

WELCOME TO A&B eNEWS:
DIOCESAN AND LOCAL INFORMATION
& EVENTS

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop
of Arundel & Brighton

Welcome to this A&B eNewsletter on Diocesan and local events for the months ahead.

First of all, this is my last but one eNewsletter as I am retiring from the role of Diocesan Communications Officer at the end of May. This job alongside a couple of other roles in the diocese and elsewhere is advertised below. Please share with anyone you think might be interested in any of the roles.

I would highlight an upcoming day on 'Communicating the Word' in preparation for the 'Year of the Word' on 25 June at



Mount St Jesuit Centre in Mayfair. David Payne is the main speaker and it is aimed at catechists, teachers, readers and clergy. More details will appear in the next eNewsletter but otherwise email: admin@catholicassociationofpreachers.com.

It has been announced that Bishop Richard has appointed Fr Martin McGee OSB, monk of Worth Abbey as the Interreligious Priest Adviser for the Dialogue and Unity Commission to assist the Diocese and Catherine Martindale, the Dialogue and Unity Adviser in her work. He will led on the annual Dialogue and Unity Day on 28 September in Crawley.

Finally, in order to keep the Diocesan Directory up-to-date please send any corrections, amendments and additions for the Diocesan Directory to directory@abdiocese.org.uk or post them to Directory Editor, Bishop's House, The Upper Drive, Hove BN3 6NB. These need to be received by July 31st.

With every prayer and blessing for the Easter Season,

Mark Woods - [Communications Officer](#)

P.S. There will no eNewsletter next week

The information contained in this email is included in good faith. Please take up any queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.



St John Vianney Group: A group for men, aged 18-45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood.

The next meeting takes place from 3-6pm on Sunday 19th May at Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge KT13 8JD.

For more details contact the Fr. Con Foley - 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com

Items marked in red are new additions or have been updated since the last eNewsletter.

The Word Who is Life - Diocesan Pastoral Plan

Read the full Pastoral Plan [here](#).

School Chaplain: Taste and See Sessions - The need for every Secondary

School to have a full-time chaplain and for chaplaincy to be available for every Primary School were identified in the Pastoral Plan. To help this happen Bishop Richard Moth and Father Stephen Ortiger (Chaplain Coordinator for the diocese) will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more about school chaplaincy.

These will take place on **6 June** at **Sacred Heart**, Cobham, Surrey, on **12 June** at **Holy Cross Priory**, Heathfield, East Sussex and on **13 June** at **St John the Evangelist**, Horsham, West Sussex. All meetings will be from 7pm-8.30pm.

To reserve a place at one of the sessions please contact Claire Martin, CPD Administrator at the Diocesan Education Service claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk or ring Claire Martin on 01293 511130.

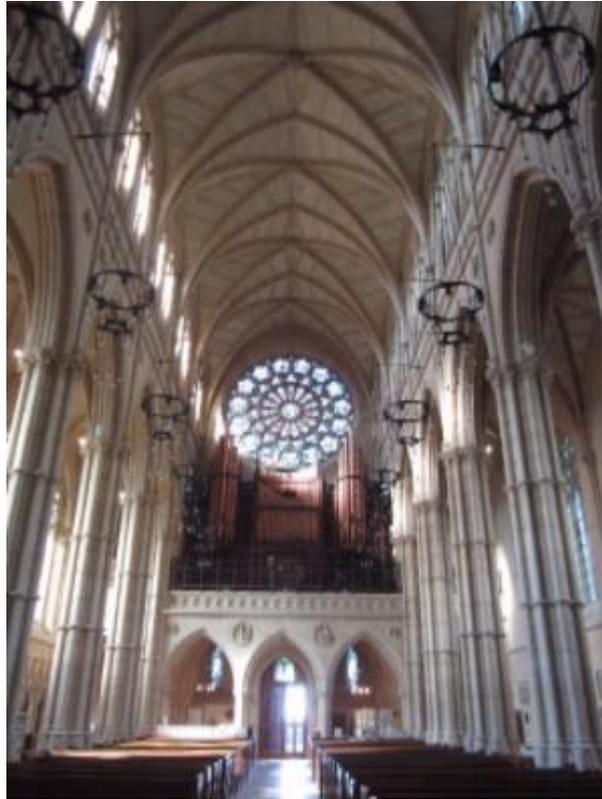
A reminder that as part of the Pastoral Plan to improve IT all diocesan staff and office emails have moved to **@abdiocese.org.uk**. There are now not different email addresses for different offices. If you wish to email an individual in any of the diocesan offices their email is **first name.last name @abdiocese.org uk**, e.g. frederick.blogs@abdiocese.org.uk. If you wish to contact a particular office e.g. finance, communications, etc then it is the same prefix as before followed by **@abdiocese.org.uk** e.g. webmaster@abdiocese.org.uk.

