

JULY 2017 - This latest edition of **Grapevine** - the monthly e-bulletin for clergy and parish teams - has been compiled by David Green in the diocesan Communications team. Please email items for inclusion to editorial@cofeguildford.org.uk by the 20th of the month before the month of publication.

All the latest news from around the diocese and the Church of England is online here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/news

GRAPEVINE – latest news



New priests and deacons on the way

The diocese's 16 new priests (pictured) were ordained by Bishop Jo at a joyful Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 1 July – followed by 16 new deacons the following day, ordained by Bishop Andrew, who said: "They're a great bunch, and the Diocese and Church of England will be very much the richer for their gifts, passion and experience."

Read the full stories and see plenty more images (downloadable for parish mags/websites) on the diocesan website www.cofeguildford.org.uk/news

New Diocesan Director of Education announced

Alex Tear was announced on 29 June as Guildford Diocese's new Director of Education.

He is currently Diocesan Director of Education in Rochester Diocese and leads the Education Team there. Before joining Rochester's Diocesan Board of Education, Alex (pictured) was head teacher at Esher CofE Primary School in Surrey and also worked as a School's Adviser for Surrey County



The penultimate **June/July 2017** issue of **The Wey** is out now and should be in your church and parish community. Recent news stories, great images and upcoming event information are still welcome to editorial@cofeguildford.org.uk But you will find the latest news on the diocesan website www.cofeguildford.org.uk and on our social media channels. Please like us on **Facebook** and follow us on **Twitter @cofeguildford**

The 100th and final issue of The Wey for August 2017 will be available for collection from Tuesday July 18th



Council's School Improvement Service.
More on this story and the latest news from around the diocese online here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/news

Latest news from across the diocese online

For the latest news in and around the Diocese of Guildford make sure you bookmark the diocesan website news pages – that's where you will find the most up to date news.

Current news stories include:

- [New Director of Education announced](#)
- [A whole host of LLMs licenced at St Mary's](#)
- [New priests and deacons on the way](#)
- [Building interfaith understanding in the Middle East](#)
- [Soul sisters \(and brothers\) flock to Hersham](#)
- [Post Office CEO reveals connection between her faith and work](#)

How to pioneer a new worshipping community

Dave Male, the CofE's national adviser for pioneer development spoke at the *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives* training conference in June – giving encouragement to those who may feel called to reach the majority of the population who are not practicing Christians... but don't know where to start.

For those unable to attend, the audio recording of his talks and his presentation slides can be found on the diocesan website here

<http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/pde/fresh-expressions>

Together we see – help for two million on offer

"In 2015, over two million people in the UK were living with sight loss. Sight loss affects people of all ages, but as we get older we are increasingly likely to experience sight loss," says Tracey Wade, sensory inclusion adviser for the diocese.

"In fact, one in five people aged 75 and over are living with sight loss and one in two people aged 90 and over are living with sight loss," she adds.

Together We See is a new initiative which helps equip parishes to respond to the needs of those with sight loss in their church and local community.

To find out more or to book a workshop, contact Tracey on **01483 790327** or email tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk

- *Tracey also co-ordinates lip-reading training at various locations across the diocese. Please contact her for more information.*

Shed heaven for Men Sheds!

"Looking for inspiration about the kind of Fresh Expression of Church you could create that would reach men?" asks Jens Menkel, Church Planting and Fresh Expressions Adviser for the diocese. "Then read this and imagine..." <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39871206>

Contact Jens if you want to talk it over with someone. Email Jens.Mankel@cofeguildford.org.uk

Easy eco options for churches

Easy ways to incorporate environmental action into your church life this year ...

Creationtide (1 Sept–4 Oct 2017): Did you know that we have a season called Creationtide? During these five weeks, Christians worldwide will be praying for creation and taking action to respond to the global environmental crisis. Last year a few parishes in the diocese trialled – and approved! – a new Creationtide liturgy. Contact the diocesan environmental officer, [Lesley Crawley](#) if you would like to use it this year.

Have you signed up for Eco Church yet?

