

Welcome to the January edition of **Grapevine**, the monthly e-bulletin for clergy and parish teams, put together by comms@cofeguildford.org.uk.

Twelve New Canons for Guildford Cathedral



The Bishop and Dean of Guildford have spoken with delight around the announcement of twelve new honorary canons.

Chosen for a variety of service to the Church and the community and sometimes in connection with an office or function, the new canons will be installed in Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 28 January 2018.

[Full story.](#)

Young Preacher of the Year Crowned



A new competition encouraging young people to try preaching has been won by a teenager from Guildford.

Emily Burch (14), a member of All Saints' Church, in Onslow Village, scooped first prize, and will now have the opportunity to preach for real at Evensong in Guildford Cathedral, as well as giving a sixty-second-sermon on BBC Radio Surrey in January. Runner-up finalists Hugo Millard (18) from St Luke's, Grayshott, and Gwyneth Sotuminu (17) from Gordon's School were also commended by judges.

The competition, run by the Diocese of Guildford, is among the first of its kind in the country, and was open to candidates between the ages of 14-18 with some connection to the diocese. In the first round, a strong field of candidates submitted short videos of themselves preaching, from which the panel selected the three finalists to go head-to-head in a 'preach-off' in Guildford Cathedral on Advent Sunday. [Read more and watch the video.](#)

We've Moved!



New address for the Diocese of Guildford's support teams.

The Diocese of Guildford's offices have moved from the Education Centre and Quarry Street to our new location on the Surrey Research Park with the following address:
20 Alan Turing Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7YF.

Telephone numbers, email addresses and website locations remain the same.

[Find out more about the new office.](#)

All the latest news stories from around the Diocese of Guildford are [live on our website](#).

New General Synod members elected



Two new representatives have been elected to serve the Diocese of Guildford in the General Synod.

Stephen Hofmeyr (laity) and George Newton (clergy) will serve until 2020, after both were elected at the second stage under the single transferable vote system.

Stephen is a member of Guildford Deanery, and attends Christ Church Guildford. He is a Crown Court judge and QC who was an activist against apartheid in his native South Africa.

George is vicar of Holy Trinity Aldershot, and also serves as Area Dean. He has previously served on General Synod from 2013-15, and recently took a year's role part time with a Livery Company in London. [Read more.](#)

Supporting Vocations



"If we want a culture of vocations to flourish within our Church, everyone gets to play because everyone can be an encourager."

Revd Andrew Knowles and vocations adviser Glynis Beazley reflect upon what they've learned while supporting vocations.

[What I have learned – Revd Andrew Knowles.](#)

[Right Place, Right Time – Glynis Beazley.](#)

All upcoming events for the Diocese of Guildford are available in the events section on our website – [visit it regularly](#) to stay up to date. Some of our featured events are included below.

Staying in touch

There's a lot more happening around the diocese than we can fit into *Grapevine* so visit our [website](#) for all the latest stories. If you want help publicising a news story or event please get in touch at comms@cofguildford.org.uk.

Running and Resourcing Quiet Days and Retreats



Ever wondered how to run a quiet day? Come along to 'running and resourcing quiet days', a training day packed full of practical information and ideas, featuring a range of experienced retreat leaders.

Open to all this day will particularly suit people who want to learn how to or develop their ability to run quiet days or want to encourage their church to have a go at quiet days and retreats.

Sat 9 June 2018 10:00 – 15:00
The Dell, Park Lane, Ashted, KT21 1EJ

[Book your place.](#)

Social Media Training Day



How's your church doing online? Reaching your key audience? Or shouting into the angry void?

Suitable for anyone involved in their church's presence on social media this informative day, hosted by the national Church of England communications team, will help you create engaging posts that reach the people you most need to reach.

Places are limited to one per parish, book now to avoid disappointment!

21 March 2018 9:00 – 16:00

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Road, GU2 7YF

[Book your place.](#)



Updates from Guildford Cathedral

Don't miss God and the Big Bang!

Book your place on this exciting event to provoke thought and exploration of the interaction of Science and Faith with interactive workshops.

Led by Professor Andrew Halestrap, Amy Johnson and Hannah Malcolm come along for a thought provoking evening designed to help everyone get excited and equipped to tackle the all-important questions about life, the universe and everything.

Wednesday 17 January 19:00.

Further information and tickets are available from the [Cathedral website](#); phone 01483 547880.



Coming soon – Star Gazing Evening

Join us at Guildford Cathedral as part of our Epiphany celebrations to explore the night sky featuring talks from experts. Saturday 20 January from 18:00 – 21:00. [More information](#).

