

MAY 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

Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event - Sunday 4th June – over 1,300 FREE tickets booked – are you going?

The People's Cathedral will stage one of a number of regional Beacon Events on Sunday 4th June at which thousands of Christians are expected to gather to pray and celebrate at the end of the Archbishop of Canterbury's week-long Thy Kingdom Come invitation to Christians around the world to pray as one at Pentecost.

"There are actually two events at our cathedral on Sunday 4th June and you can come to either, or both, of these," explains the Revd Ruth Bushyager, vicar of St Paul's in Dorking, who is working with the team organising the impressive Beacon Event on Stag Hill. "The afternoon al fresco **prayer and food festival** is aimed at church groups from across the region with something for everyone, and the **evening celebration service** in the Cathedral is especially designed for young people - from secondary school age to college and university students – with tickets to both events FREE of charge.

Find out more about the **Beacon Event** and about resources to **help your church get involved** in Thy Kingdom Come online at www.cofeguildford.org.uk/ThyKingdomCome

Diocesan newspaper to close in the summer after 100th edition prints

It has been announced that production of *The Way* will cease from August 2017 following a strategic communications review to align communications to the diocesan strategy *Transforming Church; Transforming Lives*. The review engaged more than a thousand people in the Diocese of Guildford and beyond. *The Way*, which will reach its 100th and final edition in August, replaced *The Herald* in 2006, with the earlier publication commencing in 1988.



The cover of *The Way* magazine, May 2017 issue, features the headline "Farewell to *The Way* as digital focus increases". The cover also includes the Diocese of Guildford logo, the magazine's title "the way", and a photograph of two women. Below the headline, there is a sub-headline: "Improved online media the focus as plans announced for communications changes". The cover also lists the contents: "Inside: Latest news – P2 • Community – P5 • Vocations – P8-9 • What's on? – P14".

The **May 2017** issue of *The Way* is out now and should be in your parish and community. Recent news stories, great images and upcoming event information are still welcome to editorial@cofeguildford.org.uk but you can keep up with the very latest news via the diocesan website www.cofeguildford.org.uk and on our social media channels. Like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cofeguildford) and follow us on [Twitter @cofeguildford](https://twitter.com/cofeguildford)

The next and penultimate issue of *The Way* for June/July 2017 will be available for collection from Tuesday May 23rd.

Nick Edmonds, Head of communications for the Diocese of Guildford, said: “We have a very strong history of communications in this diocese with 29 years of newspapers, and – as some will remember - even our own film studio at one stage, but to stay in touch we need to move with the times.”

You can read the full story on the website here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/news

Parochial Fees – are you up to speed with the latest policy?

Parochial Fees policy in the diocese has been reviewed and updated. Make sure you have the information you need to comply to the law and local policy by visiting www.cofeguildford.org.uk/fees - fees are governed and set by law, and failure to comply could result in prosecution, so please make sure whoever administers fees in your parish is across the changes.

The Church of England has also in recent times been making significant improvement to its resources for occasional office. See www.churchprinthub.org for more information.

No health without mental health

Could you help raise awareness of mental health issues in your parish? Mental Illness is a common feature of everyday life; 1 in 4 of us are mentally unwell at any one time, with over half of us experiencing stress and depression. This free 75 minute talk provides an insight into the major mental health issues of today, the pathway of care and what we can do to help keep our communities and ourselves well.

Contact Suzette Jones MSc RN, Diocesan Health & Wellbeing Adviser, Communities Engagement Team suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk

There’s still time to register for the next preachers course

Don’t miss out on letting potential candidates know about the next Occasional Preachers Course, which runs over three Saturdays: **20th May, 17th June and 8th July** in Guildford. For full details please visit www.cofeguildford.org.uk/OccasionalPreachers

Lent Challenge 2017 – Lent over, Easter begun, but challenge goes on

Bishop Andrew’s Lent Challenge to parishes for 2017 - transforming lent - aimed to help deepen spiritual commitment during one of the most important periods of the Christian year – with a combination of prayer, reflection, action and fundraising for those in need - both at home and abroad.

