

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

Young Carers gather at Guildford Cathedral for fun day of rhythm and colour



An event has been held at Guildford Cathedral to recognise the work of Young Carers in Surrey.

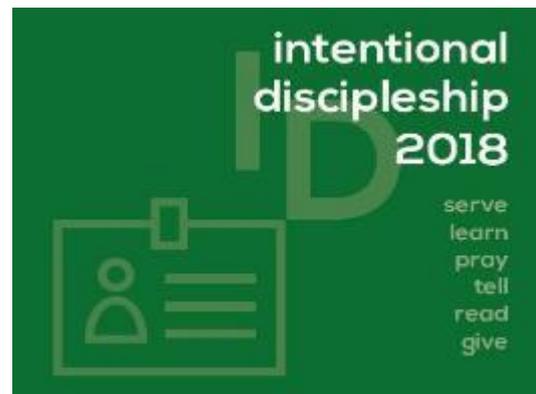
Rhythmic drumming, graceful movement and dramatic colours were the order of the day as Guildford Cathedral was filled with drums, flags and music.

Around 70 young people attended the event, organised in conjunction with Action for Carers, which gave the carers a break from their daily responsibility of looking after a relative with illness or disability.

[Read more and watch the video.](#)

Intentional Discipleship 2018

Intentional Discipleship features a programme of important and engaging events throughout 2018, designed to help support and grow personal discipleship.



Programme:

- [Called to Serve](#) – Explores Christian Community Engagement.
- [To Work is to Pray](#) – Answering the question, how can we pray when we're all so busy?
- [A Journey of Generosity](#) - how do we talk about money, a key area of discipleship, in our churches?
- [Talking Jesus](#) – Take a fresh look at talking about Jesus in our culture.
- [Reading Texts](#) – Reading scripture in a Spirit-led attentive way.
- [Reading Culture](#) – Engaging with texts and images from contemporary culture.
- [Reading Art](#) - Explore the human condition through the Ingram Collection of art.

Thy Kingdom Come

Guildford Cathedral



Sunday 20 May

In culmination of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement Guildford Cathedral will be transformed into a beacon of prayer and worship as we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ and, as one, pray for people to know Jesus Christ.

What's Planned?

There's plenty going on - join us for as much as you want!

16:00 – Taizé Worship

17:00 – 19:00 – Dedicated Prayer Stations

17:00 – Messy Church in the Chapter House

19:00 – Contemporary Worship

Sign up at cofeguildford.org.uk/tkc!

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

Events

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@cofeguildford.org.uk.

Called to Serve: Stepping into the Vision



This workshop explores Christian community engagement as an holistic outworking of who we are in Christ. How can we be more fully set free to serve: to cross boundaries, break moulds, change perceptions and be effective with others in our neighbourhoods?

Thursday 19 April 2018 19:45 - 21:45
St Paul's Church, Oriental Road, Woking, GU22 7BD

[Book your place.](#)

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 8:00 – 20:00
Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP



Reimagining Church – A Culture of Hospitality

A free opportunity to hear from those in the South East who are 'reimagining church' in their context with a focus on hospitality.

This will be a day for sharing together in conversation, food and soul food... with resources and ideas to take away.

Tuesday 24 April 10:00 – 16:00
The Chapel, Ash Vale, GU12 5HN

[Book your place.](#)



Do Women Have a Role in Leading Religion?

Open to all, this event will explore the important topic of gender in the leadership of religion with three prominent leaders giving their perspective, followed by Q&A session.

Programme:

18.30 - Guided tours around the St Mary's Church, the oldest Church in Surrey.

19.00 - Refreshments

19.30 - Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A

Speakers:



Julie Siddique



Bishop Jo Bailey Wells



Rabbi Kath Vardi

Tuesday 1 May – 19:30

St Mary's Church Hall, Stoke Rd, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 3PX

[Book your place.](#)



National Churches Trust Grants



If you need funding for a church repair project, want to install a toilet, kitchen and improve community facilities, or are seeking early stage funding (such as for a feasibility report) for your place of worship, then the National Churches Trust grant schemes can help you.

Grants are available in the following categories, repair grants, community grants, partnerships grants, project development grants and maintenance grants.

View upcoming grant application deadlines, further information and how to apply. nationalchurchestrust.org

Modern Slavery

- **We See You...** Victims trapped in modern slavery
- **We See You...** Agencies and organisation working to end modern slavery
- **We See You...** The local church working in your communities to help those affected by modern slavery

Modern day slavery and human trafficking is here in the diocese.

As part of The Clewer Initiative, a 3 year project to enable CofE Diocese and Church networks to develop strategies to detect modern slavery in our community, a free talk by Suzette Jones, health & wellbeing adviser, is available to your church and community.

For more details and to book a talk please email suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk

Ring out for armistice

The organisers of Battle's Over, a national and international event marking the armistice, wants to see more than 1,000 churches and cathedrals participate by ringing their bells simultaneously at 7.05pm on the night of November 11th 2018.

Pageantmaster Bruno Peek is encouraging bell ringers to take part in **Ringing Out for Peace**. He said:

"We want this to be the most widespread ringing of church bells since the First World War.

It would be a fitting and moving tribute... I've no doubt that dedicated campanologists in Britain and around the world will want to join this once-in-a-lifetime tribute to everyone who served on the battlefields, the high seas and the home front."

Ringing Out for Peace is part of Battle's Over, day-long, unique commemoration of the end of the first world war taking place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of locations overseas, including Australia, Canada, Denmark, Somaliland, the United States and Germany.

You can find more information about *Battle's Over* and churches can register their involvement by completing the Ringing out for Peace entry form at – brunopeek.co.uk



Hear Here Training

1 in 6 people have a hearing loss in our Diocese.

With an increasing older population and longer life expectancy our church buildings need to be able to welcome and accommodate those with sensory loss to aid communication.

We are looking for volunteers to:

- Be trained in the basic maintenance of hearing aids to become 'Hearing Champions'
- Offer these simple maintenance sessions at existing church social events e.g. coffee mornings, lunches, afternoon teas.



A number of training sessions are available to attend across the diocese with sessions in [April](#), [July](#), [September](#) and [October](#) – **book your place now.**

[Watch a video](#) about the impact of the Hear here project.

Science, Technology & Faith = Church Engagement?



Science and technology are central to modern life, and can have profound effects on individuals and society, yet they are rarely addressed directly by the Church.

The idea that science and religion are at odds with each other has become widely accepted but the intersection of science, technology and faith thus provides a rich terrain for church engagement in today's world.

Join this day conference for lay/ordained church leaders and RE Teachers to hear from experts. Tickets are £15 and include lunch.

Wednesday 12 September 9.30 - 16.30

Ripon College Cuddesdon, OX44 9EX

[Book your place.](#)

Occasional Preachers



"Thank you for this hugely encouraging and helpful course. I now feel excited and ready to explore further the exciting challenge of actually speaking God's word."

Go deeper in your faith and learn about preaching from the best in the Occasional Preachers course.

Following authorisation you are able to preach up to 5 times a year in your benefice!

Saturday 19 May, 9 & 23 June 9:30 – 16:30

St Mary of Bethany, Mount Hermon Rd, Woking, GU22 7UH

[Apply now.](#) Your Incumbent should also [complete an application in support.](#)

Leading Worship

Lead or share in leading worship or enable others to do so? The Leading Worship course is for you!

Learn about the biblical and theological meaning of worship and develop practical skills and gifts. Improve your ability to serve the congregations to which you minister; growing in confidence.

Wednesdays. 19 September – 21 November. 19:45 – 21:45

St John's Church, Stoke Road, Guildford, GU1 1HB

[Apply now.](#) Your Incumbent should also [complete an application in support.](#)



Messy Church Training

A day of Messy Church training run by Lucy Moore from The Bible Reading Fellowship.

Split into two sessions the training will firstly cover setting up a Messy Church and later give an opportunity for those who run a Messy Church to go a bit deeper and discuss discipleship, sustainability and 'Being Church'.



Tickets £6 for one session, £10 for both. Booking will open shortly.

Saturday 23 June 10:00 – 16:00

St John's Church, Fleet Road, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8ED

In-Formation

Salisbury Arts Centre, Salisbury, SP1 3UT
Monday 25 June 10:00 – 16:00

A day conference to resource and inspire pioneer ministry (lay and ordained). A day with an emphasis on inspiring rather than inputting.