Please also note that Bishop Richard now has a new email address of Bishop.Richard@abdiocese.org.uk for all diocesan business replacing any other email address you might have for him. The old email addresses will continue to work for a period of time but it would be best to change your address book now.

Bible Survey - The Diocesan Formation Team are asking people to take the survey from the Bishops' Conference about how you use the Bible. To take part click [here](#).

More information on implementation of the plan will follow in the months ahead.

Arundel Cathedral Information and Events



For further information on Arundel Cathedral and events at the Cathedral see their [website](#). The Annual **Festival of Flowers** will be open to public view on Wednesday 19 June from 9.30am to 8.00pm and on Thursday 20th June from 9.30am until celebration of Mass at 5.30pm and the Blessed Sacrament procession to the Castle. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission and refreshments are available throughout both days in the Cathedral Centre, a short distance onwards from the Mary's Gate pub. They will also have Eucharistic Miracles exhibition at the Cathedral for Corpus Christi which was on show at Adoremus in Liverpool last year. Information about the Friends of Arundel Cathedral can be found on their [website](#) where you can also see how you can become a member.

Diocesan Information

- [INSPIRE](#), 11 May, Redhill - **Postponed**
- [Annual Supporting Bereavement Day](#), 15 May, Crawley
- [Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#) , 1 June, Horsham
- [Afternoon of Reflection and Pentecost Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving for New Catholics](#), 8 June, Arundel
- [Pentecost Family Day](#), 9 June, Womersley, Guildford
- [Grandparents' Pilgrimage 2019](#), 12 June, West Grinstead
- [Criminal Justice Roadshow](#), 13 July, Cobham
- [Annual A&B Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage](#), 10-25 August, Lincoln to Whitby
- [Wedding Anniversary Mass](#), 12 October, Arundel
- [Dates for Musicians](#) in 2019 - See [website](#)
- [A & B Spirituality Network](#), information below

'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people and young adults in a Catholic context, and anyone who is interested has been **postponed**. Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk for information.

[Annual Supporting Bereavement Day](#): Annual Ongoing Formation Day for those who Support the Bereaved in their Parish on Wednesday 15th May from 10am-4pm, at St Bernadette's, Tilgate. Theme is 'Planning Liturgies to Support the Bereaved'. Bring a Packed Lunch. Booking Essential. To book contact contact Rosie Read at rosie.read@dabnet.org or Tel: 01293 651161.

[Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#): The next monthly Mass will be held on **Saturday June 1st** at 1pm 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:
mag.booker@gmail.com . Mobile: [07970428601](tel:07970428601) (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim
Mortell on [01273 552159](tel:01273 552159).

[Afternoon of Reflection and Pentecost Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving for New Catholics](#): Bishop Richard invites all new Catholics of the Diocese together with their godparents, sponsors, family and friends to join him for an afternoon of reflection and prayer at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 8th June concluding with a Pentecost Vigil Mass of Thanksgiving at 5pm. New Catholics are also invited to an afternoon of prayer and reflection with Bishop Richard preceding the Mass. If anyone has not yet received their invitation, please contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01293 651164.

[Pentecost Family Day](#): Sunday 9th June at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Please attend Mass in your parish in the morning and then please feel free to bring a picnic lunch for 12.30 or to join in the activities at 1.00. There will be tours of the seminary and talks led by the seminarians, Stations exploring the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, games and face painting .The day will conclude with tea and a Pentecostal procession where the Bishop will send us all out filled with joy back to our parishes! This is a day suitable for all ages . Please do let Katherinebergin@abdiocese.org.uk know if you are able to join us for catering purposes or tel: 01293 651152.

[Grandparents' Pilgrimage 2019](#) : On Wednesday, 12th June to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead from 10.30 to 3 pm. The day will include Adoration and Reconciliation, an opportunity to visit Secret Chapel (Flat shoes advised), Mass with Bishop Richard and retiring collection for upkeep of Shrine. Coffee and tea will be provided - please bring a packed lunch. Parking Limited - car sharing advisable. Bookings at Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk or tel: 01293 651161.