Traditionally, the generosity of parishes taking part in the Lent

Challenge continues long after Lent and Easter with the diocese’s chosen charities, both home and abroad, benefitting from this important period of reflection and giving.

It’s not too late for your parish to help. Find out more here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/lent



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Together we see – help for over 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 an awareness workshop, contact **Tracey on 01483 790327** or email tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk

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

Wednesday May 3rd, 14:00-16:00 - Mobilising your Church: 'Show and Tell' seminar at the Cathedral Education Centre - Goal 4 of the Diocesan mission strategy encourages us to develop the number of lay leaders of all ages, who are called, trained and deployed in the church and wider community. At this seminar three churches and two deaneries will explain what they have done to mobilise their congregations into the right ministries.

Including: How to run the *Growing Leaders & Servant* courses and *good practice* from churches like yours.

Hosted by the PDE Team - Contact

pdet.admin@cofeguildford.org.uk to reserve a place or call **01483 484902**.

Thursday 4th May, 09:30-12:00 – FREE Pioneer Network Breakfast at Christ Church, Jubilee Square, Woking, GU21 6YG. Host: Jens Mankel, Church Planting & Fresh Expressions Adviser, Diocese of Guildford.

Calling all Pioneers and those who are getting ready to embark on a journey towards a new frontier. Thinking about pioneering a missional community or a missional project within a certain cultural context? Find out more and book here

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events

Sunday 7th May is Vocations Sunday and gives a great opportunity to get everyone in your church thinking and talking about vocation.

For sermon resources see the Church of England website. For ideas and resources to encourage vocations where you are

<https://churchsupporthub.org/vocations/>

See the Guildford website for local events and resources www.cofeguildford.org.uk/Vocations - why not add a link to your church website? The helpful booklet "Exploring Your Call to Serve" is freely available to download from the website too here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/Vocations and paper copies can be obtained from louise.redfern@cofeguildford.org.uk

Easy eco options for churches

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

Cherishing Churchyards Week (3–11 June 2017): Could you invite the community into your churchyard to share and celebrate its history, tranquillity and diverse plant and animal life? Find out more about Cherishing Churchyards Week [here](#) – and if you plan to get involved, let us know how so that we can tell others!

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.

Monday 8th May , 09:30-13:00 - Bishop Andrew invites all licensed clergy to attend a study morning at St Paul's Church, Camberley, GU15 2AD "*Gunning for God*" *Christian confidence and the new atheists* with Professor John Lennox – full details here [on the diocesan website](#)

Wednesday 10th May, 14:00-16:00, at Guildford Cathedral Education Centre, We Have a Church Development Plan, now what? "Church development plans can be powerful tools for promoting healthy change and creating active participation on the part of congregations," says Local Mission Adviser Stephen Cox. "It's hard for them to do this if the plan sits in a filing cabinet and rarely see the light of day.

"So how can we move our plan to becoming front and centre of what we do? How, in practice in the midst of busy lives, might we do this? This is the purpose of my session for clergy, PCC members and church wardens etc." More here <http://bit.ly/2mNyKWr>

Thursday 11th May, 20:00 - How should we speak about God in the 21st Century? at St Mark's Church, Tattenham Corner, Epsom, KT18 5RD.

Val Webb has authored eleven books including '*Like Catching Water in a Net: Human Attempts to Describe the Divine*' which won the "general religion" category of the USA Best Books 2007 Awards.

More information from Val on **01737 353011** or **07948 273075**.

Monday 15th May, 19:30-22:00 - Safeguarding Training in the St Mary's Chiddingfold Church Room (refreshments provided).

Jane Huttly from the diocesan safeguarding team will run the new Foundation Programme covering safeguarding of both children and adults in a church context and the various roles and responsibilities.

This is now required training for anyone who has safeguarding responsibilities or who in their role is in regular contact with children and/or adults. Certificates will be issued to attendees.

For further details and to reserve a place contact Ruth Goddard – ruthg17@live.co.uk

Wednesday 17th May, 10:30-15:45 - Planning a Successful Capital Campaign Training Event

- A one day workshop to help secure funds for capital projects at Astolat, Coniers Way (off New Inn Lane), Guildford GU4 7HL.

This event is for anyone involved in setting up and running a Capital Campaign Project and will be led by Karen Holdsworth-Cannon, Community Buildings Adviser at Surrey Community Action and Juliet Evans, Stewardship Adviser at the Diocese of Guildford. More information www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events

To book your place: email pdet.admin@cofeguildford.org.uk or telephone **01483 484902**.

Cost: The event is free. Lunch will be provided.

Wednesday 18th May, 10:00-16:00 - Get started with Prayer Spaces in your school - Prayer

Spaces have been giving children and young people the opportunity to pray and reflect in primary schools, secondary schools and colleges around the country for nearly ten years.

This training for anyone interested in finding out more about prayer spaces in schools, whether that be from schools; staff, governors or volunteers. Or from churches; youth and children's workers, staff or volunteers. Find out more at the event on May 18th at the Cathedral Education Centre. More here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events

Saturday 20th May, 19:30 - American Gospel artist Michael Card is in concert at St Johns' Church, Woking. The author of songs which include "El Shaddai", "Love Crucified Arose", "Emmanuel" and many more from his 37 albums and 25 books, Michael has an engaging concert rapport suitable for all ages. With his folk style he shares his insight and invites all to join him on a journey of Biblical discovery. Tickets can be obtained from emailing wokingtickets@michaelcard.org.uk or by phoning **07957 302922**. Tickets £10 pre booked, £8 students and £12.50 on the night.

Thursday 25th May, 10:00-17:00 - Get your church noticed at The Gallery, Christ Church Woking, Jubilee Square, Woking, Surrey, GU21 6YG - **An invaluable FREE training day for parishes** in the diocese looking to transform their communications – don't miss out! For more details and to register visit www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events



Thursday 25th May, 10:00-15:00 - Songs for Life at Guildford Baptist Church - An interactive training day with Fischy Music learning new songs for spiritual development and wellbeing. Fischy Music songs are widely used in Messy Church and ideal for use in primary school assemblies with actions and signs. This course is suitable for children and families' workers, Messy Church leaders and staff from primary and special schools. No musical expertise required, just enthusiasm. More [here](#).

Thursday 1st June, 10:00-16:00 - Connections Conference - at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, for all church members and ordained ministers with a heart for older people. **FREE** (bring your own lunch) - **for more information visit** holyltrinityclaygate.org.uk/connectionsconference -

Come along to learn about how to a highly relational model of evangelism to seniors in your own church, how to build a fun loving team and how to encourage evangelism amongst Seniors. Holy Trinity started their Connections group 6 years ago and it has grown to over 150 regular members who gather weekly for a Thought for the Day, various activities, coffee and cake. It is one of the largest regular gatherings for Seniors in the UK. **Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury**, following his visit to Connections at Holy Trinity Claygate wrote: "*I encourage you without hesitation to attend this conference... Connections is extraordinary... pioneering, simple, transforming...*"



Monday 5th June, 14:00-16:00 - Faith in our Families –Leader's event at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. Would you love to see the children in your church grow up to have their own strong, personal faith in Jesus? It is estimated that just 50% of children with Christian parents will have a personal faith of their own as adults. Care for the Family have published their research report 'Faith in our Families' which can be found [here](#) which reveals some interesting attitudes to sharing faith in our homes . There is also [a supplement](#) which identifies responses from Anglicans and compares them with the survey findings as a whole.