A Rocha UK's [Eco Church](#) aims to equip congregations to care for creation and integrate environmental care throughout their church life in five key areas: worship and teaching; management of buildings and land; community and global engagement; the personal lifestyle of church members. Take the [survey](#) to find out whether your church is on track for a Bronze, Silver or Gold award.



Latest Church of England news publications for parishes online now

The latest editions of national C of E news publications [InReview](#) and [InFocus](#) are available to read, download and print.



NOTICEBOARD – Events coming up this month

📌 For the latest church-related events' listing visit www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events

Thursday 6th July - Popular church website specialists Church Edit are running a FREE workshop in Central London from 09:30-12:30. This workshop will give you an opportunity to see how easy it is to create an effective and powerful church website using Church Edit. During the workshop you will be able to add web pages, events and photos to your own site. To find out more visit <http://churchedit.co.uk/tutorials/workshop>

Saturday 8 July, 11:00-15:30 - Summer Celebration in the Cathedral - An action packed day of free tours, trails and talks to celebrate the nearing completion of the major transformational project at the Cathedral. Free tunnel tours, children's crafts and kite making workshops. Tower tours bookable online www.guildford-cathedral.org All welcome, bring a picnic! Enquiries to Louise Kenyon, louise@guildford-cathedral.org or phone **01483 547886**.

Tuesday 11th July - The King's Men Concert at St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright - The King's Men, internationally recognised choral scholars, will perform in aid of Woking Hospice. More detail here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events

Thursday 20 July, 11:15-12:00 Free Coffee Concert, Music for a Summer Morning, with the Guildford U3A Choirs, in the Marquee at Guildford Cathedral. An informal concert with a chance for audience participation given by this splendid community choir. All welcome, with free coffee served from 10.30am
Enquiries to Louise Kenyon, louise@guildford-cathedral.org or phone **01483 547886**.

Sunday 30 July - Road closure information for this year's Prudential RideLondon is now available online at www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk/road-closures.

From 3 July, road closure leaflets about Prudential RideLondon road closures will be distributed around the route in London and Surrey. Information will include road closure timings and maps.

Specific local access information for a number of communities in Surrey is also available online (only) at www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk/community-access.

31 July-4 August, 10:00-13:00 - Imaging the Story - A summer course based on the recently published book by Karen Case-Green and Gill Sakakini. This course will appeal to anyone with an interest in the salvation story and the arts. It is particularly for those who feel permission is needed to pick up a paintbrush—or any other creative medium—just for the love of it.

There are teaching sessions in the morning and optional time for art-making in the afternoon. Cost is £45 (including course book) at Guildford Baptist Church, Millmead, Guildford GU2 4BE.

For more information and to book contact Karen Case-Green at the.8.ark@gmail.com

DIARY DATES - Events a little further down the line

Saturday 9th September - Diocesan Day of Healing & Wholeness at Guildford Cathedral -

Teaching, Workshops, Worship & Healing Prayer - Keynote Speaker is the Revd Wes Sutton, Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation, with a Service of Healing led by Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford.

£25pp. 10am – 4pm. To book see <https://www.acornchristian.org/events> or call 01420 478121. All welcome.

Monday 11-25 September 19:30-21:00 - Adventures in saying "Yes" to God at The Education Centre, Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP.

A Mission Shaped Pioneering Course over three evening sessions on missional start-ups and risk-taking. This is for anyone who wants to learn to say 'yes' to God more often as He calls you to step out in faith! Find out more here

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events



Hearing Champions training dates for 2017 – sessions run 10:00-16:00 – All at Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford on 12th September and 14th November.

Part of the *Hear Here* project, this outreach activity enables churches to support their local hard-of-hearing community by providing local access to hearing aid aftercare. This project has been hugely successful in helping churches reach new people, often isolated by their hearing loss. The training day gives volunteers the opportunity to learn how to do basic maintenance on NHS hearing aids. Places are limited to 10 people. To book a place <https://goo.gl/forms/Cbl7QlLaothc6LL43> or email tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk or call **01483 790327**.

