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Diocesan Golden Jubilee
Preparing a way for the Lord



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Welcome to A&B eNews in Brief

Welcome to this edition of the A&B eNewsletter.

The **Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy** is to be inaugurated by Pope Francis on Tuesday 8th December on the feast of the Immaculate Conception when he opens the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Bishop Richard has issued a Pastoral Letter to be read in all parishes this weekend outlining plans for the Holy Year which begins with the opening of a Holy Door at Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 13th December with Mass at 5pm. There are three other venues for a Holy Door around the Diocese, being Christ, the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead and Mayfield School. For more information on the Year of Mercy see the [Diocesan website](#).

The **Friends of the Holy Land** have provided the following paragraph for insertion in Newsletters by those parishes supporting them this Christmas:

'Crib Donations: This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Richard, this parish will be sending crib donations to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health or housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political

and ecumenical. For further information, please take away the leaflet by the crib and keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.'

Once again I would ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr Robin Mountford whose Funeral Mass is on Thursday 10th December, 12 Noon at All Saints in Oxted. More information is on the [Diocesan website](#). Please also pray for Deacon Ted Connelly who died recently at the age of 102, a deacon of Northampton Diocese who was living in the parish of Camberley and Bagshot. His Funeral will take place on Wednesday 16th December, 10.30am at SS Peter & John, Camberley. More information will appear shortly on the [Diocesan website](#). Finally, I ask your prayers for Aileen Connors who was a volunteer in the Diocesan Bookshop for many years and closely involved with the Lourdes Pilgrimage and the SVP. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 16th December as well at the Friary Church, Crawley at 12.15pm.

As ever I am grateful for comments, feedback or suggestions.

Mark Woods - A&B Diocesan Communications Officer

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Diocesan Information

- Safeguarding Training - Various Dates & Locations
- Mass for Deaf, Horsham 5 December
- Year of Mercy - Opening of Holy Doors 13 December
- Annual Justice and Peace Assembly, Crawley 16 January
- Mercy - A&B Youth Festival 27 February, Redhill
- Rite of Election returns - asap
- Refugees in the Diocese - update
- Internship available at DABCEC, Crawley
- Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2016

Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training: Basic Safeguarding Training is now available in various locations and dates in the months ahead for clergy, Safeguarding reps and parish volunteers. More dates will be available in the New Year. For dates and more information see the [website](#).

Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday December 5th at 1pm (New Time) in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: casamariapita@aol.com. Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

Opening of Holy Doors: Sunday 13 December 5pm at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard. Sunday 13 December 10.30am at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead and Christ the Prince of Peace Weybridge. Monday 11 January at Mayfield Convent Chapel.

Annual Justice & Peace Assembly: Saturday 16 January from 10am at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP with Bishop Richard and John Battle, former MP and Government Minister on 'What does it mean to be a poor Church for the Poor?' - "A summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters" (Laudato Si). For more information and to book visit the [Diocesan website](#).

Mercy A&B Youth Festival: Saturday February 27th 2016, 6.30 to 10.30pm, St Joseph's Church, Redhill RH11LF. Open to anyone aged 11-18 and their leaders/ teachers. Live Music; Praise & Worship; Talks and Interviews; Workshops; Stalls and Interactive Activities; Prayer; The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Entry is free and there's no need to book. Get in touch with [Jack Regan](#) if you have any questions. Draft programme [on the website](#).

Rite of Election Returns: A reminder to parishes that you need to return your registration form for the Rite of Election to Ruth Gerun at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP at your earliest convenience – even if you have no-one attending she still requires the signed form. To contact Ruth Gerun email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org.

Refugee Update: The work for refugees continues and information is continuing to be drawn together and the necessary plans put in place. A letter has been sent to everybody who offered any form of help. Any monies should be sent to Aidan Cantwell, Social Action/Justice & Peace Adviser payable to DABCEC and sent to DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. You can contact Aidan on 01293 651154 or email aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org for more information.

Internship with the Pastoral Team at Dabcec: An internship for a maximum period of one year working with the advisers on different initiatives and will include a range of duties and administrative work.

This opportunity is for those with an interest in pastoral work within the Church or who wish to develop and evidence work-place skills and who may be waiting for places at university or longer-term work opportunities.

