in Henfield.

Story and picture: Neville de Moraes

Secular Franciscans celebrate Profession



THE PHOTOGRAPH shows the Secular Franciscans of Littlehampton and Worthing at a celebration for Tony Moran (seated, centre with his wife Brenda on his right) on the occasion of his profession ... by Fr Patrick Lonsdale OFMCA... The group meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Franciscan Missionary Sisters Convent in Littlehampton. All welcome, contact the Convent on 01903 501831 for further details.

Story and picture: Sr Angie Tyson OFS

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IN 2015 A SIGNIFICANT evangelisation initiative called Proclaim '15 is being launched to support, inspire and encourage new expressions of parish evangelisation. A project of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, it is designed to affirm the good work that is already being done by the Catholic community, and to provide resources and events to profile and develop new expressions of Catholic joy and missionary outreach. A major highlight of what is being offered next year is the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference on 11 July 2015.

Proclaim '15 has five parts:

1. PREPARATION: Parish small group sessions – three evangelisation-themed sessions will be provided for download from mid-January 2015.
2. PRAYER: Network of prayer vigils - parishes are invited to host an evening of prayer on 11 July 2015.
3. EVENT: National Catholic Evangelisation Conference - on 11 July 2015 in central Birmingham for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales. There is a quota of places allocated to each diocese, with live streaming also being explored to potentially enable every member of the Catholic community to participate.
4. LEGACY: Local events - templates will be provided online to enable dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own Proclaim '15 gatherings in autumn 2015.
5. RESOURCES: New Evangelisation resources – these will also be made available as a fruit of the National Conference to equip parish evangelisation in autumn 2015.

Proclaim '15 has a practical and 'how to' focus because while there is enthusiasm within the Catholic community to share confidently and joyfully our Faith, it can at times be hard to discern where to begin. This initiative aims to address that difficulty and is inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, in which he writes: "I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come".

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

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2015**

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Chrism Mass rehearsals
Saturday 7th March, Arundel Cathedral Centre, 1.30 – 4.00pm
Saturday 14th March, St Joseph's, Guildford, 1.30 – 4.00pm

Chrism Mass
Wednesday 1st April, Arundel Cathedral, 6.00pm
Rehearsal at 4.00pm (tbc)

Festival 50 regional rehearsals
Saturday 21st March, St Richard's College, Bexhill, 10.00am-4.00pm
Saturday 18th April, St Joseph's Church, Epsom, 10.30am-4.30pm
Saturday 25th April, West Sussex (venue tbc)

Final Festival 50 rehearsal (for EVERYONE!)
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Not in Havana for Castro or Cigars

THE INTERNATIONAL DIACONATE CENTRE (IDC) was founded in 1965 in the wake of Vatican II and the restored permanent ministry of the diaconate. Next year the IDC celebrates its 50 years of existence with a major conference in Rome. It has members, lay people, deacons, priest and bishops from around the world from India to Argentina. It exists to promote, encourage and support the diaconate around the world. Every four years it meets somewhere for a Study Conference from which it also elects a Board and Delegates from its membership. The Board and Delegates recently met in Cuba to help plan for the Jubilee Conference in Rome in 2015 as well as looking at other matters affecting the diaconate around the world. It was also a wonderful opportunity to be part of the annual Cuban Deacons Conference. There are some 80 Deacons in Cuba with 10 out of 11 Dioceses on the island having deacons. As part of the conference we all went off to visit a parish in Havana which has one priest and one deacon and thousands of Catholics. A major part of their work is not only catechesis for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA through mission houses in each of the 140 blocks in the area, but also to offer 170 vulnerable old people breakfast and lunch each day along with other care. Run entirely by lay volunteers with the priest and deacon they fill the gaps left by the government as pensions are too low and these elderly are unable to earn money. Poverty and underdevelopment are a real problem in modern Cuba as it struggles to reshape itself after years of stagnation. The Church is playing a really important role in ensuring that all members of society are cared for even when the Church itself is pushed to the edge of Cuban society.

All the deacons at the conference were involved at the edge of the Church's mission in Cuba often with their wives in running Mission houses where they offer a place for catechesis, prayer and social care. In a society where the Church has been marginalised by the Government, at least in the past, they are part of the Church's evangelising mission in Cuba alongside their bishops, priests and lay people. It is still difficult for many people to be active Christians and these deacons were a real sign of challenge to the prevailing ethos of the society and a sign of hope for the future.