[Criminal Justice Roadshow](#): Date for your diary - Saturday 13th July, 11 am to 3

pm, at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Cobham. More details will follow.

[Annual A&B Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage](#): 'Saint Hilda's Pilgrimage' - 10 - 25 August. Lincoln to Whitby. Full details and booking form now at the www.thepilgrims.org.uk (please note website address which was incorrect last time)

[Wedding Anniversary Mass](#): A Mass with Bishop Richard for those Celebrating a Special Marriage Anniversary in 2019 on Saturday 12th October in Arundel Cathedral. For more information contact Katherine Bergin, Email: Katherinebergin@abdiocese.org.uk

[Dates for Diocesan Musicians for 2019](#): See [Diocesan Website](#) for dates of rehearsals for musicians for upcoming liturgies. All details on [website](#). For more information contact [Catherine Christmas](#).

[A & B Spirituality Network](#): Our diocese has a well-established Network with many trained and experienced spiritual directors. These individuals are available to accompany people on their faith journey. If you would like more information on spiritual guidance, or the Network, please visit the website www.abdiocese.org.uk or pick up a leaflet from the porch.

Diocesan & Other Vacancies

Project Officer for Marriage and Family Life - Crawley

The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton wishes to recruit a permanent part-time Project Officer to the Marriage and Family Life Ministry within the Diocese. Based at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley reporting to the current adviser, Katherine Bergin, the successful applicant would work with the

Commission in delivering both specific projects and in supporting the ongoing work of the Formation Team.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who has a heart for working with families in developing faith and supporting couples through all stages of married life.

Closing date is Monday 3rd June 2019 by 5pm. Interviews early June.

Job description and application form are available

at <https://finance.abdiocese.org.uk/human-resources/diocesan-and-parish-jobs> or

contact Bishop's House coo@abdiocese.org.uk

Chief Technology Officer - Hove

The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton wishes to recruit a new permanent full-time Chief Technology Officer to oversee the IT needs of the Diocese and parishes, delivering IT solutions that are both cost-effective and fit for purpose. Based at Bishop's House in Hove and reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, the successful candidate will bring a wealth of technical knowledge and hands on experience in overseeing IT resources and supporting users.

This is an exciting opportunity to make a pivotal contribution to the connectivity and operational effectiveness of the Diocese.

Closing date is Monday 3rd June 2019 by 5pm. Interviews on Monday 10th June.

Job description and application form are available

at <https://finance.abdiocese.org.uk/human-resources/diocesan-and-parish-jobs> or

contact Bishop's House coo@abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Communications Officer - Hove

The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton wishes to recruit a permanent full-time Diocesan Communications Officer to develop and manage effective communications for the Diocese, through a variety of channels including the web, printed publications and media.

This is an exciting and challenging role working across a range of media to promote and support the work of the Diocese.

Closing date is Friday 7th June by noon. Interviews on Wednesday 12th June.

Job description and application form are available at <https://finance.abdiocese.org.uk/human-resources/diocesan-and-parish-jobs> or contact Bishop's House coo@abdiocese.org.uk

School Chaplain & Deanery Youth Worker in Worthing: Following on from the Pastoral Plan for School Chaplains Chatsmore Catholic High School and the participating parishes in Worthing Deanery are looking to hire an experienced youth minister for the above post, starting in September. Application deadline is May 20th. Salary £30,000. For an application pack, Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Human Resources Manager

An interesting and challenging opportunity has arisen in the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth for an HR Manager in the Support and Administration Services Team. The position is based in Portsmouth and entails managing and developing the current HR service including payroll and supervising 3 staff. The application form/job description/Equal Ops monitoring form are available on the Diocesan

website:- <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/>. Application forms to be returned to Mr Barry Phillips HR Adviser St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 3QA

Closing Date:- 24th May 2019 (12 noon) and Interview date:- 3rd June 2019

Catechetical Resources for Young People

Diocesan Confirmation Certificates are now available. To order please contact Paul.quinn@abdiocese.org.uk.