Saturday 16th September – Come and sing workshop with John Rutter at Portsmouth Cathedral -

Whether you are young or old, an experienced chorister who can read music fluently or are new to choral singing, you are welcome to this opportunity to enjoy a day singing in the glorious acoustic of Portsmouth Cathedral. More information here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-and-sing-day-with-john-rutter-16th-sept-17-tickets-31635414376>

Tuesday 19th September - Training afternoon at The Education Centre, Guildford Cathedral -

Religious Education in Primary Schools – This training is intended for clergy who have a primary school in their parish and will be of interest to clergy who support RE lessons and church visits in their local primary schools and are school governors. More detail here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events

Wednesday 20th September - Leading Worship Course – The next evening course planned for the autumn starts on 20th September. Full details here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/LeadingWorship

Saturday 30th September and Monday 2nd October, 09:30-16:30 - The Gospel, Sexual Abuse and the Church - A study and discussion day for Clergy, LLMs, Church Wardens, Parish Safeguarding Officers. An identical programme run on two days giving two opportunities to attend this study day. The venue is Shere Village Hall, Gomshall Lane, Shere GU5 9HB. To find out more and book a place contact: louise.redfern@cofeguildford.org

Thursday 5th October * SAVE THE DATE * All licensed clergy are invited to attend the next **Bishop's Study Morning** on **Thursday 5th October 09:30-13:00** at ChristChurch, Woking, GU21 6YG

Tuesday 10th October – Thursday 19th October – Alternative Pilgrimage to Palestine - Going with Amos Trust, this pilgrimage will be based in Bethlehem and Nazareth with time in Jerusalem, Hebron and Nablus on the shores of Lake Galilee and in the Judean wilderness. Visit the historic and biblical sights and experience the situation on the ground, seeing for yourself the impact of the Wall and

settlement expansion on Palestinian life today. More detail here

www.amostrust.org/diary/alternative-pilgrimage-to-palestine

For more information, please contact the Revd Sarah Hutton, Spiritual Growth Facilitator, on **01483 790340** or email sarah.hutton@cofeguildford.org.uk

QUICK LINKS - Some more useful online links

- **What's on (the most comprehensive and latest church-related events listed) -** www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events
- Find out more about the latest events planned at **St Columba's House Christian Retreat and Conference Centre** in Woking – find out more online here <http://www.stcolumbushouse.org.uk/>
- **The Acorn Christian Healing Foundation** in Bordon, Hampshire always has plenty going on. More details and full course programme available here <http://www.acornchristian.org/index.php/acorn-course-programme/>
- 18-25-years-old and want to explore your calling? The **Engaged Ministry Experience Scheme** could be for you. More here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/Engaged
- A variety of **training courses are on offer from the PDE team** covering areas of church life including: Children and Young People; Evangelism and Church Growth; Stewardship and Administration. Open to all. A booklet and more information is online here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/pde/training
- **Enriching Worship** - A series of training events and workshops are available to enhance worship in your parish, full details are on the website here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/EnrichingWorship
- **Parish Buying** – save your church time and money with www.parishbuying.org.uk
- www.allageworshipresources.org is full of free resources including full all-age services, shorter services, short talks, seasonal services, dramas, puppet scripts and more.

Good people wanted – Great opportunities offered



For the latest **clergy and non-clergy vacancies in the diocese**, please visit

<http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/vacancies> where you will find all the regularly updated information on **parishes and benefices in vacancy** and the latest **non-clergy diocesan vacancies** including:

- There's a range of opportunities from a Property Director and an Archdeacon to Organists and Volunteer Chaplains – find out more by clicking on the link above.
- Holy Trinity, Westcott are looking for a Youth Worker – could it be you or someone you know? http://thechurchinwestcott.org.uk/Groups/292404/Youth_Worker_Vacancy.aspx
- The parish of Esher is seeking a Chaplain and Youth Worker – could it be you or someone you know? <https://esherparish.org.uk/?q=content/job-vacancy>

And the latest **vacancies from the national Church of England** are regularly updated online here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/vacancies.aspx>