This internship scheme builds on two recent successful experiences and is designed both to assist the Pastoral Team in its work but also to ensure that participants receive a valuable and rewarding experience, with benefits for their personal and professional development.

For further details of terms, conditions and remuneration, please contact Deacon Andrew Bayes, Pastoral Team Coordinator at Dabcec or via email: andrew.bayes@dabnet.org

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage: From Winchester to Canterbury from Saturday 13th – Sunday 28th August 2016. More information see www.thepilgrims.org.uk

St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre Information Programme for 2015

See full details of the programme for the year on their [website](#).

Residential Retreats coming up are:

Thursday 24th - Sunday 27th December - St Cuthman's Christmas

Monday 25th January - Monday 1st February 2016 - Individually Guided Retreat in partnership with St Beuno's Retreat Centre

Friday 26th February – Sunday 28th February 2016 - Healing and Forgiveness. Led by Dr Stephanie Thornton C.Psychol, AFBPsS

Days of Prayer coming up are:

Wednesday 9th December led by Fr David King.

Saturday 6th February led by Bishop Richard Moth on the Year of Mercy

For more information on all these and other events visit www.dabnet.org. To book: tel: 01403 741220; or email: stcuthmans@dabnet.org

Catholic School Headteacher & Chaplaincy Vacancies

See the Schools pages of the [Diocesan Website](#) for all School Vacancies.

eNews in Brief Local Events

- **Advent Recollection and Study Day - 5th December** at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, Dominican Missionary Sister's convent, 4 Gossops Green Lane, Gossops Green, Crawley RH11 8BJ. Speaker: Sr Valery Walker OP. Please bring food for a shared lunch £5.00 towards costs. Disabled Parking available. All other visitors, please use St Theodore's Catholic Church Car Park. For more information phone 01293 524067.
- **CAFOD Laudato Si Study Guide Taster & Tips morning:** 5th December, St Clement's church, Ewell. 10:30-12:30. CAFOD have released a study guide for small groups on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' (On The Care of our Common Home). Please book your place (as spaces are limited) by contacting the A&B volunteer centre on 01483 896866 or arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

- The Anglican **Diocese of Chichester** is also celebrating the **Year of Mercy** which they begin on **Sunday, 6 December 3.30 pm**, with Bishop Martin Warner opening the Year of Mercy Door in Chichester Cathedral, followed by Evensong. All welcome.
- **Year of Mercy Icon Retreat - 17-23 January 2016:** Writing an Icon of Christ with prayer and meditation on the Mercy of the Father through the Face of Christ with the **Poor Clare Community**, Crossbush, Arundel. Hands on tuition. No artistic skill needed. Mass with the community. To book contact Sr Maria Hii on 01903 882536 or email poorclarescrossbusharundel@hotmail.co.uk.
- **Bible Convention - 20 December:** From 12 noon-5pm and led by Sehion Ministries with Fr Xaviour Khan Vattayil and Fr Soji Mathew Olikkal at St Mary's Prayer Hall, South of England Event Centre, Ardingly, Haywards Heath RH17 6TL. Mass with Bishop Richard Moth plus Praise and Worship, and a Healing Service. Free admission. Bring your own lunch. Transport available from Crawley, East Grinstead, Bexhill, Eastbourne and Uckfield. For more information contact Mr Bijoy Alapatt tel: 07960000217 or email: thunderofgod@yahoo.co.uk
- **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - October 2016** - Are you interested in a this pilgrimage led by Fr David Osborne of Cranleigh and Bramley Parish from 25th to 31st October next year. If you would like to come or want more information please contact Bridget Eacott (tel 01483 892406) by early December and she will send you a brochure.
- **Our Lady of Lourdes School, Rottingdean** is looking to secure a grant for their self-funded and much needed **playground renovation**. They would like to invite people to vote (for free) to help secure a community grant of £25,000 from the One Family Foundation. To vote go to their [website](#). Every vote counts.
- **Canon Gerry Coates** who has recently moved to Holy Cross has two Chasuble-Albs which he no longer needs. They are cream and size 60 inch. He asks that you give a donation to the Lourdes Fund if you want one. If you are interested then

email [Mark Woods](#).