The International Diaconate Centre is helping to deepen our understanding of the diaconate and support the diaconal life of the whole Church. If you would like to know more or are interested in the Rome Conference in 2015 then contact Deacon Mark Woods on 01293 651170 or email mark.woods@dabnet.org

Picture shows Deacon Mark in check shirt, front row and other members of the Board and Delegates in the Casa Sacredotal in Havana.

Story: Mark Woods. Picture: Jane Woods



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Story and picture: Martin Brown

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'Pray for me' Pontiff's request to Canon Gerry

AT THE END of a year that saw the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination, Canon Gerry Coates journeyed to Rome in November and was greeted by Pope Francis in the Vatican.

Over fifty Ruby, Golden and Diamond Jubiliarians from across the country, including our own Canon Mgr John Hull, Fr Albert Van der Most and Canon David Foley, met up for a few days as guests of the Venerable English College, staying at Villa Palazzola just outside the Eternal City. During the week it was calculated that between them the group had given over 2,600 years of service to the People of God – longer than the entire history of the Church!

Canon Gerry and his friend Neville Barrie, who assisted him for the week, stayed independently and joined the group each day. The group visited the tomb of St Paul, the international English speaking seminary the Beda College and the Venerable English College itself where a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated with staff and students, including A&B's own Tristan Cranfield.

In addition, the two of us managed to get down to St Peter's tomb and those of other popes beneath the Vatican, including that of St John Paul II, and even onto the roof to see the city from on high!

The meeting with Pope Francis was a real high point. 'Having arrived at St Peter's Square to meet up with the group for the general audience, the two of us were invited to join a group of less able pilgrims in the Paul VI audience hall. I told the Holy Father that it was my Diamond Jubilee year and that we were from A&B, and he asked us to pray for him. There was a great warmth and openness about him, and he is clearly very popular with the Roman people in particular.'

'It was a most happy and memorable occasion, and a wonderful way for me to round off this year.'

Story: Neville Barrie



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OBITUARIES

FR DAVID BUCKLEY

FR BUCKLEY was born on 18 October 1947 in Stretford, Lancashire. He studied for the priesthood at Campion House, Osterley from 1967 to 1969 and at St Edmund's College, Ware from 1969 to 1975. He was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on 7 June 1975 at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth (along with the now Bishop Declan Lang). His first parish appointment was as Assistant Priest at St James, Reading, followed by St Mary's, Alton and Sacred Heart, Bournemouth. In 1983 he became Parish Priest of St Thomas More, Twyford and in June 1984 he became Parish Priest of The Immaculate Conception, Sandhurst. From 1995 to 2002, he was Parish Priest of the Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary, Ryde. After a yearlong sabbatical, during which he studied at the University of Wales (Lampeter), he moved to the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, whilst remaining a priest of the Diocese of Portsmouth. In Arundel & Brighton he had successive appointments at Arundel Cathedral, Our Lady Immaculate & St Philip Neri, Uckfield with St John the Evangelist Heron's Ghyll and latterly in 2010, Holy Angels, Ash & Holy Family, Heath End, where he was Parish Priest at the time of his death. He died on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Angels 1st October. His passing was marked by a vigil Mass in the Holy Angels Church on Wednesday 15 October and his funeral Mass, attended by some 49 clergy was at St Joan of Arc Church Farnham on Thursday 16 October. He is survived by his mother Margaret and brother Philip.



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ANGELA LAWRENCE

'WOMAN OF FAITH - Woman of Fun'
'A lovely person - at DABCEC she was a welcoming and inspiring presence'

These tributes paid at her Requiem Mass by Danny Sullivan, Cardinal Cormac, and Fr Lawrence Quin Morris capture so much of the person her family, friends and parishioners came to celebrate on 20 November at St Joseph's church, Redhill.