Viewpoint Resources Direct are ceasing trading. Parishes which currently use

the **God's Greatest Gift** First Holy Communion resource should contact Viewpoint direct about buying remaining stock. Parishes and schools interested in purchasing remaining copies the three volume children's lectionary should also contact Viewpoint.

Their contact details are:

Tel. 020 8692 1138

Fax. 020 8692 0375

Email. Sales@viewpoint24.com

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Education Service

For information about upcoming **Catholic Leaders Conference** on 5 July in Eastbourne, details of courses and for vacancies in our Diocesan Schools see [Diocesan Education Service website](#).

Local & Parish One - Off Events

Summer Parenting Workshops: This popular series of workshops returns to St Peter's Brighton once again in May. The evenings will equip parents and youth leaders/teachers with information and tools for positive conversations around hot topics of today's youth culture. Each session will include presentations from a speaker and a chance for discussion in small groups. Drinks and desserts are included in your ticket. There are three workshops on **Monday 13th, 20th May, and 3rd June, all at 7.15pm**. The Workshops are aimed parents, step-parents, caregivers, youth leaders or teachers of young people aged around 8 – 18yrs. The cost is £6 per session or £15 for all three. Drinks and desserts are included. Bursaries are available so please don't let the cost deter you from joining us. For information and to book go to <https://stpetersbrighton.org/parenting>.

St George's at 50: St George's Church, West Blatchington with Hangleton in Hove, opened in 1969.

During the weekend of **17-19 May** there will be a programme of further celebratory events taking place in the church and in the parish hall. More details will be put on the parish website www.brightondeanerywest.org.uk as they become available.

If you were a member of the parish in 1969 or soon after, we'd love to hear your memories or see photos from that time. Please contact Pat at stg-at-50@stgeorges-hove.org.uk or leave a message with the Parish Office on 01273 708227.

Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle: Fr Andrew Pinsent on **Tuesday 4 June**, 7.30pm to 9pm on Can Faith and Science be Reconciled? St Martha's Church Hall, Cooden Sea Road, Little Common, Bexhill TN39 4SP. Fr Andrew Pinsent, a priest of Arundel & Brighton Diocese is Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford.

For further information, please contact committee members of the Eastbourne & Bexhill Newman Circle: either, Alex (07957 632208), Dr Edward & Barbara Echlin (01424 219788), Kim (07786 926287), John 01323 726334, or Julia 01424 842314.

Many Voices, One Spirit at Brighton Dome: Building on last years' successful Pentecost event at Chichester Cathedral there are now exciting plans afoot for this year to celebrate Thy Kingdom Come. This year this ecumenical event will take place at the Dome in Brighton on **Sunday, June 9**. Booked as the keynote speaker is Roy Crown from Hope Together. Roy became HOPE Together Executive Director in March 2010 and was previously the National Director of Youth for Christ in Britain for 12 years. Stuart Barbour, acclaimed singer and songwriter from Sussex, will be providing first class worship music and Revd Martin Poole will be applying his usual Beyond style creativity using both traditional and contemporary ways to provide a stunning visual effect in a way that helps everyone to worship God and be inspired by the Spirit.

There will be a family prayer space, a healing space and a contemplative prayer space. Prayer spaces will be open from 2.00pm-6.00pm for people to drop in any time they like, and a programme of workshops on these themes will be available soon. This ecumenical event will be followed by an evening of worship music from 7.00pm.

This event will be free and registering details are [here](#)

CAFOD A&B at Mass Lobby of Parliament on Climate Change: CAFOD will be joining other organisations in a mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 26 June, where thousands of people will be discussing climate change with their MPs. A coach will be running from Hove via Crawley. To sign CAFOD's petition and find out more about the lobby today: cafod.org.uk/climatelobby

Stars of Mary Masses - Cathedral Deanery: Masses for people with Learning Disabilities, their Family, Friends and Elderly who are frail and find difficulty to attend mainstream Masses. (Tea follows each Mass) **All Masses start at 3 pm.** Sunday 7th July 2019 at St. Catherine of Alexandria, 44 Beach Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5JH

Sunday 20th October 2019 at Convent of the Poor Clares, Crossbush, Arundel, BN18 9PJ

Sunday 15th December 2019 at Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, PO20 1LP

Celebrate Brighton: Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend 13th and 14th July 2019 at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School, The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND. For more information and to book see their website - www.celebrateconference.org

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration: On Saturday 20th July, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead RH13 8LT. The day will begin with Mass at 12 Noon followed by a programme of events including Rosary and Benediction with opportunities for Confession during the afternoon. For further information please contact either: Linda C-Dominguez Tel: 01273

463463, Jozef Bubez Tel: 01444 232974 or Jayne Lock Mob: 07816 422851
or Email: jayneJock1@gmail.com

St Francis and Sultan Malik al-Kamil - What can we learn from their

meeting in 1219: A day led by Kathy Maskens OFS, National Vice Minister at Holly Barn, Wintershall Estate, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey GU5

OLR on Saturday August 10th 2019 from 10.30 am - 4.00 pm.

Please let us know if you are able to join us in this celebration and for directions to Holly Barn. Bring a packed lunch tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Contact: Jennie McManus - sjenniemcmanus@gmail.com or Telephone: 01483 20 3642

OFS Ladywell Fraternity of the Holy Spirit Retreat: Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Fareham, Hants PO17 5HA from Friday 22nd November from 4 pm until 3 pm on Sunday 24th November 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some quiet time in contemplation and reflection within the Franciscan family. Members of other Franciscan Fraternities and ALL those with a `Franciscan heart` will be most welcome to join us.

The Franciscan Retreat will be led by Father Anthony Meredith, Novice Master for the Rosminians in England and Wales, based at the Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe-on-the- Wreake, Leicestershire.

For information and booking form contact: Jennie McManus - sjenniemcmanus@gmail.com or Telephone: 01483 20 3642.

Ongoing Courses and Events

Alton Day of Renewal is a monthly mini-retreat Saturday open to anyone free of charge and without booking. 2019 theme is "The power of Prayer". The programme will show us how to renew our prayer lives through the Holy Spirit so that we can be more effective ambassadors of God's kingdom, making a real

difference in people's lives and in the world. The day includes Rosary, Mass, Adoration, shared lunch, praise and worship, guest speaker and healing ministry. The next date is 18th May on "Prayer for healing and deliverance" with Fr Nicholas Broadbridge OSB. It's usually on the 4th Saturday of each month, but please check for full details of dates, speakers and location at www.altonrenewal.com.

Learn more about Catholicism course at St Augustine's Abbey,

Chilworth: You are warmly invited to a presentation of the next episodes of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by the acclaimed author and speaker Bishop Barron, on Saturdays 11 May and 15 June 2019.

These are Chilworth Abbey Study Days and are given by Benedictine monk Fr John Seddon OSB, who will contextualise each episode and then teach and lead a discussion about its subject matter. The popular days begin with Mass at 9am, followed by coffee. The film is shown, chapter by chapter, followed by teaching and discussion. Midday prayer and lunch will divide each day and concludes at 4pm. Come to part, or all of the day, as it suits you. Bring a packed lunch and a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. Free to attend. No need to book.

St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Guildford GU4 8QR. Chilworth railway station with links to London and Gatwick is a short walk away. Visit us online at [Chilworth Benedictines | Chilworth Abbey & Monastery](#)

Experience Christian Meditation at Chilworth: You are welcome to join **Chilworth Christian Meditation Group**, Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.15pm in the Assisi Room behind St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Guildford GU4 8QR. A period of quiet meditation. Typically, around ten or more people attend from all ages and backgrounds. No need to book. We follow The World Community for Christian Meditation. There is also the opportunity to attend Compline with the Benedictine monks immediately afterwards in the Abbey Church (8.30pm to 8.50pm). More information from Sheila Longman, email: sheliaannlongman@aol.com tel: 01483 505814 (meditation

group enquiries only please). To call St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, please telephone 01483 899360.

Worth Abbey - Open Cloister Retreats: A number of retreats are available at Worth Abbey over the coming months including Reflections on the Miracles of Jesus Retreat, 18 -20 June, Mindfulness of God in the Monastic Tradition Retreat, 28-30 June, To Heaven with Dante: An illustrated journey 19-21 July and a Family Retreat, 7-11 August as well as Individual Retreats. If you have any questions, would like to check availability or for further information please contact the Bookings Secretary at The Open Cloister Email: toc@worth.org.uk or Tel: 01342 710318.

Days of Recollection for Secular Clergy: These take place from 11.15am-4pm at Wickenden Manor, West Sussex and are run by members of Opus Dei they are for diocesan clergy and include two meditations, time for confession & spiritual direction, a holy hour and a good three course meal. On every second Wednesday of the month. To book a place contact Fr Bernard Marsh clergyretreats@ormecourt.com. For more information see their [website](#).