eNews in Brief National Events - Quick Links

- **CAFOD Pope Paul VI Memorial Lecture - Cardinal Peter Turkson** will deliver CAFOD's annual Pope Paul VI Lecture on 4th December at St Mary's Church, Wyndham Place, London, W1H 1PQ on: "**Care for Creation: how to protect and sustain our common home**". You can register for the event [here](#).
- **Catholic Bible Sunday on 6 December:** This year's theme is 'Embracing the Gospel of Mercy'. The aim of the Sunday is to provide an opportunity for everyone to give thanks for the gift of the Bible, and to invite a deepening of understanding of its message. One way that people are being encouraged to do this is by tweeting a favourite Bible reference using **#cbsun15**. Easy-to-use materials in support of the celebration can be downloaded from the [Bishops' Conference website](#).
- **Theology of the Body Symposium 13th - 17th January 2016** for young adults aged 18 - 35 at St Patrick's, Soho, London with Christopher West and Rober McNamara. Cost: £100 non-residential. £140 for residential option. All meals and materials are included in the cost. Places are limited! To find out more or to register, please visit: www.stpatricksoho.org/clcl or call 02074372010.
- **Peace Sunday 17 January** - Theme from Pope Francis is 'Overcome indifference and win Peace'. Materials available from [Pax Christi](#).
- **Holocaust Memorial Day** on 27 January 2016 - Resources for Parishes are available to download and use from the [Holocaust Memorial Day website](#).
- **National Conference for Rural Catholics, 15-17 February 2016:** Old Lodge Hotel in Malton, North Yorkshire. The 2016 programme will have a strong equine flavour, reflecting the local industry. Cost is the same as in 2015: - £235 (double - ask). Deposit to accompany booking: £100. Contact Fr Robert Miller, Trellis House, Station Road, Tisbury, Wilts SP3 6JR by [email](#) or [tel:01747 870228](tel:01747870228). CBCEW National Rural Officer.

eNews in Brief National Appeals and Programmes - Quick Links

- **Proclaim 15'**: Evangelisation Materials are now available for parishes and individuals. For more information visit the [Bishops' Conference website](#).
 - **Action by Christians Against Torture Christmas Card List 2015** - At Christmas we can all take the opportunity to let them know that they are not forgotten. A card can mean so much to them. Remember to follow the guidelines when sending cards. Download the list [here](#).
 - **Readings in different languages** - Handy downloadable (pdf) Sunday readings in about a dozen European languages, for those who have different language groups in their parish. Download [here](#).
 - **MA in Catechesis** at The School of the Annunciation: If you have a passion for Evangelisation and Catechesis, are helping in a parish or are involved in Catholic youth ministry then this is for you. Based at Buckfast Abbey. For details of this course please go to www.schooloftheannunciation.com and look under Courses.
 - Template to make use of your **old Tax Disk Holder** for Emergency contact details. See this [website](#).
 - **Papal Blessings** for weddings, anniversaries etc - As from January 2015 only available online from the Vatican @ www.elemosineria.va
 - **Sarum College** Courses and Events in Coming Months. [See their website](#).
 - **Ammerdown Retreat Centre** - Various events and retreats including an Advent Retreat with Fr Daniel O'Leary. [See their website](#).
 - Online version of **Catechism of the Catholic Church** now available via the [American Bishops' Website](#).
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The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton - Pastoral Team
Serving the Communities of our Diocese



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Full Name	
Parish / Mass Centre	
Address	
Email Address	
Contact Number (s)	

Please tick boxes below - I can offer help with:

	Tick
Accommodation: Please give details here (e.g. shared house or independent)	
Skills and time- including language skills, teaching English	
Legal Assistance	
Knowledge of local community and facilities available	
Financial Support (<i>For donations to the Restricted Diocesan Fund, please make cheques payable to "DABCEC" (Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, Christian Education Centre)"</i>)	

Please add any other relevant information here:

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Signed: _____ Date _____

Please sign giving your consent for the Diocese to retain the above information

Please note that this data will be used by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Please keep us informed of any changes to your contact details and we will update our database accordingly. When the information you have provided is no longer required, we will delete it from our database. Thank you.

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