She led adult education in the diocese for many years. Her understanding of scripture was profound, and allied to her great ability to communicate it to an audience with humility and insight, she opened up scripture in a way that was liberating and affirming. She had special love for the Old Testament; the first reading was introduced as 'A reading from Angela's friend Isaiah'. Her other big enthusiasm was for the documents of Vatican II. She was a great admirer of Pope St John XXIII and she reflected that vision of his of the people of God being like villagers gathered round the village fountain, enjoying each other's company, valuing each other and not averse to the odd gossip! She rejoiced in the election of Pope Francis and the publication of *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Angela also loved the Holy Land, spending a year at the Ecumenical Institute at Tantur in Jerusalem. In his homily Fr David Parmiter recalled during a pilgrimage they visited Sr Theodora, an icon painter in Nazareth, to commission a work for St Joseph's, Redhill. She was a person of deep prayer and spirituality even when she experienced no joy or consolation on her spiritual path. In her later life she suffered much pain and had to use a wheelchair. Nevertheless in Beaumont House Nursing Home, Reigate, she encouraged her fellow residents and staff in following Christ's path, leading 'Bible Study' and 'Collective Acts of Worship'. When she moved to St George's, Burgess Hill, she was able to attend Mass regularly. Angela died on the feast of All Saints.

Knowing Angela wanted bright colours at her funeral Fr Chris Spain, chief celebrant searched the vestment cupboard and chose a gold and red chasuble as being the closest colour to brandy!

Danny Sullivan ended his tribute 'Angela as a friend is summed up in the beautiful saying from Native America *Some people come into our lives and quickly pass. Others leave footprints in our hearts and our lives are never ever the same*'.

He spoke for us all.

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Fr Kevin O'Donnell moves from Peacehaven

ON 28 SEPTEMBER the parish of the Immaculate Conception, Peacehaven said a fond farewell to Fr Kevin O'Donnell and his wife Gill and family. The event was celebrated after his last Mass here with a party in the hall. There was lots of food and wine supplied by the parishioners. Fr Kevin was given a cash gift and there were flowers for Gill. Fr Kevin was our priest for 2 years, and in that time brought his own spirituality and encouraged devotion in us all. His homilies were deeply inspiring and thought provoking. We will miss him. Fr Kevin was hard working both in the Sacred Heart, Newhaven and here in Peacehaven, as well as chaplain to Cardinal Newman School. We wish him and his family every blessing in their new parish in Rottingdean.

Story and picture: Cathy Gregan and Anne Farncombe



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KNIGHTS PRAYER WRITING COMPETITION

EACH YEAR the Knights of St Columba hold a prayer writing competition. This is a national competition with prayers being presented by pupils from across the country. The winner is usually selected by the Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool, and the Ecclesiastical Advisor to the Knights. The prayers are judged on the following criteria - Spiritual content, Composition and correct use of the English language.

This year the theme of the prayer was 'A prayer to the Holy Spirit for Guidance in Life'.

This is the second year that students from St Philip Howard Catholic High School have taken part in this competition and it is the second year in succession that one of their students has won the top prize for ages 12 to 14. This is a significant achievement and credit to the winner and the school.

The outright winner was from St Philip Howard Catholic High School. Many congratulations go to Lauren Kernoghan. Lauren's poem is on page 4; (Just a Thought). She was presented with her certificate and prize money at Arundel Cathedral by Msg Canon John Hull after the Mass (pictured) for deceased Knights which took place on Sunday 2 November. Lauren was then invited to read her prayer to the congregation.

Story and picture: Charles Yarham



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We are particularly delighted to have some truly historic fairground rides, including a vintage carousel and a 'chairplane' ride (pictured). These beautifully restored and preserved traditional fairground rides belong to Harris Bros, a Sussex family of five brothers who are the latest generation to follow the family tradition of running a fairground. For the past 70 years the family has run a fair at Petworth on the Feast of St Edmund, continuing an ancient



tradition which dates back to the 12th Century. The presence of the Harris Brothers' fair, together with the other entertainments and attraction will ensure a carnival atmosphere and will provide fun for all the family.

There will be areas outside the stadium for people to enjoy picnics and they will be able to access different parts of the stadium itself to enjoy the displays and other activities which will make up the Festival 50 Day, before we all gather in the stadium arena for the celebration of Mass. The fitting end to a great day, a great celebration and a joyful **Jubilee!**



Annual Diocesan Mass for our Patron St Philip Howard

ON SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER, Mgr Canon John Hull celebrated the annual Diocesan Mass for our patron, St Philip Howard at Arundel Cathedral where his body is enshrined.