Guided Tours

Guided tours of Guildford Cathedral are now back up and running on Thursdays!

Join our expert Guides and explore Guildford Cathedral, The People's Cathedral, an iconic Grade II listed building, designed and built by Sir Edward Maufe.

The tour lasts approximately an hour and is charged at £4 per person; tickets are available from the Cathedral Shop.



Healing ministry available from Guildford Cathedral.



In the Cathedral two opportunities are offered for people to receive prayer for healing and wholeness.

At 9.00am on the first Saturday of every month in the Lady Chapel there is a Eucharist during which prayer, laying on of hands and anointing are offered. At the 9.45 cathedral Eucharist once a month people who wish to receive prayer for healing and wholeness are invited to come to the Lady Chapel for prayer after receiving Communion.

These services are open to all. If you would like to come you will be welcomed or if you would like to know more please contact Canon Mavis Wilson maviswilson2@gmail.com

PCC Tonight Training Evening, Newbury



How's your PCC doing? Focused, fun and fruitful? Or a little different to that?

Suitable for all PCC members, this fun, informative evening will help you to clarify the purpose and place of your PCC and explore some common dysfunctions. You will also be introduced to material you can use to help shape the life of your PCC back at church.

Cost: £12 for the first booking, £3 for each additional member of your PCC.

25 January 2018 19:45 - 21:45 at St Nicolas Newbury , Newbury, RG14 5HG

Read more about it at: www.cpas.org.uk/pcc

Christian Mindfulness – the Senses of Perception



A series of five workshops led by Suzette Jones, Health and Wellbeing Adviser at St Columba's House.

Exploring how the traditionally recognised methods of perception or 'senses' of taste, sight, touch, smell and hearing can be used to enhance our Christian Mindfulness practice, meditation and wellbeing in everyday life.

19:00 – 21:00 every Tuesday from 16th January to 13th February.

[Book your place.](#)

Including Everyone

17 January 2018 – 10:00 – 14:00

A practically focused event for those working with children and teenagers who would like to welcome those with special needs into our churches and groups.

For more details and to book a place on this free event please contact

kate.darwent@cofeguildford.org.uk

Signs of God

As usual, this workshop is open and accessible to people of all BSL skills (or none!) We will focus on the themes of Easter and Pentecost in a relaxed and fun environment. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Saturday 3rd March 2018 – 10:00 – 16:00

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sand Hill, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 8ER

[Book your place.](#)

For God's Sake

finding your place in the life of the Church
finding your church's place in the life of your neighbourhood

Saturday 3rd February 2018

St Mary's Church, Quarry Street,
Guildford, GU1 3UY

10:00 - 13:00
Coffee from 9:30

Parking available in town centre

Book your place at:
cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events

It's Your Call

"Be who God Created you to be and set the world on fire"

St Mary's Church Hall, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 2PX

On Saturday 17th March 2018 from 10am-1pm

Do you have a sense that God might be calling you?
Come, ask questions and find out more

- hear clergy and lay people tell their stories
- find out about ministry in all shapes and sizes, lay and ordained
- a chance for conversations to seek God's purposes for you

Book a place at cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events

Further information from glynis.beazley@cofeguildford.org.uk



Cracking Youthwork is back!

CRACKING YOUTHWORK

With a down to earth, practical and encouraging focus Cracking Youthwork is back and a must for employed workers, volunteers and anyone interested in youthwork.

This year the course will look at the theme of 'What's Changed?', exploring how work with young people has changed, and how the world that they live in is totally different too (smart phones, mobile internet, increasing sense of hopelessness, mental health issues).

Saturday 10 March 9:30 – 13:00
St John's Stoke Guildford, Stoke Road, Guildford, GU1 1HB

[Book your place.](#)

PREACH for the stars!



A two day course for 16 – 25 year olds that explores and develops the art and skill of preaching.

Come and explore ways in which Christians can share the Gospel and try out and improve your public speaking skills.

[Read the blog](#) by Daniel Taylor, who attended last year's PREACH course.

9 – 10 April from 10:00 – 16:00

St Nicolas' Church, Bury St, Guildford. GU2 4AW

[Book your place.](#)

Train to be a Young Listener

Ever felt that you're not being listened to? 16 to 25? Come to this free two day course and learn how to pretend to listen to your most boring family member effectively.

Listening is a vital life skill, come and explore and develop your ability and positively impact on your community.

24 – 25 February from 10:00 – 16:00

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF

[Book your place.](#)



Managing Change in the Local Church

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF

13 March 14:00 – 16:00

Have a vision for your church? Wondering how best to manage the change? This training session for anyone in church leadership will help you ensure you take the people along with you.

To book please email pdet.admin@cofeguildford.org.uk



Now that we have a Church Development Plan – What do we do?

You've made a Church Development Plan, what's next? It isn't designed just to collect dust... This session, for clergy, PCC members and church wardens, will explore how they can best be followed in the light of changing circumstances.



27 February 14:00 – 16:00

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF

To book please email pdet.admin@cofeguildford.org.uk

Developing a church Prayer Strategy

Prayer may be the foundation of church health and growth but how can a church prayer strategy that works in the real world be developed?

Led by Alan and Jane Hulme this session for clergy, prayer co-ordinators, PCC members and those seeking to put prayer at the centre of church life will cover :

Creating expectations, prayer patterns, releasing the intercessors, spiritual warfare, small group prayer and prayer ministry.

22 February 10:00 – 12:30

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF

To book please email pdet.admin@cofeguildford.org.uk



Hearing Children's Voices



How can we best include children in our decision making at church? Join this opportunity to consider and reflect.

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF

8 March 10:00 – 12:00

To book please email pdet.admin@cofeguildford.org.uk

Moving on Workshop

So, what now? This workshop for clergy will explore what their next job may be and develop their abilities and confidence with the job application process.

Led by Su Blanch the workshop will cover, getting your CV in order, completing application forms properly, reading parish profiles and job specifications intelligently and interview technique.

22 February 10:00 – 16:00

**St Peter's Church,
Frimley Green Road,
Frimley,
GU16 7AQ**

[Book your place.](#)



Engaging with the Engaged

How can the church engage with couples as they make choices about their wedding day and the life they share together?

'Engaging with the Engaged' will share fresh insights around what motivates couples in their wedding choices. It will also explore how culture has changed, looking at how the church can engage with couples as they make choices about their wedding day and the life they will share together.

Fresh insights from new research will reveal how, when and why couples make a choice about having a church wedding, and we will explore the importance of talking marriage, not just weddings. In addition, the day will also offer practical ideas as to how churches can encourage contact with couples through wedding shows and other media, and how to create and maintain contact from the first call throughout the engagement.

Tuesday 13 March 10:00 – 16:00
Ramada Hotel, Solihull, B91 3RF

Book your place online at weddingsconference.org. A discounted 'early bird' price runs out on 31 January!

You and Ministry Weekend



For anyone (aged 16 or over) who wants to explore their sense of calling to ordained or other authorised ministries in the church. Each weekend provides opportunities to listen to Bible teaching, gather information, talk in confidence with impartial advisers and share fellowship with others considering their call: all in a relaxed atmosphere, with good food.

The course costs £155; accommodation is £42.50 - £60.00.

Friday 9 – Sunday 11 February

Saint Columba's House, Woking, GU22 8AB

Find out more and book your place at cpas.org.uk/youandministry.

Do you have a potential LLM in your parish?

Licensed Lay Ministers –

- Lead worship and preach in church
- Engage in pastoral work and conduct funerals
- Acts as chaplains in hospitals, hospices, for scouts and other groups
- Lead study groups, Lent courses and confirmation & baptism classes
- Minister informally in their workplace, neighbourhood and elsewhere.

The first selection day in 2018 for candidates for LLM training is on Saturday 19th May.

For more information please contact Gertrud Sollars, the Warden of LLMs, on WardenofLLMs@cofeguildford.org.uk.



Save the Date!



Reflective Walk for Clergy

All members of clergy in the diocese are welcome to join the Bishop of Dorking for a walk and pub lunch,

Thursday 22 March – 10:00 – 15:00

Making the Most of Your church Website Training

Training open to all involved in their church websites to help get the most out of your church website.

Tuesday 17 July – 13:00 onwards.

Good people wanted – great opportunities

For all the latest clergy and non-clergy vacancies in the Diocese of Guildford, please visit [our vacancies page](#). You'll also find [Church of England job opportunities on the national website](#).

Skilled Individuals Required

We are looking for talented people to fill the following roles:

Assistant DAC Administrator

The Diocese of Guildford is looking for an assistant DAC administrator to assist the Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches and the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee in the day to day running of this busy office.

For an informal discussion about this role please call Gerardine Brown, 01483 790302

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/vacancies/details/assistant-dac-administrator

Assistant Officer for Buildings

The Diocese of Guildford seeks an assistant officer for buildings to provide effective financial, administrative and project management support to the Lead Building Officer (Education) in order to ensure the successful delivery of School Buildings Projects.

For an informal discussion about this role please call Gerardine Brown, 01483 790302

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/vacancies/detail/assistant-officer-for-buildings