The research findings are being presented on Monday 5th June, 14:00-16:00 at Central Hall, Westminster. To Book a place go to [Care for the Family's website](#)

Wednesday 7th June, 10:00-12:00 – Baptism Matters - at The Education Centre, Guildford Cathedral, Guildford, GU2 7UP - a morning for lay and ordained people to come together to share ideas and good practice relating to baptisms. More here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events



Saturday 10th June, 10:00-16:00 - Transforming Church, Transforming Lives training day – In Context at St Saviour's Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford, GU1 4QD.

Come and join the first **Transforming Church, Transforming Lives** training day – An opportunity for lay people and clergy to think about new worshipping communities, why we need them, how you lead them etc. Find out more, watch the video and book your place online here <http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events>

DIARY DATES - Events a little further down the line

*** SAVE THE DATES *** All licensed clergy are invited to attend the **Bishop's Study Mornings** in 2017: The dates are **Monday 8th May 09:30-13:00** at St Paul's, Camberley, GU15 2AD and **Thursday 5th October 09:30-13:00** at ChristChurch, Woking, GU21 6YG.

Tuesday 13th June, 10:00-15:00 - Open the Book Full Day Training - at The Education Centre, Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP. This training day is aimed both at those considering starting 'Open the Book' and those joining an existing team. Find out more www.cofeguildford.org.uk/events



Women of Peace conference – Saturday 17th June in Woking - The Bible Reading Fellowship and *Woman Alive* magazine invite you to a special women's conference, where they will be exploring "the peace that passes all understanding."

More details and booking information online here www.brfonline.org.uk/womenofpeace2017

Monday 19th June – Prayer at Work, St Saviour's Church, Guildford - How do some professional business leaders connect their faith and work? And what are the habits and principles that sustain them? What are the similarities between them? How do they differ? What do they do when the going gets tough or they don't meet other people's expectations? Find out more <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prayer-at-work-and-other-useful-tips-for-faith-in-business-tickets-31536112361>



June 20th-24th - The Life of Christ will be performed at Wintershall, Bramley near Guildford, from 10 am to 3:30 pm each day. This is an authentic open air performance of the life of Jesus from birth to resurrection held on the beautiful Wintershall estate. The audience follows the cast of 100 and live animals around the estate as they bring the story to life. For full details please go to www.wintershall-estate.com.

Church groups from the **Diocese of Guildford** are offered **10% off ticket prices for the month of May** 2017. Please email admin@wintershall-estate.com to book.

Hearing Champions training dates for 2017 – sessions run 10am to 4pm – All at Diocesan House, Quarry Street, Guildford on **4th July, 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/Cbl7QILa0thc6IL43> or email tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk or call **01483 790327**.

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

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
- **Occasional Preachers and Worship Leaders** - Places are filling up quickly on the next courses, find out more here www.cofeguildford.org.uk/OccasionalPreachers
- 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.stcolumbashouse.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:

- An exciting opportunity for a new **Communications Officer** to join the team in Guildford – **closing date May 12th**
- **An Office Manager for the Good Shepherd Trust**, a growing multi-academy trust within the diocese - **closing date May 8th**
- **A Parish & Community Engagement Adviser** within the diocese's Communities Engagement Team – **closing date June 2nd**

And the latest **vacancies from the national Church of England** are regularly updated online here <https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/vacancies.aspx>

And finally...

Time to dust off the cricket whites?

Is it too early to talk of the better weather just around the corner as the diocesan cricket team sends out a plea for more players for the coming season? Most matches are played on Monday afternoons until early July. Some of the matches are friendlies, but for Church Times Cup matches players need to be ordained, licensed in the diocese (e.g. youth work, LLMs etc.) or ministerial work in an LEP or in the Methodist, Baptist or URC church.

If you are interested please contact the club secretary **George Newton** on george@htca.org.uk or telephone him on **01252 320618**.