Following tea in the Cathedral Centre for all those who attended, the Friends of Arundel Cathedral held their Annual General Meeting. After the reports of finance and the many varied activities the Friends have put on over the last year, two presentations were made. One was a cheque for £46,000 which Mgr Hull received on behalf of the Diocese (pictured on the right) which goes towards the annual maintenance of the Cathedral and its proper-



ties. The other presentation was to Mr Oliver Hawkins, previous Chair of the Friends, (pictured on the left) for his dedicated hard work in producing the Friends biannual magazine, the Cornerstone, over many years. Oliver never ceases to find new and interesting aspects of the Cathedral to explore and the latest one was no exception being a focus on the Cathedral Archives.

In both cases the presentation was made by chairman, Mr Patrick Burgess. If you would like to find out more about the Friends of Arundel Cathedral and receive copies of the Cornerstone magazine, then write for details of membership to: The Administrator, The Friends' Office, Cathedral House, Parsons Hill, Arundel BN18 9AY 01903 884567 or aruncathfriends@btconnect.com

Story and pictures Canon Tim Madeley

Weybridge 25th Anniversary

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, in November 1989, our then Bishop Cormac celebrated Mass at the newly completed church of Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge. It was therefore a great pleasure to welcome Cardinal Cormac back on the Feast of Christ the King 2014, to celebrate our 25th anniversary Mass. The church was packed to the gills, and we were treated to some beautiful singing by choirs from St George's and St Charles Borromeo's Junior schools, and a wonderful hymn composed by Edwin Fawcett especially for the occasion. Fr Charles Jeffries, who was the parish priest and who so gamely oversaw the fund-raising and building programme in the 1980s, gave the homily, touching with humour and nostalgia on the challenges at the time. As he said, 'well, it's still standing!'

After the Mass there was a great celebration in the hall with music, dancing and a fabulous hog-roast. Now that was a first for Weybridge! Celebrations, both social and spiritual, will continue throughout the anniversary year. *Story: Peter Clapham Picture: Jennifer Simpson*



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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

THE MONTH started really well with the parish plenary meeting, the first with Fr Graham Ricketts, attended by a record number of parishioners. The atmosphere was so positive. He asked us to think about what kind of parish we think we are and what kind of parish we would like to be in a year's time. Fr Graham also asked us all to pray one Hail Mary every day for him and for the whole parish.

We were very grateful to the several parishioners who kindly cooked when we hosted the lunch for the clergy of the deanery. It was very well received.

St Peter's held their Christmas fair at which they were pleased to see so many new faces supporting the parish and raised an amazing £1140. Tea and coffee served after the 9am Mass raised £353 donated to Chestnut Tree House and the St Cecilia's concert raised £430 for the Ebola crisis. Our parishioners have been so generous.

To round off the month it was the patronal feast day for Christ the King in Steyning when wine and nibbles were served after Mass to our parishioners along with our many visitors that day.

Penny Richardson

ARUNDEL

SEVERAL EVENTS have marked the season of Remembrance. On Remembrance Sunday bright sunshine contrasted with the solemn mood of the occasion as clergy and parishioners joined other townsfolk in the annual act of remembrance in the town square. This was immediately followed by a sung Requiem Mass in the Cathedral. Those buried in our cemetery were remembered in the Blessing of the Graves service.

On a lighter note, our discussion groups are in full swing, in preparation for the Golden Jubilee and our contributions to the 'Love in a Box' appeal are well on their way to brighten the lives of youngsters at Christmas.

Hilary Caws

BEXHILL

OUR PARISH schools of St Mary Magdalene Primary, and St Richards Catholic College, invited grandparents to celebrate Diocesan Grandparents Week by sharing in liturgies, followed by school tours which included tea and biscuits. The liturgies celebrated the role of grandparents in family life, both spiritual and practical. They recognised that many children had grandparents who had died or who lived far away, and this was an opportunity to remember and pray for them. It was a wonderful opportunity for all involved to share in the life of our Catholic schools and great enthusiasm was expressed for this to continue!