There will be a mix of worship, prayer, story, reflection, discussion, resourcing and engagement, with a festival ethos giving people plenty to choose from and plenty of space to meet, chat, think, pray and receive.

[Book your place.](#)



Prayermate



PRAYERMATE™

Struggle to pray for everything you want to? PrayerMate is a free mobile app to help you pray for the things you care about.

It brings all your prayer points together – whether your personal prayer points for friends and family, updates from fantastic mission organisations, or your church life, PrayerMate puts it all together in one place and helps you get on and pray.

[More information.](#)



YMCA Donations

Donations are required for refugees and homeless people supported by YMCA Guildford.

Key items required:

- Suitcases, sports kit bags and/or large backpacks
- Wallets
- Sleeveless vests
- Watches – very basic totally fine
- Fashionable t-shirts – XS, S or M
- Jeans – Short legs
- New underwear – Small or Medium
- Hair products
- Phone chargers, earphones
- Snack food including dried fruit, nuts, crisps, crackers
- Colouring and painting sets
- International calling cards
- Reusable drinking bottles
- AA batteries
- Book of Sudokus and to learn to read in English (teen aged maximum)

Donations to - Guildford YMCA, 1-10 Bridge St, Guildford
GU1 4SB

Refugee Support Conference



Celebrating, Reflecting and Learning

What more can we do?

Join Bishop Andrew, Maurice Wren (CEO of Refugee Council) and other leading figures for a morning of learning from experiences and testimonies from across Surrey and the nation.

Monday 5 November 09:30 - 13:00

St Saviours Church, Woodbridge Road, Guildford, GU1 4QD

To reserve your place please contact
emma.beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk.

Help for those in Need Crisis Support across the Diocese of Guildford

With the number of homeless people increasing, and some are likely to turn to the local church for help, the Communities Engagement Team have put together a guide to help churches respond to the growing need safely and effectively.

Featuring useful information, a list of suitable contacts and services the guide will help address the needs of the homeless and simplify the often complicated support services.

To access the guide please visit the [CET Resources page](http://cofeguildford.org.uk/communities-engagement/resources)
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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.

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 10:00 – 15:00

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

[Book your place.](#)



Woking Choral Society Concert



Woking Choral Society, together with the Octavian singers, will perform Elgar's best loved choral work, The Dream of Gerontius.

The concert will be the last under the baton of Musical Director Ben Palmer, moving to become Chief Conductor of the Deutsche Philharmonie Merck in Darmstadt.

**Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP
Saturday 12 May – 19:30**

Tickets (from £5) can be bought [on the Cathedral Website](#).

Weybridge Male Voice Choir Concert

**St Peter's Church, Burwood Road, Hersham, KT12 4AA
Saturday 23 June – 19:30**

The renowned Weybridge Male Voice Choir has a reputation for quality and high standard of performance and will be performing in Hersham in June.

The choir will be performing an exciting, entertaining, uplifting and varied programme of 16 songs in spine-tingling four-part harmony.

Tickets (£10) can be bought through the parish office – theoffice@stpetershersham.com / 01932 253452



What makes a brilliant 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

Religious Education in Primary Schools – Clergy Briefing

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 Religious Education curriculum.

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

**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

Education Sunday

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education, from nursery to adult education. It provides the perfect opportunity for churches to demonstrate your commitment to learning and teaching.

More information about and ideas for Education Sunday, for both churches and schools, can be found on the Education pages of the Diocese of Guildford's website (cofeguildford.org.uk/education)



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

Communications Officer

The Diocese are looking to appoint an experienced communications professional to play a key role in delivery of communications objectives in support of our Diocesan strategy.

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

Property Surveyor

An exciting, and unique, opportunity has been established at the Diocese of Guildford for an experienced Property Surveyor to help support us as we pursue our strategic mission.

Find out more and apply - cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/property-surveyor-2018

Assistant DAC Administrator

Ideal for an experienced administrator, looking for a part time role, the Diocese of Guildford is looking for an administrator to support and work with the DAC Secretary.

Find out more and apply - cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/assistant-dac-administrator-18

