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Dialogue and Unity at DABCEC

Christian unity was of particular interest to the late Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor and it is therefore appropriate that it is being discussed at this particular time, following his recent death.

ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2017 the Dialogue and Unity Commission for the Diocese welcomed over 60 people from 31 parishes in nine deaneries to DABCEC to 'Explore how the Holy Spirit is opening up new ways to work for Unity'.

The day began with a welcome from Catherine Martindale, Dialogue and Unity Adviser for the Diocese. Catherine offered a particular welcome to the Anglican, Methodist and United Reformed Church members who had been invited along by Catholics from their area, and who shared fully in the day with us.

What followed was a day of information, reflection and prayer. We heard from Helen and Andrew from the Association of Interchurch Families about the support offered. Kate and Tim Watson from Chemin Neuf (pictured) provided us with an analysis of the current ecumenical climate and models of engagement, Tim pointing us to Unity by conversion and recommending documents to read. Kate carefully guided us through Ignatian discernment prayer around Mark 10:46-52 *What do you want me to do for you.*

Anne and Bethany from Focolare Movement offered us their community's Art of Loving. These were very simple yet deep reflections on how love can be lived out practically. They provided us with a film about the work the community does to further unity by bringing people from different churches together, which they do nationally and internationally. Veronica, another Focolare member, shared a song she had written about breaking down walls of division which was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

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Arundel Cathedral Chapter 50th Anniversary



LEFT to RIGHT, BACK ROW: CANONS: Rev Colin Wolczak, Rev Paul Jennings, Rev Tom Traherne, Rev Daithi Foley, Rev William Davern, Rev Kieron O'Brien, Rev Anthony Churchill. FRONT ROW: Rev Timothy Madeley, Rev Provost John Hull, Bishop Richard, Rev Seamus Hester, and Rev William Heaney. Rev Frank Harrington was unable to attend due to illness.

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- Admission Appeal training – Chairs of Appeal Panels**
Wednesday 8 November, 10.00 – 12.30 at DABCEC Crawley
- Outstanding Governance – Support and Challenge in a Catholic School**
Monday 13 November, 19.00 – 20.30 at DABCEC Crawley
- Aspiring Catholic Leaders – Middle Leaders' Development Day**
Friday 17 November, 9.30 – 15.15 at DABCEC Crawley
- Come and See Planning Workshop Key Stage 2 Class Teachers**
Monday 20 November, 14.00 – 16.00 at DABCEC Crawley

Future events to look out for

- Primary Headteachers' Conference - Formation for Mission**
Thursday 1 February 2018, 9.30 – 15.15 at DABCEC
- Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage**
Friday 18 May 2018, Arundel Cathedral
- Good Shepherd Celebration**
Wednesday 20 June 2018, 11.30 at Worth Abbey
- Cross-Phase Catholic Leaders' Conference for Headteachers, Deputy/Assistant Headteachers, Heads of RE, Chaplains and Chairs of Governors**
Wednesday 27 June 2018, 9.30 – 15.15

Cranleigh and Bramley Parish Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral


A COACH LOAD of 53 members of Cranleigh and Bramley Parish went on Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 8 September.

We arrived in Canterbury in time to gather at 11am in the Crypt of the Cathedral as we had been given special permission to celebrate Mass there for Our Lady's Birthday. After St Thomas a Becket was murdered in the Cathedral in 1170 his body was buried in the floor of the crypt until it was moved in 1220 to the shrine behind the high altar of Trinity Chapel above.


It was a moving experience to be there together for Mass realising that we were doing what so many people had done before the Reformation and few Catholics had done since. After lunch in the town there was a tour of the Cathedral led by well informed guides, during which we saw the place where St Thomas had been killed by the four knights of Henry II. The photograph shows parishioners of Cranleigh and Bramley Parish, led by Fr David Osborne, at Mass in the Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.


Story and picture: Bridget Eacott





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Garden Party raises £5,000

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL July garden party at Michael and Pippa Logan's. The weather was perfect and the crowds packed the garden for a ploughman's lunch or cream tea. After 13 years of doing the garden party we have learnt how many scones, pots of jam and tubs of cream we need. An early start on the Sunday saw Pippa get up at 5.00 am to bake just on 300 scones! Done in a flash, well almost, thanks to the assistant baker Michael. Pictured enjoying the garden party are the grandchildren of Pippa and Michael.

This year we were entertained by Seaford Head School Band at lunch time, who were fab, playing rock and jazz. The guests enjoyed the foot tapping music. The atmosphere was lively and convivial. The Seaford Silver Band did not disappoint with their 'um pa pa' music in the afternoon, two hours of popular music much enjoyed by the guests. Many of our visitors came at 11.30am and left at 5.00pm, thoroughly enjoying day their out.

This year our hamper raffle prizes were really special thanks to the generous donation of luxury foodstuffs and bottles, and Marks and Spencer's vouchers. A special thank you to those people who donated the above. Our cakes and jams as always were very popular; congratulations go to the plant stall as they raised over £500.

I could go on and on, but suffice to say the whole event wouldn't have been so successful if we hadn't had the support of Seaford people who now mark this event in their diaries. I know many parishioners from St Thomas More Seaford supported the event.

As most of you know, these events don't just happen; our neighbours, friends, family are all involved from day one, from the planning to the clearing up. This year I would like to give an extra thank you to the Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven Lions Club who assisted with the marquees and loaned us equipment. It is great to work with other voluntary organisations within the town.

To date we have raised over £5,000 including a very generous donation from Howdens Newhaven. It is great that our benefitting charities Chestnut Tree House, Mary's Meals, and Home-link will receive a generous sum in due course.

Finally, I am happy to report that due to the continued generosity of so many people and Seaford Rotary Club we are now able, as a parish, to sponsor an entire school in Eastern Liberia of 290 children for a year, each child receiving a school lunch by Mary's Meals.

For the time being we are having a rest but have already had some bits donated for next year's tombola!!!

Pippa Logan



Wheels of Wonder in Ghana

MANY MEMBERS will be familiar with the Catenian Association and many know that each local President nominates a charity for their year in office. Eamonn Delaney had no doubt as to which good cause would benefit as his President's Charity for Woking Circle 2016/17.

Eamonn's connection to The Missionaries of Africa (who are also known as 'The White Fathers') and in particular Br Trevor Robinson - who is based in Tamale, Ghana, West Africa - goes back nearly 50 years. But it is a project that began 25 years ago which won Eamonn's support - The Wheelchair Project, Tamale, Ghana.

As Br Trevor explains: 'I first met Eamonn and his wife Zita shortly after my arrival in Ghana in 1968. I went to Accra from Wa with Ray Leggett who is a friend of Eamonn's from the same home town, Bray in Ireland. Eamonn was working in Accra at the time and Ray introduced us, with us visiting Eamonn and Zita more often on subsequent trips to Accra. While Eamonn's career saw him leave and move around the world, I stayed in Ghana but we've kept in touch ever since.'

In 1992 Br Trevor began the Wheelchair Project, when, along with Fr Dermot Sheehan M/Afr, he realised that there was an urgent need to provide mobility and dignity to the many disabled people in the area who were either on crutches or literally crawling in the dust.