Appeals

October – Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM): October 2019 is the month designated by the Pope with “the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the *Missio ad gentes* and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church’s life and pastoral activity, and to help communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal”. (Pope Francis, WMS 2017). Missio have prepared some material for October which can be found at <https://missio.org.uk/emm>.

If you would like to support EMM then do get in touch with Deacon Duncan

Brown, A&B Director of Missio or if you like to promote Missio in your parish or would like to become more involved in the promotion of Mission more generally in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, kindly contact Duncan at

d.brown580@btinternet.com

Ray Mooney Walks the Camino for A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage and Prostate

Cancer UK: Former Diocesan Youth Adviser and Redshirt Leader, Ray Mooney is walking 500 miles along the Camino di Santiago from France to the Shrine of St James in Santiago di Compostella this May. He is walking the Camino in aid of Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage and Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to sponsor him then go

to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RayMooney>.

Take part in the Easter Quiz and support the Surrey Churches

Preservation Trust: Please help preserve our Church Heritage in Surrey by taking part in the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust's Easter 2019 'Fun Forecasting Quiz' - lucky entrants could win cash prizes of £500, £200, £100, champagne or claret. Please download or enter the quiz

here: <http://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/easter-quiz/>

Find out more about the Trust and how it has raised over £500,000 in 21 years to support Surrey's church heritage of all denominations and get involved

here: <http://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org>

Refugee Action

Worthing 4 Refugees - Furniture Wanted: New accommodation has been found for their first family within Worthing. So they will move house in about 2 weeks time. When they arrived nearly two years ago, they were housed in a furnished house. Now they are moving to an unfurnished house. So they need furniture! If you have good quality (preferably modern) furniture that you can

donate, please don't reply to this email, but instead contact Carol Lusher, our case worker, on carollusher@gmail.com or 07717 280590. Please send a description and preferably a photo, then Carol can make a decision as to whether we are able to use it.

Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Development and Befriending Scheme:

West Sussex County Council to support families in their resettlement journey is looking for volunteers who would provide a crucial role in helping them to find their way around, get to know places and people in the local area, feel safe and confident and have a friendly face to talk to, and volunteers can offer a range of support around English language learning, finances, shopping, safety and wellbeing, childcare and so forth. We work with a range of volunteer organisations and groups who between them provide a wide and diverse range of support depending on their interests, skills and background. This is particularly focussed on ensuring that families are supported with developing independence and confidence.

Volunteers wouldn't be attached to or recruited by WSCC but would instead be attached to/work alongside an existing volunteer group, which they will facilitate if they are not already part of an established group. They are looking for individual volunteers as well as any groups or organisations that wish to support families.

If anyone is interested, they can contact WSCC via refugee.resettlement@westsussex.gov.uk

Welcoming the Stranger - let a home to a Refugee Family: Millions of

refugees are Syrian families forced to flee during eight years of war.

The Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) enables the most vulnerable families to be relocated from refugee camps in the Middle East to a safe country where they rebuild their lives. West Sussex CC are part of the UK Government's commitment to the UNHCR scheme with ring fenced financial help. Are you someone who could offer a two or three bedroom house, or flat, in Crawley, or East Grinstead (preferably with a garden), available for 12 months minimum, near good public service and transport links, and available

now or in the near future? The rent for the house/ flat offered would be to rent at local housing benefit rates.

Please contact Cathy Merry, Refugees Welcome - Crawley Group. Tel: 07968 688380 or email: merrycat1@gmail.com

Ongoing Information

The Faith Companion is a new parishioner 2 monthly magazine aimed at making the Catholic faith more accessible to all. We have sections on theology, scripture, prayer, saints and spiritualities, faith stories, shared devotional practices, graces received and faith in action.

The Faith Companion can be ordered via the website www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk or call 01403 754808. Prices are £5.50 per copy or £4.50 per e-copy or £32 for a year's subscription (6 copies). We are a community interest company (CIC) so legally 65% of all profits go to Church to help the poor access all aspects of the faith and to raise a fund for training and education for the laity.

Pathways to Independence UK: They provide an integrated portfolio of specialist services, to young people leaving care and seeking asylum, from point of arrival in the UK through the transition to independence. If you would like to donate or volunteer go to www.pathwaystoindpendence.org.uk or email: info@ptiuk.org.uk or Tel: 01273776166 or 07702 516421.