Frances Haragan

BRIGHTON

St Mary's Preston Park

OUR PARISHIONERS Gerry and Maureen Fleet celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary recently. A papal blessing was presented to them at the 7pm Mass on 11 October.

On 21 October CAFOD launched their climate change campaign at St Mary's. To promote awareness of the threat that climate change poses to people in poverty worldwide, there were various speakers including Peruvian CAFOD partners and the MP for Brighton Pavilion, Caroline Lucas.

On Friday 31 October The Social Concerns Group organised a Halloween quiz in aid of St Anne's Day Centre for the Homeless. There were eight enthusiastic teams and £170 was

raised.

On 8 November the Catholity fair took place at Hove Town Hall. The Social Concerns Group organised their usual stall in aid of Uganda Hands for Hope raising £248.

Claire Shelton-Jones

CRAWLEY

Christ the Lord (LEP)
Broadfield & Bewbush

OUR PARISH Irish, Folk and Country Night on 1 November was a phenomenal success, raising £1,312 for the church roof fund. The Friary hall was packed out as parishioners enjoyed music from the Blue Sash Choir, Reel-strings and friends, as well as country duets from Doreen de Souza and Margaret Pike. We were also entertained by a Polish folk duo. The dance floor was packed as the musicians treated us to selections of sixties favourites. Fr Raphael Majewski thanked all those who helped including Alana Dunlevy who organised it all.

Mgr Tony Barry celebrated our Mass on Remembrance Sunday, assisted by Deacon Andrew Bayes. As we were also celebrating the Feast of the Dedication of the St John Lateran Basilica, the children made a poster representing the Basilica in coloured paper. They also made paper poppies.

Fr Gerard Hatton celebrated our Mass for our patronal Feast of Christ the King, with music from our Blue Sash Choir and music group. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were re-commissioned after the homily. Our children's liturgy group processed in at the Offertory waving flags of many nations, and placed a banner on the altar with welcome in various languages, and sang a lovely welcome song for us.

Barbara Winstanley

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

THE FINAL TOTAL raised for local charities by the East Grinstead Justice and Peace Group sleep out was £2,875. A recent series of charity feast events also raised £585 for Crawley Open House, East Grinstead Street Pastors, Age UK, Saturday Dementia Club and Crawley Prison Fellowship.

On Sunday, 9 November, parishioners from St Bernard's, Lingfield, gathered after Mass at the village war memorial at 10.45am for the annual Remembrance service. All present at the memorial were invited back to St Bernard's hall for mulled wine, coffee and other refreshments.

Lingfield SVP held a cake sale on Sunday 16 November. The proceeds were donated towards the ongoing SVP baby-feeding project in the troubled Darfur region of Sudan.

The scaffolding on the church of Our Lady

CATERHAM



l to r: Fr Jonathan Martin, Fr Sean Finnegan and Fr Gerry Divine

THE RUN UP to Christmas is always a busy time for everyone. In our parish the various Advent groups have been organised and helpers sought for other activities.

Fr Sean Finnegan is settling in well and getting to know his new parishioners. His homilies are much appreciated by some for their historical context and he has started a Latin Mass on Wednesdays. At his induction on November 21 Fr Jonathan Martin, the Chancellor of the Diocese, presided over his welcome. Fr Sean concelebrated with Fr Gerry Divine, Chaplain at Woldingham School. There were some visitors from his old parish of Shoreham, as well as leaders of the local Anglican, URC and Congregational Churches. The Mass was very well attended and the welcome was continued in the Centenary hall afterwards.

Peter Patterson

POLEGATE and HAILSHAM



AT LONG LAST construction of the new church at St Wilfrid's has begun, and completion is expected in August next year - on the feast of the Assumption. As the old church hall is being used as a builders' hut, the parish is buying a portacabin for use by the children's liturgy group, and for social events. It will have a permanent concrete base and be fitted out with heating and a water supply. When the new church is finished, and the old church becomes the hall, the portacabin will be used for storage.

The co-workers of Bl Mother Teresa from St George's and St Wilfrid's recently gathered in Polegate to show our efforts to produce knitted blankets and 'Love-in-a-Box' shoe boxes to be sent to Eastern Europe via the Mustard Seed mission. Although a small group of ladies, we provided 23 boxes of goods to be given to children, including those in hospital, and no doubt they will bring a big smile and much joy to the recipients. Other parishioners gave help with the cost of hire of the lorries to transport the goods and we have been given a big thank you from Lisa Smart, the director of the Eastbourne based charity.

Story and picture Tessa Truman and Ruth Ayres

and St Peter was taken down during November, just before a particularly wet spell. The church is now waterproof.

In November, we welcomed in Baptism Esme Lily Boulton.

Clive Carpenter

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King, The Holy Rood
and St Joachim

THE CENTENARY of the outbreak of World War 1 has served to focus our minds on those who served their country during this and other conflicts which have taken place throughout the twentieth century and during the early part of the twenty first century.

A service held at Christ the King on Remembrance Sunday to remember the war dead included prayer, music, poetry and moments for quiet reflection.

The following Sunday we met again to remember those among our own families and friends who have died. Photographs of our deceased loved ones were placed at the foot of the altar as we paused to remember them.

The funeral of Daphne Hopkins took place at The Holy Rood on 5 November. Daphne had been sacristan there for a number of years and will be greatly missed. Warm tributes were paid to her by Fr Barry Anderson in his homily and by members of her family now living in New Zealand.

Issues surrounding the priesthood, compulsory celibacy and the availability of the Eucharist provoked lively discussion at a meeting of Eastbourne and Bexhill Council of the Newman Association addressed by its new chairman, Dr Edward Echlin, on 17 November.

John Carmody

EASTBOURNE

Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory
and St Agnes

THE ANNUAL SERVICE for the bereaved was held at the church, everyone was invited to light a candle; refreshments were served afterwards.

The Eastbourne Faith Forum held its annual inter-faith event at the Congress Suite; the reflection this year was 'Reflections on Love' and Fr Raglan Hay Will spoke on Catholic beliefs about love.

Advent prayer groups are about to start to help people prepare for Christmas. The parish Youth Group 'Ignite' meets regularly at St Agnes Hall - open to anyone in school years 7-9.

The Catholic Womens League held their section meeting in the parish centre. There was a survey of section and branch activities together with suggestions for a National Pilgrimage and National Project for 2015, all ladies in the parish were invited to attend.

Our parish representatives are busy with preparations for the 50th Anniversary of Arundel and Brighton Diocese at the Amex Stadium in Brighton next year - the Mass will be at 3pm for all of us - from Eastbourne up to Englefield Green! We are appealing for any designers or makers of banners to put up in our three churches in the New Year to help us keep the

event in our prayers as we build up to July.
Mary Staffiere

PETWORTH with DUNCTON

AFTER ALL the Summer social activities over the past weeks the parish has quietly been getting on with its life and routines.

The monthly prayer and fellowship meetings are now an established part of the calendar, giving parishioners an opportunity to meet and talk over a simple meal. This is followed by a gospel reading, psalm and evening prayer. These gatherings are pleasant and uplifting occasions where conversation ranges over many topics and people can air their views and concerns in casual and relaxed surroundings.

For the past four years the parish has been sponsoring two seminarians and we are delighted that one of them, Fr Lawrence Kudzingo, has now finished his training and has been ordained a priest.

The annual blessing of the graves at Duncton took place after morning Mass on Sunday 2 November.

On Sunday, 23 November, the final Duncton breakfast of the year was held. These take place after the 8am Mass three times a year and our parishioners are often joined by members of the Anglican congregation in Duncton for bacon rolls, coffee and a chat. Typically around 20 people attend.

Sally Bohane

ST LEONARDS - ON - SEA

ON SATURDAY 8 November the parish of the Good Shepherd in St Leonards - on - Sea held a Day of Prayer for peace in the Middle East, which was very well attended. The day began at Holy Redeemer church with Mass at 10am, and continued there until 3pm. From 3pm onwards, the Day of Prayer continued at St Thomas of Canterbury church, culminating in Mass at 6.30pm.

Throughout the day there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and each hour consisted of 30 minutes of silent vigil and 30 minutes of shared prayer, including the Rosary with reflections on the Sorrowful Mysteries written by Christians living in Iraq, the 'Via Lucis Stations of the Resurrection' and Taize music with prayers and readings.

The start of each hour was marked with the praying together of the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, a short scripture reading and the CAFOD prayer for peace in the Middle East. The day was organised jointly by the Liturgy Group and the Social Action Group, under the auspices of the parish pastoral team. Many said that it was something they would like to repeat.

Linda Dignum

TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS ITEMS for the February 2015 issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on Monday 29 December 2014 and for the March 2015 issue by Monday 26 January 2015. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to abnews@dabnet.org and if so please include a contact telephone number.

It is helpful to us if Correspondents can type their contributions, keep them to no more than 200 words and include a word count. Original good quality digital pictures (which must be at least 300dpi) are very welcome. They should be sent as e-mail attachments. We regret we are unable to use photocopies or copies printed directly from computers. Please tell us that you have permissions for children's photos to be published.

FROM THE PARISHES

WOKING

ST DUNSTAN'S was again the venue for the annual multi-faith service Light up a Life a celebration and reflection in memory of loved ones, which is organised by Woking and Sam Beare Hospices. The hospices in Woking and Weybridge care for some 2,000 terminally ill patients a year, covering north west Surrey and depending largely on donations.

The service was attended by Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Baha'i worshippers and speakers, who provided readings and prayers from their own traditions. St Dunstan's choir contributed Christian hymns. Hospice staff were on hand to provide information and sell Christmas cards. A substantial number shared in conversation during refreshments after the service.

Story: Anne Riddoch Picture: Mark Potter

**WORTHING
St Mary of the Angels**



ON TUESDAY 4 November Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark came to celebrate the Pontifical Mass for the 150th Anniversary of the dedication of St Mary of the Angels. The Mass started with the altar completely bare. The Archbishop first blessed the water and the whole church was sprinkled. The pulpit was then blessed, and then the lectionary and finally, after the readings, the altar was blessed, and was dressed and prepared for the Offertory. The many candles were then lit and the Mass proceeded with the Offertory. There are many photographs on our website of this memorable occasion. The local Anglican church of St Andrews in Victoria Road has sent a card of congratulations to us, it transpires that this year is their 125th Anniversary.

On Remembrance Sunday a wreath was laid before the altar at all the Masses and one was placed on our War memorial after the 10.30am Mass.

In preparation for Advent there was a Beginning of Advent service on Saturday 29 November when Advent candles and calendars were blessed. On the First Sunday of Advent the first Advent candle was lit and after Mass there were gift labels for people to take from the Christmas tree and on the 21 December to bring the appropriate gift. These will go to the Homeless Project and the gift for children to Knowles Tooth Family refuge.

Astrid Gibson

Catholaity Fair 2014

Brighton & Hove's Catholaity Fair – an annual highlight since 1962 – took place for the last time in Hove Town Hall on 8 November. Due to the planned redevelopment of the Town Hall, the Fair will move to Brighton Racecourse from next year.

This year, 40 stalls were run by seven parishes and a variety of charity groups including HCPT, Mary's Meals and the Arundel & Brighton Deaf Service - where the smiling faces and busy hands conveyed a big 'welcome' in any language.

Everything seemed to be for sale, from books DVDs and games to clothing, shoes, handbags, plants and candy floss. As expected, the Fair did a roaring trade with almost 700 visitors and an estimated £7,500 was raised for the participating parishes and charities.

The Fair raises money for worthy causes, showcases the good work that caring people do, provides an opportunity for meeting and networking, and is evidence for a city-wide community of believers who reach out to others.

Next year's Fair will be off and running on 14 November at the Racecourse – don't miss it.

Story and picture (showing Peter and Maria Booker at the A&B Deaf Service stall) Harry Robertson



Chichester's International Evening

FR PAUL TURNER, assisted by Fr Andrew Moss and a group of parishioners organised an International Evening on Saturday 15 November at 7pm in St Richard's School Hall, Chichester.

Fr Paul thought this was a great opportunity for all our multinational parishioners to get together and show their culinary skills by preparing a plate of food and sharing together. This proved a great success with approximately 350 parishioners attending, including the Bosham and Wittering churches. Dishes were representative of 19 different countries.

Dancing from some of the younger Indian community proved very entertaining and background music was played while parishioners, of anticipation, filled their plates, eager to taste the many enticing dishes.

A wonderful evening, well supported and exceeding expectations.

*Story and picture:
Caroline Bullen*





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