Having recently opened a new workshop to provide a service to the local church and to train young men in metal work and welding, this new workshop was ideal for making wheelchair tricycles. Over the years, this work has become the chief occupation of the workshop. It now has four skilled welders/metal workers who came as young men and were trained in the workshop.

The tricycles (one is pictured) are made from galvanized pipes that are cut and bent into shape and then welded together to form the chassis. Sheet metal is used for the floor and side panels and all the rest is put together with new bicycle parts, some coming from Nigeria. They are usually made in batches of thirty which take two to three months to complete and, since the project began in 1992, the total now stands at 1,640 tricycles.

At one time most of the users were polio victims but nowadays there are road accident victims with leg injuries or people with diabetes who are amputees and even people with back injuries sustained falling from fruit trees. 'About three years ago, Zita and I went to Tamale and spent a few nights with Trevor and the local community at the Provincial House. During that time we saw at first hand the workshop and wheelchair tricycles that were being prepared. It made a lasting impression and so when I became President of the Woking Circle, I knew we could make a real difference to people who really needed our help', said Eamonn.

In August 2017 the Woking Catenians presented Fr Michael Heap of the White Fathers with a cheque for £6,375 - enough for 30 wheelchairs. Fr Michael - who collected the cheque on Trevor's behalf - passed on his thanks: 'Imagine if you can, the difference it makes to a person's life when they are suddenly free to move about independently and with dignity after many years of being confined to the house or compound. This project is a real life changer and the generosity of Woking Circle will not only benefit the individuals, but their families and the wider community - thank you!'

To find out more about the White Fathers, visit: www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk And if you are a Catholic man and interested in finding out more about the Catenian Association please visit: www.thecatenians.com/visitors

Paul Summerhill



The Forgotten King?

Shirley Andrews from St. Joseph's, Guildford, has contacted A & B News in response to a piece in our September edition on the Bar Convent in York, the oldest living convent in England, which is now a Living Heritage Centre. She writes:

THANK YOU for your piece and photograph of the Bar Convent in York. On several visits to York I have searched for it without success. I had no address and everyone I asked had not heard of it!

The original Bar Convent School was founded by King James II and his wife Princess Maria Beatrice of Modena, England's only Italian Queen. It is truly an act of God that the Convent has survived, considering the fate of James II and his queen. Both had to flee for their lives when William of Orange invaded England in 1688 with an army of 18,000 men!

James II is a King whom no-one chooses to remember. In the Houses of Parliament there is a wide corridor, the walls of which are decorated with images of England's Kings from William I to the present day - except that James II is not there. Nor is there any memorial to him in Westminster Abbey.

Now, why is this so? There can only be one answer; he became a Catholic and remained so. Not only that, but he tried to give to all his subjects the opportunity to worship as they wished, without fear of recrimination. Sadly, it was not to be.



From Guildford to Billingshurst




THE INDUCTION of Fr Alan Sharpe as the new parish priest of Billingshurst with Pulborough took place, fittingly, on the feast of St. Gabriel, the patronal feast of the church in Billingshurst.

Pictured at the reception that followed are (l to r) Bishop Richard, Jeremy Quinn, MP for Horsham, and Fr Alan.


Story and picture: Karen Goldsmith

Observance of Holy Days of Obligation

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has decreed that the calendar for the Dioceses of England and Wales is to be modified as follows: the Solemnity of the Epiphany is to be observed on 6 January except when it falls on a Saturday or Monday (when it will be observed on the Sunday) and the Solemnity of the Ascension will be observed on Thursday, 6th week of Easter Time. (Since the Bishops' Conference decree of 2006, these solemnities have always transferred to Sunday.) The observance of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) is maintained as decreed in 2006, that is, transferred to Sunday.



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Led by Fr Soji Olikkal

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READING Cardinal Cormac's memoir, 'An English Spring', it is abundantly clear how much ecumenism meant to him, both by the amount of space he devoted to the subject, and by the vigour with which he described his own - hugely significant - role in fostering Anglican-Roman Catholic relations.

The other key theme is the idea of family; above all, the Church as the family of God.

These subjects are reflected in the Diocese's focus on 'Dialogue & Unity' (page 1) and the Church's planned World Meeting of Families in Dublin during August 2018 (registration now open).

Both activities would surely please him very much. May he rest in peace.



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JUST A THOUGHT

'REMEMBRANCE' IS A THEME which rises up in various ways this month. Two minutes' silence and the Pomp and Circumstance of 'Remembrance Sunday' recall the horrors of the First World War. For hundreds of years children have learned to complete the rhyme: 'Remember, remember the Fifth of November ... ('for gunpowder, treason and plot, 'lest you forget). And, since at least the time of Charlemagne, 'All Saints Day' has been celebrated on 1 November in the Western Church.

All of these commemorations, secular or sacred, look back to past deaths, but the atmosphere of each is very different. The emotions surrounding 'Remembrance Sunday' are inevitably mixed. Is it possible to talk about 'The Glorious Dead' when recalling the horrors of Passchendaele, 100 years ago this year? As Wilfred Owen biting implied, there's nothing Dulce et Decorum ('sweet and proper') about trench warfare or 'drowning' in a gas-attack. Yet his theme, of 'the pity of war', calls to mind bravery and sacrifice, as well as the mulish obstinacy of generals and politicians. 'Bonfire Night' mixes national narrative, elemental spectacle and the strange, ambiguous status of Catholicism in these islands in the five centuries since the Reformation. Only All Saints invites true equanimity and peace - gratitude for the witness of the heroes and heroines of faith and an awareness of our own belonging in the Communion of Saints.

The Feast proclaims that past violence is quenched and past wounds are healed, through Christ's victory over Death. Thus a space is opened for embracing our own mortality and entrusting our loved ones to the Lord; among whom we number this year our own former Bishop, Cormac, a gentle guide and kind leader in our faith. May he rest in peace.

Fr Rob Esdaile

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Helping Others, while Developing Ourselves

Vincentian Spirituality

THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL CHARITIES that exist to help those in need. What distinguishes the SVP is that it is a spiritual society. Members do not need to take formal religious vows, wear a habit, give all their possessions to charity, swear allegiance to their President, shave their heads or do anything that will set them aside from other people.

(However, like Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, school teachers and some other roles, SVP members who visit the needy are required to gain a Safeguarding certificate.)

SVP members believe that their work does not 'spring from ourselves alone' as a SVP prayer puts it. Rather, it springs from members' relationship with God and the teachings and sacrifices of His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every SVP member is a part of the Body of Christ who also accepts the calling of St Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, to seek and find those who need help; serve them cheerfully; respect the dignity of the individual; be non-judgemental; seek justice and 'be generous with our time and our possessions.'

Fr Paul Roche, SVP Spiritual Adviser, regards the Vincentian Charism as a specific type of gift from God, given for loving God and serving Him in the poor.

This is achieved, as Conference members, individually and collectively, working in community to serve those in need while simultaneously developing their relationship with God and their fellow members, supporting and encouraging each other in a spiritual and practical way.

The Conference prayers, the spiritual reading - and the personal prayer members offer before going to serve someone in need - are the building blocks that help SVP members to grow.

Below is a quote from Cathy, pictured here, who is a member of St Ann's Conference, Banstead. She joined the SVP in 2003 and is also President of Epsom SVP District Council:

Spirituality is an important part of our Conference and Council life...The spiritual aspect does affect the work that we do. We work to the utmost of our ability to help and reach out to those in need...We work for the glory of God, not our own.



Donal, pictured here, a member of Crawley Parish Conference who joined the SVP eight years ago, said:

I feel (the SVP work) always has a spiritual aspect...we help people in all walks of life, no matter what religion (they are)...the most vulnerable and needy of our parish. I believe (SVP members) are chosen by their character and attitude.

When asked how he would describe his fellow Members he responded: *Trustworthy, compassionate and caring.*

SVP Opening Prayer for a Fruitful Meeting

Lord Jesus, help us through meeting together
To deepen our Vincentian friendship
And answer the call every Christian receives,
To seek and find those who are forgotten
And to bring Your love to the suffering or deprived.

Help us to be generous with our time, our possessions and ourselves,
So that we may grow perfect in Your love,
And learn to share Your Sacrifice with others, in the Holy Eucharist.
(from the SVP Prayer Book)

How to become a Member and how to Support your local SVP Conference

THE SVP IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS 'who are, above all, caring and compassionate. In addition, we want people who are good listeners and able to keep confidences, and are respectful and non-judgemental of others. If you have any practical skills to offer that would be excellent too, but a caring nature is what's most important to us.' (SVP Fact Sheet 1)

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- Andrew Grott	West Sussex	01903 536079

If you cannot become a member, why not support the SVP by becoming a 'Friend' of the SVP (see www.svp.org.uk/friends-svp or contact a local member)

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT your local SVP including:

- Join them
- Refer people who need help to them
- Volunteer for local SVP special works such as a food bank, furniture scheme, or shop
- Donate items to a SVP shop or funds to a conference
- Pray for the successful recruiting and work of members
- Ask your local SVP to publish an annual report on work done (if this is not already done)

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, said:
The SVP in England and Wales provides much needed practical support to those living in poverty. More members are needed to ensure that this work continues to grow and flourish. I urge anyone who has time to offer, to work with the SVP by becoming a volunteer.

Annual A&B SVP Festival Meeting

FORTY MEMBERS attended the annual A&B SVP Festival meeting, held at the parish hall of the Friary Church of St Francis & St Anthony in Crawley. Pictured below is Diocesan Central Council President Philip Schwenk welcoming the attendees and introducing the afternoon's speakers.

The first speaker was Claz Gomez, SVP National Youth Coordinator, who spoke on the different SVP apostolates for the four youth groups: Mini Vinies (for ages 7-11); Youth SVP (ages 11-14); B-Attitude (14-18 years) and SVP 1833, for those over 18.

John Wild, A&B Central Council Twinnage Officer then described the various ways that the SVP supports overseas conferences, enabling them to help those in need in their own countries. The SVP in England and Wales supports conferences in India, Romania, Guyana, Grenada, Sudan and South Sudan.

The last speaker, Fr Paul Roche, SVP National Spiritual Adviser, spoke of the Vincentian charism and of his own experience in working with those in need, including street children and addicts in Ukraine.

The Festival ended with Mass in the Friary Church.



The Building Blocks of the SVP: Parish Conferences

'Officers'

BECAUSE THERE ARE various administration tasks to be done, some members volunteer to be 'Officers' for a period of five years. Typically, the members elect a President (who leads the Conference and chairs meetings). The President will then appoint a Vice President (who deputises for the President in her/his absence); a Secretary (who keeps minutes of meetings and other records); and a Treasurer (who controls the Conference's bank account, keeps the financial books and makes returns).

These officer roles are essential for the proper functioning of a Conference and the members who serve in these roles do a hugely valuable service in addition to their normal volunteering work.

Councils

MOST CONFERENCES are based in Catholic parishes and meet in Church premises; almost half of the Catholic parishes in England & Wales have a SVP Conference. There are about 1,000 Conferences in England and Wales, 38 of them in A&B Diocese.

Several parish Conferences are supported by a District Council (like parishes are organised into a Deanery) and the District Councils in A&B are supported by one Central Council (like a diocesan body).

PHILIP SCHWENK, President of the A&B Central Council, explains the structure: 'Conference members work together, in prayer and action, in an organised and democratic way,



to help those in need. The Conference is also part of a well-structured organisation, and each Conference President is a voting member of the SVP District Council, which meets every quarter, and of which there are six in A&B. In turn, the DC Presidents come together quarterly, in a Diocesan Council, (or as we say The Central Council), which is responsible for the overall development of the Society, within the Diocese. Thus, good communication is maintained throughout the SVP in each Diocese, through to the National Council of England & Wales.'

Helping and Befriending

What SVP members do!



Conferences - Unlocking the Mystery



THERE IS REALLY NO SECRET about what happens in SVP meetings, just a desire to keep confidential the SVP's dealings with the people it helps, to protect their anonymity.

Indeed, the Society is legally required, under Data Protection rules, to keep confidential the personal details of those it serves – and it takes its responsibility very seriously.

Perhaps that natural desire for confidentiality gives rise to questions about what the SVP members really get up to...do they employ strange handshakes, wear funny hats, have an open bar, or even practise their own version of Morris

dancing?

The reality is both more boring and more admirable.

The meetings – usually held weekly or fortnightly – are an opportunity for members to discuss who needs help, what can be done, who will do it, what additional help/resources are needed and also to report about ongoing support to existing beneficiaries.

An essential element of every meeting is praying together and sharing a spiritual reading so members can reflect on to how well the Conference is carrying out the divine command to love our neighbour.

A Council Officer

SO, CATHY, now that you have risen to the dizzy heights of SVP District Council President, have you stopped running around, helping people?

No, I don't stop. With all the members, I still carry on with the visits, bring Holy Communion to the housebound and provide transport to Sunday Mass and times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

As a Conference, we are currently collecting good quality men's clothes for the detainees at the Gatwick centres and I accompany an SVP member to deliver them to the Gatwick Detainee Welfare office in Crawley.

We hold an annual Afternoon Tea for the older parishioners who attend the Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. We go to nursing homes to share the message of Christmas by singing carols with the residents.

I also go to schools to set up Mini Vinnie groups - I talk to the children about the lives of our founder Blessed Frederic Ozanam and St Vincent de Paul not forgetting the works of Rosalie Rendu and Louise de Marillac. I endeavour to help the Mini Vinnies to keep up with their charity work by staying in touch with their teachers.

We have given financial help to the refugees in St Leonard's Parish. Like all Conferences, we are twinned with parishes in India and we support the education of school children and students there.

We also support the Sudan Appeal and the Disaster Fund.



The Agenda

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Treasurer's Report
President's Report
Report of Visits
Allocation of Future Visits
Members' Secret Collection
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Ways the SVP Helps

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS to the lonely, isolated, sick, disabled and elderly, as well as:

- * Care and nursing home visits
- * Shopping, cooking, gardening, teaching computer use, and other tasks such as changing light bulbs
- * Referral to other agencies in cases such as debt, addictions or disability (but only with the prior approval of the beneficiary, unless in cases of emergency, safeguarding, abuse, risk etc)
- * Help with form-filling, letter writing, representation to authorities
- * Supporting the families of prisoners, the unemployed, offenders and ex-offenders
- * Praying with/reading to people
- * Caravan breaks/holidays for low income families
- * Food bank referral, soup runs, communal meals for elderly
- * Lifts to Mass, hospital, chemist, doctor, optician
- * Arranging furniture/clothing for people allocated unfurnished council housing
- * Emergency help after, for example, a fire or flood...and so on.

St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)



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You will be a self-starter with a positive attitude and will have excellent communication and organisational skills.

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Youth festival for 15 to 30s

WE ARE NOW ONLY A MONTH AWAY from the first BIG ENCOUNTER youth festival for 15-30s, and we're expecting somewhere between 100 to 200 people!

It's all happening at Newman College in Hove on Saturday 11 November, 7pm to 9.30pm, and we've got a great programme. Our keynote speaker will be Maria Rodrigues from Premier Christian Radio, and music will be led by One Hope Project, one of the biggest Catholic bands in the country right now. Bishop Richard will also be there, as well as a few other organisations.

The ENCOUNTER programme has been running for a few years and is now active in four different places around the diocese, where there are local ENCOUNTER evenings every month. This is the first time that there has been a big diocesan-wide festival however, and it promises to be a powerful evening.

The aim of ENCOUNTER is to give 15 to 30s a chance to encounter God and explore their faith in a relaxed, friendly environment with people their own age. So, if you haven't been before, make this your first one. Alternatively, if you're not in the 15 to 30s bracket, but know somebody who is, give them a nudge! If you've got any questions – contact Jack Regan at DABCEC jack.regan@dabnet.org - 01293 651158.

Entry is free, and there's no need to book. Doors open at 6.30pm and the programme starts at 7pm on 11 November, and we'll be in the Sixth Form centre at Newman College BN3 6ND



HOPE 2017

Festival Day for 11 to 14s

HOPE 2017 is for younger people than the ENCOUNTER programme, but it is just as awesome.

Starting with Mass at 2pm with Bishop Richard, we have also RISE theatre and CAFOD and more.

It coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and invites us to think about how we serve and love others.

Ideal for youth groups and school groups. We are expecting most people coming to be part of an organised group, but individuals are welcome to come by themselves if they want to.

To register your group – or if you've got any questions – contact Jack Regan at DABCEC jack.regan@dabnet.org - 01293 651158.

The festival will be held at Arundel Cathedral, running from 2pm to 5.30pm on Sunday 19 November. With only a limited space in the cathedral and the hall, numbers are limited, so booking is essential. Please register your group. It's open to anyone aged 11 to 14.



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Lizzie Wakeling

Family Groups Project Officer

MY NAME is Lizzie and I am the new Family Group Project Officer for the Diocese. Family Groups are a wonderful initiative that allows Parish communities to grow and flourish, creating an extended family for all.

This is exciting for me, as up until now, all my work for the church has been voluntary and with young people in my home parish of The Nativity of the Lord in Redhill, and on pilgrimages - as a Redshirt Leader in Lourdes and assisting on many World Youth Days.

I am passionate about the Catholic Faith and am delighted to be given this opportunity to help build the Kingdom of God by working with people of all ages and abilities as we strive to strengthen and develop the Christian community of our Diocese.

You can contact me at elizabeth.wakeling@dabnet.org, Telephone 01293 651155



Ongoing Formation for Marriage Preparation Catechists

HELPING COUPLES PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE is a wonderful experience and often enriches our own lives as much as offering support to those we help.

Pope Francis has been encouraging us 'to identify with courage and creativity, a training project for young married couples, with initiatives aimed at increasing awareness of the sacrament received.' *Roman rota Jan 2017*

Our Diocesan response to this has been to create an annual day for training and reflection and this year it will be on Saturday, 25 November at DABCEC, from 10am to 4pm. All marriage preparation providers are warmly invited to attend this day to explore an aspect of parish relationships and preparation with Bishop Richard.

You are welcome to attend a morning with

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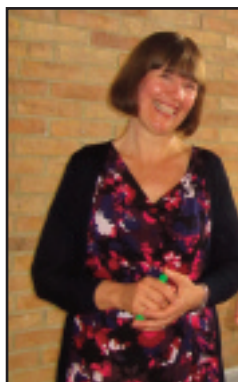
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Diocesan Adviser, Marriage & Family Life:
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Annual Grandparents Reflection Day at Worth Abbey

How to support your grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure

AN ACTOR FROM WINTERSHALL began this day of reflection with a beautiful retelling of the Prodigal Son story. It was a prayerful and particularly appropriate performance that made the capacity attendance of grandparents think about the topic of the day.

Elizabeth O'Shea (pictured), a parenting coach, author, and parenting specialist and director of *Parent 4 Success*, led for the rest of the morning. One example from the presentation was a slide of a Big Top, and Elizabeth asked all to imagine that we had taken our 5 year old grandson to the circus where we had had a great day....ice cream, candy floss....the works. Asked on the way home if he had enjoyed the day he replied, 'The circus is stupid!' How did we feel? Disappointed, uncomprehending, a bit cross.....? Elizabeth carried on....maybe that little boy had been very frightened of the clowns, the horses were big and smelly, it was so scary to see the high-wire acrobats with no safety net, it was very crowded and he



might get lost.....This set the scene for our sessions. Empathy was the key word running through all.

After these initial presentations, groups were formed and each had a different topic to discuss and then present their reactions back to all.

The afternoon was taken up by Fr Stephen Ortiger who spoke so wonderfully underlining everything not what we are but who we are contradicting so much of the pressure-causing diktats of society today which our youngsters are having to grow up with. Fr Stephen is pictured with Katherine Bergin, Diocesan Adviser for Marriage and Family Life.

Story and pictures:
A&B News Team and
Katherine Bergin



Haslemere Concert

PARISHIONERS WERE recently treated to a rare delight in the form of an organ recital from Eric Foster. Previously organist at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Teresa's Churches for five years, he left to become an organ scholar at Oxford University. Upon graduation a year ago, he took up the position of assistant organist at the church of St Paul's within the Walls in Rome.

After Sunday Mass Eric gave a short talk about his life in Rome, including his being accepted into the Sistine Chapel Choir. As a chorister there, Eric is enjoying singing for Papal services, as well as concerts around Italy and tours to Malta, South Korea and, soon to come, the United States and Canada.

At the recital he performed with great virtuosity pieces by Bach, Mozart and César Franck. It was a great treat to have the gifted young man return to share with parishioners both his life in Rome and his music. The parish wishes him every success as he undertakes new challenges with the aim of eventually working in an opera house as conductor and répétiteur.

The picture shows Eric in his chorister robes in the Sistine Chapel.



Gillian Boreham

Diaconate Candidates



TWO NEW candidates are in training for the Diaconate in Arundel & Brighton, Simon South from Rye parish and Dominic Dring from Henfield.

Pictured above with Bishop Richard are, on the left, Simon, an area manager with Boots, and his wife Lynne. On the right, with his wife Helen, is Dominic who is chaplain at St Paul's School in Burgess Hill.

The permanent diaconate, as opposed to the intermediate stage before ordination to the priesthood, was restored by the Second Vatican Council, having fallen into decline around the 5th Century. It has since flourished in this diocese where there are currently 50 permanent deacons.

Story: Mark Woods, Picture: Mary & Colin Purchase

The Big Sleepout in Keymer

A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE from St Edward's, Keymer have been raising awareness - and money - for the Brighton based charity Off The Fence.

This charity organises an annual fundraising challenge called The Big Sleepout which aims to help people get a taste of what life might be like if they were homeless. For one night people sleep rough in an outdoor, secure location, in order to reflect on concern for the marginalised and to start thinking about how they can respond.

Our group conducted its own Big Sleep Out on 22 September when a total of 13 young people, aged 11 to 15, slept out in the grounds of the church. After a discussion on the causes of homelessness and a simple bread and soup supper, the young people built their own shelters from cardboard boxes (donated by Carter's Domestic Appliances) and bedded down for the night.

Saoirse Murray (14), who organised the event with the help of her mum and friends, said:



'It was an eye opening experience. I can't imagine what it would be like sleeping rough every night.'

Winter is the hardest time of year for those without homes. Countless individuals will be exposed to the freezing cold this Winter, and will desperately need practical and emotional support during these months. This event provided a glimpse of what life is like for rough sleepers and raised some much needed money for Off The Fence to help rebuild their lives and get them off the streets.

Previously, young people in the parish had collected items for Off The Fence's annual Antifreeze campaign. In the past two years we have had winter collections of clothes and toiletries in our



churches. Last year we collected three car loads of clothes.

So far our Big Sleepout has raised over £2000. To support the group further, please visit: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/StEdwardsYCC> and click 'donate'.

Story and pictures: Andrew Hornett

New Cassocks and Cottas

THE ALTAR SERVERS AT ST MARY of the Angels, Worthing, are going from strength to strength. As a celebration of the commitment of the young people, the parish generously had a special collection to fund new cassocks and cottas for those who so faithfully serve at Holy Mass Sunday after Sunday (and very many weekdays too!). The picture shows some of the team proudly modelling their new vesture. Parishioners universally agree that the new smart look cassocks and cottas have added to the dignity of the celebration of Mass and other liturgies in the parish.



Fr Terry Martin

Tourist turns humanitarian worker

SEVEN YEARS after visiting Syria as a tourist, Alan Tomlinson, a parishioner of St Dunstan's Parish in Woking, returned to Syria in a very different capacity, as the Emergency Programme Manager for CAFOD's Syria response. He travelled to the coastal city of Latakia, a government stronghold, to visit nearby projects supporting displaced Syrians.

Syria is a very cosmopolitan society, a mix of religions and cultures; Islamic, Christian, regional and Mediterranean. Visiting Syria you see that diversity, but, with the news, you just see war and fighting, so you can be tripped up into thinking that's what Syria is like - but the people are incredibly hospitable.

Whilst on the surface the situation in Latakia seemed - ostensibly - ordinary, Alan described how quickly he started to see the poverty and the great need for humanitarian assistance. The project Alan visited is run by our local church partner and supported by CAFOD, assisting 2000 displaced families with rental support, health care services and essential items, including food.

'I visited four families on house visits and it was shocking to see the conditions they lived in. One family was living in the cellar of a block of flats, which was not really fit for human habitation. It was very gloomy and the family talked about the number of cockroaches and rats that bothered them at night. There were two young girls, around nine and ten, studying for exams, who were complaining of constant headaches from studying in such darkness.'

To date, the UN estimates that the conflict has killed over 310,000 people and 14.9 million are in need of urgent humanitarian aid. CAFOD has been working with local church partners in Syria since 2012, ensuring that people affected by the crisis have food, relief supplies and safe places to stay. CAFOD is also supporting Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Turkey.

However desperate the situation is at present, Alan has hope for Syria's future: 'I definitely hope to return as a tourist, but it's likely I will return there with my job first. Hopefully the conflict will end as soon as possible and give the Syrian people a chance to rebuild their lives, livelihoods and homes.'

To find out more and to donate, please visit www.cafod.org.uk/syria

Our picture shows Alan, second from the left, in Syria

Story and picture: Jessica Coffin, Regional Communications Assistant CAFOD



THE VIRGIN EYE
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The Virgin Eye by Robin Daniels inspires us to see the world anew through the innocent eyes of a child, so as to become more aware of God's presence in everyday life and encounters.

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OBITUARY
Dr Priscilla Noble-Mathews

PRISCILLA died in hospital on Saturday 2 September after a stroke in her garden. Priscilla, 90, was well-known as a doctor on call to trauma and medical emergencies, work she continued until she was 87. She was a deeply committed member of the Roman Catholic Church in Midhurst and across the Diocese.

Priscilla qualified as a lawyer and practised as a barrister, but changed course and trained as a doctor, one of the first at Southampton university medical school, graduating in 1976. She worked as a GP in Sussex, only retiring from locum work in 2015, aged 88. She made annual pilgrimages to Lourdes, for many years attending as a doctor for sick pilgrims.

In March this year she received a Bene Merenti Award from the Pope presented by Fr Peter Newsam in Midhurst.

Tribute from Fr Peter Newsam:-
She was a person of deep spirituality, who gave herself tirelessly to the work of the church, both in her parish and in the diocese. She supported other Catholic doctors and was a 'wise friend' to successive parish priests, and a counsellor and adviser to numerous parishioners. She made the care and visiting of sick parishioners a special concern.

Tribute from Fr Edward Doyle:-
Priscilla was one of life's real givers. She once gave me a paper on the theology of resuscitation which underlined her unusual blend of spiritual and ecumenical faith and leading-edge medical experience. PN

Canon Gerald Coates, RIP. Pray for the soul of Canon Coates who died on 10th October in Holy Cross Care Home, Heathfield.

CLERGY MOVES & APPOINTMENTS

Fr Kevin O'Donnell has left the parish of Rottingdean and Woodingdean. Please keep him, Gill and the family in your prayers as he takes a rest from parish ministry.

Fr Kevin Taggart OSB, of Worth Abbey, has been appointed Parochial Administrator for Rottingdean and Woodingdean.

Fr Andrew Moss has left Camberley and Bagshot in order to be closer to his mother, who is unwell. He will be serving in the Diocese of Shrewsbury for a time.

Fr Paul Turner to Camberley and Bagshot, to succeed Fr Andrew Canon Tom Treherne has been appointed Parish Priest of St Richard's, Chichester and The Witterings.

Fr Mical Beatty to St Leonards-on-Sea.

Abbot Christopher Jamieson OSB has been elected Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes on this very significant responsibility.

BISHOP'S DIARY

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sat 28 October	2pm	Ukrainian Jubilee, Westminster Cathedral
Monday 30	9am	Visit to St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill
	7pm	Future planning meeting, St Leonard's deanery
Tuesday 31	8.30am	Churches Together in Surrey meeting, Chertsey
	5pm	Confirmation at HMP Send
Wed 1 November	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent
	10am	Mass at Arundel Cathedral
	7pm	Induction Mass for Fr David Parmiter, Godalming
Thursday 2	9am	Meeting at DABCEC
Friday 3	9.30am	Mass and visit at St Charles Borromeo Primary School, Weybridge
	7pm	Future Planning Meeting, Mayfield Deanery
Saturday 4	10am	Parish visitation, Battle
Sunday 5	2.30pm	Remembrance concert, Eastbourne
Monday 6	9.30am	Meeting at Esher Parish
	11.30am	Visit Combat Stress, Leatherhead
	3.30pm	Clergy to St Cuthman's
Tuesday 7	7.30pm	Golden Jubilee Mass, Christ the King, Eastbourne
Wednesday 8	10am	Prison Chaplains' meeting at HMP Highdown
	7.30pm	Ecumenical Outreach evening, St Dunstan's, Woking
Thursday 8	11am	Chapter Mass, Arundel Cathedral
	5pm	Board of Governors' meeting, St Mary's University, Twickenham
Friday 10	10am	Remembrance commemoration, Judd School, Tonbridge
	7pm	Induction Mass for Mgr Tony Barry, St Joseph's, Guildford
Saturday 11	10am	Meeting and Safeguarding Mass, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge
	6pm	The Big Encounter, Cardinal Newman School, Hove
Sunday 12	9am	Parish visitation, St Thomas More, Patcham
Mon 13 - Thu 16		Bishops' Conference Plenary meeting, Leeds
Friday 17	6pm	KHS Vigil, St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Saturday 18	9am	KHS investiture and luncheon, St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Sunday 19	11.15am	Mass for Deceased Knights of St Columba Arundel Cathedral
	2pm	Hope 2017 Youth Event, Arundel Cathedral
Monday 20	7pm	Meets with Jesus Caritas group at St Cuthman's
Tuesday 21	7.30 am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent
	10.30am	Mass at Notre Dame School, Cobham
	6pm	Memorial Mass and celebration, Newhaven
Wednesday 22	8.30am	Meeting at DABCEC
	10.30am	Education committee meeting, DABCEC
	3pm	Bishops/Staff meeting at Womersley
Thursday 23	9am	Meeting at DABCEC
	10.30am	Deans Meeting, DABCEC
	7pm	Council of Deacons' meeting, High Oaks
Friday 24	10am	Dedication of DABCEC chapel
	1pm	St Cuthman's Management committee meeting, St Cuthman's
Saturday 25	9.3am	Marriage Catechists Formation day, DABCEC
Sat 25 to Sun 26		Parish visitation, Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne
Monday 27	7.30pm	Induction Mass for Fr Chris Spain, Egham Parish
Tuesday 28	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent
	2pm	Visit to Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Rottingdean
Wednesday 29	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent
	10am	Safeguarding Commission Meeting at Bishop's House, Hove

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In celebration of our inspiring friends, we will be holding our Memorial Mass at Our Lady of England, Storrington on November 4th at 10:00am.

All are welcome to join us and take precious time to remember your loved ones, knowing that you're among friends. A book of remembrance will be presented and blessed at Mass. If you would like names added to the book, or would like more information on the Mass, remembering people by a Candlelight Fund or leaving a gift in your will then please do get in touch.

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Tower House Community Centre Opens



THE HAPPIEST PERSON at the opening of Tower House, Centre for older people, was Peter Cropp, President of Brighton SVP District Council (pictured below, talking with Helen O'Shea).

Five years ago he conceived the idea for such a centre and since then has, along with his wife Jo, worked tirelessly to turn his vision into reality. There were about 70 people at the opening, including a strong contingent of SVP leadership from the London headquarters, including National President Adrian Abel, President-elect Helen O'Shea, former National President Jim O'Connor, and CEO Elizabeth Palmer, who - in the very best tradition of the SVP - showed concern for the rumbling stomachs of her guests and busied herself cooking snacks.



A&B Central Council President Philip Schwenk attended, as did a representative of Brighton & Hove City Council. Helen O'Shea made the opening speech, paying tribute to the work of the local SVP members. She said that the centre planned to serve up to 100 isolated elderly persons, providing lunches and bespoke activities, and future plans include a community café, a library and a range of advice and holistic support services, all under the roof of Tower House.

Tower House was built in 1902 as the home of a former jeweller to King Edward VII. Described by Wikipedia as 'Brighton's finest example of a

grand Edwardian house', in 1988 it was converted into flats with a day-care centre on the ground floor.

It is this daycare centre that the SVP has leased from Brighton & Hove City Council; a number of very large, sunny, interconnected rooms. Bishop Richard, who has agreed to be a Patron of the Community Centre, prayed for the future of the facility and blessed it, moving from room to room with the holy water aspergillum.

Afterwards, the guests enjoyed the catering and inspected the premises; several were so impressed that they signed up on the spot to become Tower House volunteers.

The plans for Tower House are challenging and the SVP are always looking for volunteers to help out.

If you would like to learn more or to volunteer, please contact the Community Centre at Tower House, Tower Gate, London Road, Brighton BN1 6WT. Telephone number 01273 549604. Email: towerhouse@svp.org.uk (More photos on www.flickr.com/photos/arunelandbrightondiocese)



Dialogue and Unity at DABCEC

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Pictured is Rev Canon Tony Churchill, the Priest Adviser on Dialogue and Unity, responding to questions from the attendees, particularly on unity.

There followed a time of reflection with prayer stations that concluded with all gathering around the cross to pray the Lord's Prayer together. Next was a time of sharing and we heard about the work they are doing in their parishes with other churches. Aidan Cantwell, Social Action and Justice and Peace Adviser, explained how so much work around social action is joint work between the Christian Churches and with those who profess other faiths.

Tea break included a call to take part in a 'Silent Conversation' to offer answers to the 'What next? Question. Here are some responses.

- Will look up Anglican & RC Bishops' ideas about how we can work together!
- How about an Ecumenical Choir? Could start with Carol Service before Christmas.
- To work with other groups ecumenically to further the common good.
- Don't be discouraged by indifference and lack of time. Express joy.

The day ended with evening prayer, and many words of gratitude from the attendees and speakers alike. A day full of the Holy Spirit's inspiration, sending us out with renewed energy to answer the call to unity.

Our evaluations included the question: *What did you find the most helpful or interesting part of the day?* Here are some responses: *All speakers, and feeling the depth of their involvement; Discussion with colleagues and hearing what others are involved in; I loved the images for prayer and reflection; Good to have documentation, titles of Vatican documents, and the hand-outs also; Very much appreciated the times given for prayer - and the careful preparation which had been given to them; All of it!*

Story: Katherine Martindale Pictures: Mark Woods

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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

AFTER A RELATIVELY QUIET summer we are now looking forward to the new opportunities and excitement that Autumn brings.

We are planning for next year's Confirmation and First Holy Communion with the groups started already. In particular the Confirmation Group have met for the first time with prayer and Adoration followed by refreshments and an introductory session. Later in the month they visited the Priest's Hole and Shrine of Our Lady at West Grinstead.

The newly formed Youth SVP Group was launched in June and are looking forward to an Autumn and Winter of involvement with the community.

There was a joint Worthing Deanery, Justice & Peace and CAFOD meeting at Christ the King, Steyning, for the whole parish, where we celebrated Creation time and found out about the next Harvest Fast Day and up to date feedback on diocesan refugee responses.

Our church hall at St Peter's in Shoreham unfortunately suffered a flood during the summer but we are glad to see that it is now fully dried out and the floor re-laid and opening this very weekend, ready for all the normal activities.

Penny Richardson

CATERHAM

THE USUAL PARISH activities are continuing after the summer break with the SVP Film Club, the monthly lunch for the older members of the parish, the discussions on the Journey of Faith and, already, preparations for the Christmas festival.

The latest Leaven Group meeting concentrated on Health and Safety and the update of various ministries.

The parish AGM was not as well attended as last year and covered the important, if mundane, matters of finance, maintenance, and parish records. Our guest speaker was Questa Newill from the Legion of Mary. Also discussed was the positioning of communicants at the sanctuary for safety reasons, the installation of a defibrillator and the possible creation of a parish magazine. In addition we had reports from various parish groups.

We are now able to view the Masses in the Sacred Heart Church live on the Internet.

Peter Patterson

EASTBOURNE

WE WERE SAD to say goodbye to Prof Fr Stanislaw Warzeszak who passed away unexpectedly in August in Warsaw. It was said at his funeral, 'Humanly, our presence at your coffin is far too early. God has decided to take you to his House - after the beautiful, fruitful, magnificent priestly life of a professor of moral theology and bioethics'. Mass was offered for the

repose of his soul in the evening at Our Lady of Ransom and people were welcomed to remember a very dear friend and holy priest.

Fr Raglan presented Jim and Sheila Needham with the St Philip Howard Medal and Certificate at Mass in St Gregory's Church.

A joyful celebration was held in honour of the life of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta by the co-workers, Mass followed by refreshments in the parish centre for all parishioners.

The parish cubs and scouts group were very grateful to the parishioners for their donations of supermarket vouchers which will enable them to buy much needed equipment.

At Christ the King Fr Barry Anderson invited parishioners to stay behind after the 10am Mass on 25 September to watch a film entitled 'Lion'. This was the true story of a small Indian boy who became lost following a long train journey and his subsequent life after being adopted by an Australian couple. The audience was invited to engage in spiritual reflection based on some aspects of the film and enjoyed a light lunch together.

Deacon Simon Kirkdale from Bexhill spoke on the role of the deacon in the Catholic Church at a meeting arranged by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle during the evening of the same day.

The parish also hosted a visit from Martin Brown of CAFOD on 23 September. Martin explained the focus of this year's Harvest Fast Day which, during the year of the centenary of the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero, has had a particular emphasis on El Salvador and the challenge facing subsistence farmers within that country.

John Carmody and Mary Staffiere

LITTLEHAMPTON

THIS PENTECOST, St Catherine's had two Celebrations in 24 Hours!

A surprise party was held after the Vigil Mass to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Fr Dominic O'Hara's ordination. Parishioners were invited to offer their prayers in a Mass for him, and to bring a plate of finger food to the event. Just before the Vigil Mass started, Fr Dominic was asked if he was free after Mass. Fortunately, he was! The Hall had been decorated by the Blondell family, who also provided the anniversary cake and iced it in an appropriate black & white dog-collar style! Over 70 people from St Catherine's, the Convent and St Joseph's Rustington attended.

The following day, more than 100 people from all the Littlehampton churches attended a joint Pentecost Service at St Catherine's, one of three such Services held each year in different churches in the town. Fr Dominic led this celebration of the Birthday of the Church and gave the Address.

Most people stayed afterwards for refreshments - a great opportunity for the different congregations to meet each other. The hall looked particularly festive, as the red and yellow balloons and decorations for the previous evening's party were still in place!

Mike Webber

MERSTHAM, REDHILL AND REIGATE

THE CHURCH of St Teresa of the Child Jesus in Merstham celebrated its patronal feast in style on 1 October. Candelabras on the Sanctuary and dedication candles on the pillars were lit, the congregation in full voice for the hymns, incense abounded, and roses in abundance reminded us of St Teresa's promise to shower down roses from heaven. The opening Hymn

WALTON ON THAMES

IN SUPPORT of our Maintenance to Mission programme two shared parish lunches have been held at St Erconwald's over the past few months. The first was held on Pentecost Sunday. The purpose of the event was to explore and understand how we serve God through serving others, even if we are not always aware that our service is an expression of our faith. We explored how we serve God at home, at work, in the church and in the wider community.

This was followed up with a second session in July. The meal was combined with an opportunity to praise the Lord. This part of the proceedings was led by our young people and much joyful singing was heard.

It was marvellous on both occasions to see members of our community from so many different countries and this was reflected in the variety of national dishes.

We used the occasion as an opportunity for: people from the different masses to meet up and chat; to ask for volunteers to help build a stronger and dynamic church; and to reflect on how we are able to serve the Lord within the wider community

Ann Meehan



PETWORTH with DUNCTON

WE WERE DELIGHTED to welcome Bishop Richard to the parish when he made a visitation on 10 September. It was an intense day for him as he preached at all three Masses, in Duncton, Midhurst and Petworth, (where he was also the Celebrant), met with members of the Parish Councils and Finance Committees of both Petworth and Midhurst over lunch and discussion, and then visited some housebound parishioners. It was an inspiring occasion, giving us a lot to think about concerning the way forward, and we thank him most warmly for his time and insight.

On 22 August there was a walk in Petworth Park organised by some of the younger members of the congregation who had been inspired by a talk given by Gillie Nicholls on *Les Amis Burkina Faso* and wanted to raise money to support the work they do providing shelter for runaway girls. It was a lovely fine afternoon and a good turnout of young people, adults and assorted dogs. The younger generation and the dogs expended a great deal of energy while the adults enjoyed the walk at a more leisurely pace! We finished with a picnic tea and £145 was collected for the Charity.

Sally Bohane

RUSTINGTON

THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, St Mother Teresa of Calcutta Group, have been meeting since 1967. Originally the meetings took place in the group's homes but now the small ecumenical group meet together in the parish room of St Joseph's Church on a monthly basis.

Over the years, our donated, knitted or crocheted clothing and bedding has been distributed to a number of different countries, including India, Poland, and currently Peru - via 'Project Peru'. The skills involved in the making of the jumpers, blankets and teddies is amazing, and some of our group quietly produce a steady stream of beautiful goods for distribution. We also hold a small raffle each month and the money raised from this is sent to the Missionaries of Charity based in London.

There is record of a celebration taking place in 1992 to mark the groups 25th anniversary, so we felt we wanted to mark our 50th with an afternoon tea on 27 October and invite some of the previous members to attend and also the parishioners and use the opportunity to tell the parish about the work we do.

Margaret Smith

MOLESEY



ON SUNDAY 17 September we had a very special celebration to say a fond farewell to Fr John Horn (pictured above) who has led and guided our parish for the past seven years. He truly has been an inspiration to us all and we shall miss him dearly. We hope that he has a great retirement and that the weather is kind to him for his games of golf!

Whilst we will miss Fr John, we are delighted to welcome our new priest Fr Richard Biggerstaff and we look forward to his ministry here in Molesey.

Jean Cash

CRAWLEY

LIKE AN IMPORTANT feast day, the Friary church was packed on 2 September. The whole parish gathered at the Saturday evening Mass to say farewell to much loved Mgr Tony Barry, 17 years as Moderator of the Crawley parish. He told us during his homily of how he was originally sent as a supply priest over a weekend. He was so touched by the warm welcome in Crawley, he asked the then Bishop Cormac if he could stay, instead of further study. The Bishop finally agreed and Fr Tony joined us in 2000.

Since then he has directed many operations, such as combining all the Crawley churches into one parish of around 1,700 Mass goers; organising the Diocese Golden Jubilee celebrations in Brighton and the parish 150th Jubilee at St Wilfrid's School in 2011; supervising two major building works at the Friary, necessitating over £1m of fundraising. We have since benefitted from the beautiful renovations. Similarly, he oversaw financing the new chapel at St Wilfrid's School. As Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Affairs at DABCEC, the Diocesan Centre, Mgr Tony has been extremely busy. However, everything he undertakes is with good humour, a smile and a giggle. We shall miss his homilies sprinkled with humorous anecdotes. Thank you Mgr. Tony.

Huge congratulations to Katie-George Dunlevy and Eve McCrystal on winning the UCI 2017 Para-cycling Road World Championships in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

On Sunday 9 September Our Lady Queen of Heaven pupils and staff joined Our Lady's parish church in Langley Green for Mass to celebrate Education Sunday. Pupils read from the Bible, shared the bidding prayers and brought forward the gifts during the Offertory.

Story: Sue Fellowes, Barbara Winstanley and Lauren Kluge



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TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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FROM THE PARISHES

(Continued)

SOUTHWICK with PORTSLADE and HANGLETON

ST THERESA OF LISIEUX parish Southwick celebrated its Feast day with parishioners from all three Mass-going communities: St Theresa's, Southwick, The Mass Centre, Portslade and St Georges, Hangleton.

We all came together for one combined Mass at 11.30am, to celebrate the feast of St Theresa. The church was packed. Despite the lack of sunshine the rain held off for a few hours and we were able to enjoy a huge hog roast outside in the church grounds. Many parishioners had contributed salads and desserts, with one parishioner making a celebration cake.

We were all delighted that Fr Alistair Simons was able to celebrate this Mass with us and extremely glad and grateful to have him back with us after his illness. It was a very moving occasion, and so well supported from all three Mass communities. There was a real buzz in the afternoon as more than 150 parishioners stayed for the food. Later in the afternoon there was an opportunity to visit Southwick cemetery and lay a rose on the grave of loved ones and past parishioners.

Gill Sajnog

WADHURST

IN AUGUST we took time to look back and appreciate our previous parish priests. Joan Grace reminded us that it would have been Fr Slaughter's 100th birthday on 26 August. Old friends rallied round in support producing cake and wine so that after Mass on that day we celebrated his memory. Fr Slaughter served our parish from 1968 until 1999. Many priests will remember Fr Slaughter as a lecturer in Womersley and at Mark Cross junior seminary. Fr Kevin Gaskin, his successor, often told us of his memories of Fr Slaughter's efforts as his teacher of Latin and dogmatic theology! We have also been remembering Fr Kevin Gaskin and the parish council have organised a headstone to stand next to Fr Slaughter's in our graveyard.

Our Nourish Foodbank organiser, Frances Dorr, has reported back to the parish that our donations helped to feed 4,614 people which is an increase of 47% over the previous year. 46% of those helped were children under 18.

To direct our charity nearer home, Daphne Bagshawe, Chair of the PPC, invited us to raise a glass (at £5 a glug) after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 24 September. All the wine was donated, including a bottle of gin from our friendly local Mayfield distillery, raising £457 in less than half an hour. This was our Parish help towards the splendid new buildings put up at the Sacred Heart Prep School during last summer holidays.

Peggy Purslow

WEYBRIDGE

'IGNITE OUR FAITH AND SHARE IT' Pope Francis has asked. Our parish is responding by running the well-proven Alpha course. Initially this is a pilot programme - now underway - for a representative group of our parishioners. If successful, it will be rolled out to everyone to help develop our spiritual lives and sense of community. It's a big task, and will take time, but what a wonderful ambition.

Here in sedate and leafy Weybridge it is easy to overlook the appalling suffering around the world due to war, famine and recently floods and earthquakes. Luckily we have our parish Justice & Peace group to help us keep our eye on the ball. They recently organised an excellent quiz night and curry supper which raised over £1,500 for CAFOD's emergency appeal. We have in mind especially those suffering from floods in south east Asia and also the victims of the recent earthquakes in Mexico - there are a number of Mexican families in the parish.

Finally, we are holding an All Saints Eve fancy dress party for our children, which should be a lot of fun, and certainly preferable to the current fad of Halloween 'trick or treat'. By and large, we much prefer treats.

Peter Clapham

WEST BYFLEET

ON 7 SEPTEMBER we held an Induction Mass to mark the installation of Fr Alex Hill as our new parish priest.

In attendance were Cllr Graham Cundy, the Mayor of Woking, Bishop Richard and other clergy. Afterwards the event was celebrated by a party in the parish centre.

With the end of the Summer break our usual full range of activities recommenced, including the parish Prayer Group, the Badminton Club, the Widowed and Separated Group, Sunday morning children's Liturgy, Youth Group (for 11 - 14 year olds) Food Bank collection, and Justice and Peace Group.

The latter were given a fascinating talk by our parishioner Helen, who spent several weeks in Tanzania as a volunteer midwife.

Paul Tipple



EAST PRESTON with ANGMERING

9 AND 10 SEPTEMBER marked our celebratory weekend for the 80th birthday of Fr David Rea. Bishop Richard celebrated the Saturday Vigil Mass after which Fr David was presented with a bottle of his favourite wine together with a cheque from parishioners.

The children at St. Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School Angmering had made a special extra large 80th birthday card which Mrs Sharon Reynolds, Headteacher, presented to Fr. David.

There was a lively reception in the crowded Parish Hall after the Mass with tables almost groaning under the weight of so much good food (and drink!). 'Happy Birthday' was sung with great gusto by all those present.

The celebrations continued after our usual Sunday morning Mass with further food and drink including another birthday cake, and a repeat rendition of 'Happy Birthday'.

Fr David thanked everyone who had helped to make his 80th birthday such a happy occasion.

Allan Veness



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