The House of Prayer: In East Molesey, Surrey, it is a retreat house run by the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, an order set up by the Venerable Fr. Anthony Receveur in revolutionary France. The ecumenical retreat house, established by the Sisters in 1993, is a living manifestation of their central original charism: to provide quiet space and opportunity for anybody who desires to draw closer to God through prayer and meditation.

The House of Prayer runs a schedule of programmed residential and one-day

retreats, as well as offering individuals the opportunity to visit on their own schedule for private, individually-led retreat, either for day or on a residential basis.

In addition, groups are welcome to approach the House of Prayer as a venue for prayerful retreats or meetings, again, for day or on a residential basis, though conferences and meetings of a business-like nature are not typically encouraged. Our delightful red-brick Victorian house inside its own beautiful gardens is a much-treasured resource which we hope will continue to be used yet more widely. Everybody can expect a very warm welcome. For more information and programme of events go to their [website](#) or email admin@christian-retreat.org or Tel. 02089 412313.

Vanpoules Shop: The clerical outfitters have closed their shop in Crawley and now only deal with [mail order](#) - Phone: +44 (0) 1293 590100 or email: sales@vanpoules.co.uk

Online survey about Transmission of the Catholic Faith in Families: The survey is part of Diocesan parishioner's PhD research at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The survey is totally anonymous and respondents are not required to provide personal data such as name, address or parish. You can find the survey at: <https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/receiving-and-passing-on-the-catholic-faith-a-survey-of-f>

St John's Seminary Womersley need your help: St John's Seminary which has been involved in the formation of priests for England and Wales for over 125 years is in need of help to refurbish and redecorate 30 of its bedrooms which have little or no upgrading in over 40 years. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget and has no available funds to finance this much needed work which will cost about £2000 per room.

If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to St John's Seminary to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice-Rector), St John's Seminary, Womersley, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration is an international lay apostolate founded in 1986. Arundel & Brighton Diocese joined the Apostolate in 2013, forming a small committee of lay Adorers whose mission has been to assist parishes across the diocese to establish, maintain and develop **viable weekly Eucharistic Adoration of Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.** With the parish priest's approval, and the encouragement of Bishop Richard, apostolate members attend weekend Masses and make presentations which invite parishioners to commit an hour of their time each week to spend before Jesus, praying for their own needs, the needs of the parish and also for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. To set this up in your parish contact Mr Seán Duggan, 207 Willingdon Road, Eastbourne BN20 9JP, UK. Tel. +44 (0) 1323 504417 or Email: sean.duggan@rapidmm.net

Bogus Emails and Internet Scams: If you receive any of these e.g. I am ill in country X send me money, my husband died and I want to give you money etc, then contact the police NFIBphishing@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk

Catholic Bible School - Bible Weekends: This is an opportunity for parishes to have a scripture-focused time of enrichment that includes: faith formation through talks and workshops, retreat experiences through services and times of prayer and a short mission like experience for parishioners to be evangelised and become intentional disciples. For more information visit their [website](#).

Catholic Bible School: Various events and Scripture days in Nutbourne, Chichester and Eastbourne. This includes weekly Thursday Scripture Study as well as Saturday talks. To make use of this great resource within the Diocese and for more information visit their [website](#).

Helping people to budget: Local CAP Money courses are run throughout the year and are a means for people to learn budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that works. Helping people to budget, save and prevent debt. Find out about a course in your area and other CAP services [here](#)

Equipés Notre-Dame (Teams): This is an international Catholic lay movement which offers married couples a framework for living out the Sacrament of Marriage. A 'Team' is a group of 4 to 6 married couples who meet monthly with, where possible, a spiritual advisor. Bernard and Susan Kelly are the Southern Regional Couple for this movement and they can be contacted by email on southern@teams.gb.org.uk

Mary's Dowry Productions - this Sussex based company produces DVDs on the lives of Saints, many of them British saints and martyrs. For more information and to buy their DVDs go to their **new** [website](#).

St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre

News from St Cuthman's

The Diocesan Trustees announced the closure of St Cuthman's as from 30th June 2018. The Retreat Centre is now no longer open.

If you would like details on alternative retreat venues, please click on this link <http://www.retreats.org.uk/index.php>

