

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

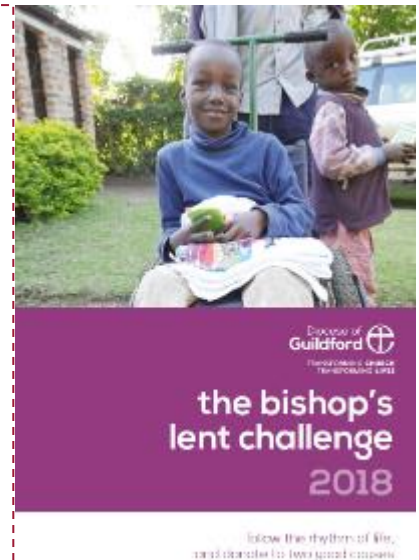
Take the Bishop of Guildford's Lent Challenge, 2018

The Bishop of Guildford's lent challenge, 2018, will call on those following it to use six words to guide reflections throughout lent, and to donate to the work of the Anglican Communion Fund reaching children with disabilities in Tanzania.

Materials can be [downloaded from the website](#) or picked up from any church in the diocese.

In addition to the Anglican Communion Fund, money raised from the challenge will support the work of the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation, which gives grants to churches engaging in community projects in poorer parts of the Diocese of Guildford.

Last year's appeal raised more than £20,000 which was shared between the two causes.



Charity Governance

New guidelines on charity governance have been issued by the Charity Commission. The code, developed in consultation with 200 charities, represents a 'gold standard' to aspire towards, rather than a statutory obligation. Written for charities, it is just as useful for other not-for-profit organisations.

This code and related documents can be found at: charitygovernancecode.org/en

The Charity Commission's "Essential Trustee" is also a useful read on the gov.uk website.



Parish Share Resources Live



Information, contacts and a video are now live to introduce the new parish share system which will be phased in from 2019.



You can access the updated information at cofeguildford.org.uk/parishshare



New Honorary Canons Installed at Guildford Cathedral

Twelve new honorary canons of Guildford Cathedral, selected for a variety of services to the Church and the community, have been installed at Guildford Cathedral.

[More Information.](#)

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

Calling All Cricketers!

Thrown a bat? Held a ball? Join the diocesan cricket team!

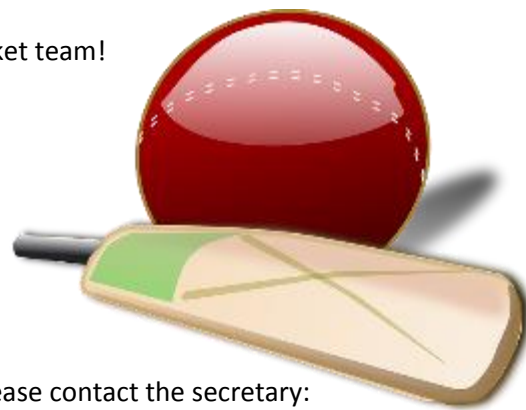
Most matches, friendlies and the Church Times Cup, are played on Monday afternoons until early July.

Players need to be ordained, licensed or in full time Christian Work.

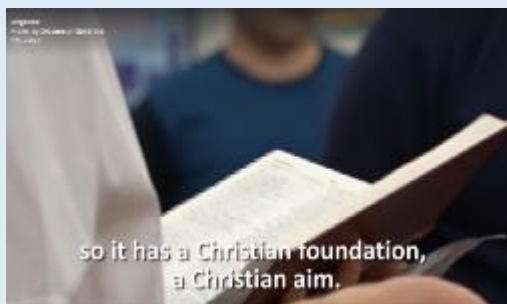
If you would like to be a member of the team, please contact the secretary:

Revd George Newton:

01252 320618 or g@gjsk.prestel.co.uk.



Who are the Brigades?



The Boys' and Girls' Brigades at St. John's Church Stoke, Guildford make a large impact on the lives of their members. Watch the video to find out more.

[Watch the video.](#)

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 and resources 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@cofeguildford.org.uk.

Coming Soon... Really Soon

Holy Trinity Steps: A Silent Witness to Guildford's Past



Local historian and writer David Rose's illustrated talk will focus on historic events that have taken place on or near the steps of Holy Trinity Church, including royal proclamations and the infamous Guy Riots.

Monday 12 February 2018 – 19.30

Trinity Centre, Trinity Churchyard

Woking Choral Society Concert



The Woking Choral Society, conducted by Ben Palmer, will be performing the J.S. Bach Brandenburg Concerto No 6. Featuring solos from Felicity Hayward and Nicholas Mogg.

Saturday 17 February – 19.30

St John's Church, West Byfleet, KT14 6EH

Tickets available from - wokingchoral.org.uk

What Comes After? Moving on Workshop

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/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.](#)

Developing a church Prayer Strategy



How can a church prayer strategy be developed that works in the real world?

Led by Alan + Jane Hulme this session, for clergy, prayer co-ordinators, PCC members and people 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.

Thursday 22 February 10:00 – 12:30

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

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



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



GDPR Resources

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a law to strengthen data protection for people in the UK and Europe that will apply in the UK from 25 May 2018.



Is your church ready?

Two new guides for churches are now available on the Church of England website: a two page overview (designed for use with PCCs) and a more detailed guide for the person implementing this in the parish.

A checklist is also available which covers the actions outlined in the guides to monitor progress. [More information.](#)

Managing Change in the Local Church

Tuesday 13 March 14:00 – 16:00

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

Seen the way, the truth and the path for your church? Not sure how to effectively deliver this 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

Social Media Training Day



Social media offers an invaluable way for churches to meet people where they are.

Hosted by the national Church of England communications team this day will help you and your church explore social media and writing material for parish websites.

Wednesday 21 March 2018 9:00 – 16:00

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

[Book your place.](#)

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

Got a nice and fresh Church Development Plan? If only it was so clear how to progress from here.

This session, for clergy, PCC members and church wardens, will explore how they can best be followed in the light of changing circumstances.



Saturday 27 February 14:00 – 16:00

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

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

Weekend of Invitation

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 June 2018

When churches say “be our guest”



Beyond our churches, almost 3 million people are open to being invited. Ready to receive an invitation to church or a suitable event. Join us in offering an invitation and welcoming others to church.

Resources and ideas available from weekendofinvitation.com

Eco Church



We have nine awarded eco churches in the diocese.

Come along to this morning session and learn more about eco church from Bishop Andrew, diocesan environment adviser Revd Lesley Crawley and people with experience of the program.

Saturday 17 March – 10:30 – 12:30

St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford, GU2 4AW

[More information and book your place.](#)



Think you can do it better? Give preaching a go



PREACH! Is 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 while trying out and improving your public speaking skills.

9 – 10 April from 10:00 – 16:00

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

[Book your place.](#)

Hearing the Voice of Children

When we fail to listen to children and young people we miss out on things that can help to shape children's ministry, youth groups and the church for the better.

This session will look at practical ways of enabling children to articulate their views and to hear what they are saying so we can include children and young people in decision making in church.



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

8 March 10:00 – 12:00

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

What's Changed in Youthwork?



Cracking Youthwork will offer down to earth advice and support for employed workers, volunteers and anyone interested in youthwork, exploring how work with young people has changed, and how the world that they live in is totally different too (smart phones, 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.](#)



Mission with young adults; not as difficult as you think

Church Army has released the findings of a research project on mission with young adults in England to discover what is and isn't working in the church when reaching out to 18- to 30-year-olds.

[View the results.](#)



Getting Started with Prayer Spaces in Schools

Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore important life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.

This session will cover what prayer spaces are, how they work while exploring a range of prayer space activities suitable for schools and the practical steps required to set up and run an engaging safe and appropriate prayer space in a school setting.



Saturday 3 March 9:30 – 13:00

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

To book please email jane.whittington@cofeguildford.org.uk

What makes a brilliant primary school assembly?



A training session for Christians who lead primary school assemblies – whether you're a member of church staff, a volunteer or part of an assembly team.

The training will cover worship in a school setting, the contribution that can be made by Christian visitors, what visitors leading assembly should avoid and resources and ideas for collective worship with primary aged children.

Thursday 10 May 10:00 – 12:30

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

To book please email

jane.whittington@cofeguildford.org.uk

A Briefing for clergy – Religious Education in primary schools



A session briefing intended for clergy who have a primary school in their parish. The session will cover the new Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious education – giving clergy an overview of how the syllabus has been created and highlight opportunities for clergy to contribute to the primary RE curriculum.

It will also enable participants to consider the best ways to partner with the schools they serve in the delivery of RE.

Thursday 17 May 14:00 – 16:00

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

To book please email jane.whittington@cofeguildford.org.uk

Engaging with the Engaged

Looking at how culture has changed, 'Engaging with the Engaged' will explore how the church can engage with couples as they make choices about their wedding day and their shared life. Practical ideas will be shared as to how churches can encourage contact with couples through wedding shows, 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.



Running 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.

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

Saturday 9 June 2018 10:00 – 15:00
The Dell, Park Lane, Ashted, KT21 1EJ
[Book your place.](#)

Walking with God

All members of clergy in the Diocese of Guildford are invited to join Bishop Jo Bailey Wells for a reflective walk and pub lunch.



Thursday 22 March 10:00 – 15:00
[Book your place.](#)

Practical Aspects of Christian Spirituality - Pilgrimage

Revd Canon Andrew Wheeler will be speaking on the topic of 'Pilgrimage: Journey to the Heart'.

We will be exploring pilgrimages from different perspectives from the micro where one hour or half a day could be turned into a pilgrimage to the macro where our whole life could be a pilgrimage, a framework for our lives, pointing towards God.



Saturday 17 June 09:30 – 12:30
St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford, GU1 3UA

Retreats at the Abbey Quiet House in Chertsey

The Abbey Quiet House in Chertsey is available to book for day retreats. Able to host between 1 – 24 people the house offers a spacious place for group or personal retreats

The Abbey, Colonels Lane, Chertsey, KT16 8RJ

For more information please contact:

Dr George Hobbs via
01932 565588 or hobbsquiethouse@talktalk.net

Vocations Day of Prayer

The day before Vocations Sunday we invite you to come and pray:

- for all those who are called to ministry
- for your own sense of call
- for those you will encourage

Drop in and spend time in the presence of God in prayer, meditation and worship.

Resources for Vocations Sunday will be available.

Saturday 21 April 08:00 – 20:00
Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP



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](#).

Communications Director

We are seeking to employ a director to lead our busy communications team, taking overall responsibility for a broad range of media, public relations and training activities as well as information and data systems management, in delivery of our diocesan vision: *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives*.

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/communications-director

IT Service Contract Manager

The Diocese of Guildford is looking for an IT service contract manager to manage and be accountable for the day to day contractual, commercial and service management aspects of third party IT technology service contracts.

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/it-service-contract-manager

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.

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

Parish Vacancies

We have a number of parish vacancies, with roles varying from Children's and Families Ministers to Directors of Music and Parish Administrators.

Find out more: cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies

