

eNews

news and events from the Diocese of Winchester



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Radio mics update

In the last e-news, churches were warned about possible risks associated with radio mic frequencies and the digital switchover. It is important to note that by no means every system will be affected by this

Individuals do not need to refer to someone to check their frequency for them. If they read the number (usually on the back of the Transmitter or Receiver or both) which is the frequency (in MHz) of their equipment. All parishes must do is check whether the frequency lies in the two ranges that are to be withdrawn:

Under Ofcom's current proposals the following frequencies will no longer be available after switchover:

550 - 606 MHz (TV channels 31 - 37)

790 - 862 MHz (TV channels 61 - 69)

Peter Keen, Consultant in Educational Audiology, and Chairman of the British Association of Educational Audiologists has advised parishes who find they need to replace their equipment to consider buying transmitters and receivers that use the frequencies protected for the use of deaf people. "The church PA system should also be driving the loop system for hearing aid users, so this is a valid use of the frequencies," he said.

Sign the BIG card to the Queen

2012 is a BIG year for Her Majesty the Queen, who after 60 years on the throne is already the second-longest reigning British Monarch ever (after Queen Victoria).

To mark 60 years of The Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012, with celebrations centring on an

extended weekend from 2 to 5 June.

As Supreme Governor of the Church of England, The Queen is very special to the Church family, so the three diocesan bishops and the Dean of Winchester have decided to send her a very special BIG thank you card, which everybody in the diocese will get a chance to sign!

Visit <http://bit.ly/bigcard> to sign before 4 May!

Wrap your property up warm in 2012

Heat loss through the ceiling and walls in your home could be very large if the insulation levels are less than the recommended minimum. When your house was built, the builder likely installed the amount of insulation recommended at that time. Given today's energy prices, the level of insulation might be inadequate!

A quick reminder - if the Diocese manages and maintains your property, the Property Department can reimburse the householder's contribution towards loft and wall insulation if you are prepared to arrange a quotation from your utility provider, local authority or insulation company.

Please contact Mary (01962 737328 or mary.lord@winchester.anglican.org) for more details

Safeguarding and Inclusion Department Courses for 2012

[Further information on the courses, dates and booking information.](#)

For enquiries and bookings, contact siona.jeffery@winchester.anglican.org or call 01962 737347

Advance Notice for your diary

Celebrating Holiness

Earthing prayer in everyday life

An important diocesan spirituality day. This is a day to explore prayer and spirituality through workshops, creativity and different styles of prayer. president and key note address: Rt Revd Tim Dakin, Bishop of Winchester

Saturday 3rd November 2012, 9.45 am – 3.00 pm, at Romsey Abbey

More details after Easter

Ring for St George!

“St. George's Day – 23rd April. This year it is a Monday,” writes *Libby Alexander*

“A day to celebrate and what better way than to encourage wonderful bell ringers to give up their precious time to remind the Nation who their Patron Saint is. Bishop Tim and has joined many others supporting the Campaign together with the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London. It is a sad reflection upon our times when the majority of the public of this country cannot name either St. George or his celebratory day. It is time to enlighten them and what

better way to help them celebrate than to make them stop in their daily lives to the sound of bells ringing out throughout the land saluting St. George – England’s saint. If you wish to know more please contact me at libby@ringingforengland.co.uk”

Newcastle Link

Our diocese has long had a link with the diocese of Newcastle. During last July a group of eight people from our diocese went north to visit them. The object of the visit was to promote our link, share insights and good practice, and learn from one another. We are running a series of reports about that visit on our Diocesan website to share the experience more widely.

To learn more, please visit <http://www.cofewinchester.org.uk/diocesan-life/newcastle-partnership/>

Sending us your parish magazines

A note from Nick Edmonds, Communications Officer

We in the Communications Team are always very grateful to receive copies of parish magazines, which should be sent to: Nick Edmonds, Communications Dept, Diocesan Office, Old Alresford Place, Old Alresford, SO22 5HD.

If there is a particular story in your magazine that you think may be of interest to the wider diocese, you can draw the Communications team’s attention to it by **making a note on the front cover**, with a page number if applicable.

If you have a news story, you can submit it by visiting <http://www.cofewinchester.org.uk/> and clicking on ‘Tell us your news’ in the right hand column.

We look forward to helping promote your news!

New Mothers’ Union Branch Opens

On Sunday 8th March, at the morning service, a new branch of the Mothers’ Union was inaugurated in the Parish of All Saints, Mudeford and High Cross, Somerford. The Service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Bournemouth, the Rt Revd Dr Peter Rouch and the Revd Helen Griffiss.

Seven members were enrolled and five others are to be enrolled soon. The new branch is excited about the work of the Mothers’ Union in all parts of the world and hope to be involved in MU Projects both in the UK and Worldwide. You can read about this exciting new group on facebook – where they keep their members informed about all their MU events.

Methodist Homes Sunday 2012

Methodist Homes look after Anglicans too!

10 June 2012

Copies of the Worship Resources have been sent to Methodist Ministers and Local Preachers' Secretaries. Further copies of the Worship Resources are available to download from MHA's website: www.mha.org.uk Alternatively they are available as a booklet from MHA's Leeds Office.

For more information please call Lesley or Mo on 0113 272 8466 or 0113 272 8477

Methodist Homes (MHA), Registered as a Charity - No. 1083995 • enquiries@mha.org.uk

Jubilee – Big Lunch

The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

Not necessarily Christian in origin, but what a great idea!

Visit <http://www.thebiglunch.com/> to get involved

An Indian Odyssey

A 19 day tour (8th to 25th Nov. 2012) is being planned to a land where culture and religion are still inextricably linked: India. The tour will include, among other things, time in the capital Delhi, Agra where the party will worship with the local Christian community in the cathedral, the best fort/palaces of Rajasthan, a visit to the Bishnoi tribal villages where this ancient Rajasthani peoples hold all nature sacred, a temple of the Jains who believe in the sanctity of all sentient life and two days in Ranthambore wildlife reserve.

For a full brochure please contact Revd Peter Paine, 01704 809517 or peterspaine@gmail.com

Diocesan Tennis – the ball's in your court...

A chance to fulfil those new year keep-fit resolutions!

The tennis team includes clergy and lay members of the Diocese as well as family members. Currently there are about eighteen team members from teenage sons and daughters to several members of the Registry. They are still looking for new recruits. Please get in touch if you would like to join our ranks or if you can recommend others within your parish family, either to liz.wilkinson@winchester.anglican.org or revjohnellison@hotmail.com

Courses & Events at Sarum College

Are available here: <http://bit.ly/xOS7ls>

The Children's Society - Winchester Deanery Committee -

Dates for your Diary

Fabric Sale - Saturday 17th March, sponsored by and held at the Grosvenor Hotel in Stockbridge from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Designer Furnishing Fabrics by Jane Churchill and Colefax & Fowler, from £3, £7 and £12 per metre of fabric. Please note that we can only accept cash or cheques.

Easter Fair - Wednesday 18th April, held at Pinglestone Barn, Old Alresford, SO24 9TB, from 10.30 am - 15.30 pm. Book Binding and Weaving Demonstrations, Garden Accessories, Pottery, Craft Stall, Cakes & Preserves, Soup & Ploughman's Lunch, Plants, Greeting Cards, Raffle. Entry: £3, includes Coffee and Homemade Biscuits.

ONE BIG Sleepout

ONE BIG Sleepout is a homelessness fundraising event for Hampshire based charity, the Society of St James.

How does it work? You sacrifice your bed for the night in exchange for sponsorship. The funds you raise will help The Society of St James to continue to provide support and accommodation to the county's most vulnerable adults.

What makes it ONE BIG Sleepout? Community groups will be organising their own Sleepouts under the umbrella of ONE BIG Sleepout, Hampshire, raising funds and awareness for the same charity.

When will it happen? Overnight on Friday 9 March 2012

More: <http://www.ssj.org.uk/campaigns/one-big-sleepout/>

Poole Passion

The Poole Passion will present its third production of Through the Eyes of a Child on the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st of March this year. At 7pm each evening, the action starts at Parkstone United Reformed Church, Commercial Road, Parkstone and moves to St. Peter's Church, Parkstone for the final scenes. The play follows the Passion of Christ, as seen by a child of today.

Adults: £5.00; concessions £3.00; £12.00 for a family of two adults and two children under 18 years old.

Bookings: e-mail to st-peters-park@btconnect.com or ring 01202 749085 or visit <http://poolepassioncommunity.info/>

A visit to Lebanon

Encounters with faiths, history and the realities of today at the crossroads of the Mediterranean and the Levant.

Monday 1 October – Monday 8 October 2012

Led by Revd Andrew Ashdown

Revd Andrew Ashdown has been visiting and leading groups to the Middle East for over 20 years. He has travelled extensively in the region and is the author of "The Stones Cry Out: Reflections from Israel and Palestine" published by Christians Aware in 2007. He is a Team Rector in the Diocese of Winchester, and also Chair of the Middle East Ecumenical Network.

For more details, visit www.christiansaware.co.uk or email andrewashdown@talktalk.net

Exploring Christian Meditation

Lent 2012 meetings at St Paul's Church, Winchester

Led by Pat Nash

Themes

- "What is Meditation" 28 Feb
- "John Main" 6 March
- "The Roots of our Tradition" 13 March
- "The Wheel of Prayer" 20 March
- "Leaving Self Behind" 27 March

Venue: St Paul's Parish Rooms

Time: arrive from 7.30pm, for 7.45pm start

All are welcome to any or all of the meetings!

Kathleen Freeman 01962 861 607 klvfreeman@aol.com

Speakers Urgently Needed

Would you prayerfully consider helping by devoting a little of your time to give talks at local churches on our behalf?

We have a particular need for speakers in **the Guildford and Winchester Diocese**. Full training provided. Please contact Claire Cranfield via email Claire.cranfield@childrenssociety.org.uk or 020 3185 1048.

Resources room at Winchester Cathedral

Pop in to browse or borrow!

Located on the first floor of the Education Centre, in the inner Close of Winchester Cathedral, the Diocesan Resources Room offers a rich collection of books, symbols, DVDs, posters and Godly Play sets. We offer an **informed, committed service**, and if you can't get in to Winchester we operate an efficient mail order service. The modest rates for borrowing are £3 per item or £15 a year, representing exceptional value.

The Resources Room is open 2 days per week, Monday & Friday, 9.30 – 1.15 and 1.45 -5pm

Contact **William Cole, Co-ordinator**, on 01962 857262 or williambookaholic@hotmail.co.uk

Remember ELTO information!

All churches in the UK have until 31 March 2012 to provide information needed by the new Employers' Liability Tracing Office (ELTO). Visit www.ecclesiastical.com/churchmatters/elto for more information

Introducing Orthodox Spirituality

Tuesday 6 March 2012 9.45am - 4pm

£15 per person, Old Alresford Place.

Led by Dr Andreas Andreopoulos, Senior Lecturer in Orthodox Christianity at the University of Winchester. A Quiet Day including talks, times of quiet, and worship. Lunch, tea and coffee are provided. The full programme of retreats and quiet days can be seen at <http://dandm.winchester.anglican.org/node/114>

For enquiries and bookings please contact Ian Knight ian.knight@winchester.anglican.org 01962 737314

Churches offered help from international mission teams during the 2012 Games

Churches reaching out to their communities during the 2012 Games are being offered the help of one of many international mission teams coming to the UK. The teams of between 5 and 20 members offer churches help with children's clubs, street outreach, running a big screen Community Festival, sports clinics and more.

Full details are available at www.morethangold.org.uk/mission



WINCHESTER
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forthcoming events

Chronicles of Light – 12 to 28 October 2012

Thursday 16 February saw the launch of a once-in-a generation event, as Winchester Cathedral launched its sound and light extravaganza – Winchester: Chronicles of Light. Over two years in its conception, Winchester: Chronicles of Light explores over a thousand years of history in the city through the characters and events that have made Winchester Cathedral a national treasure.

The event runs from 12 to 28 October, and tickets are now on sale from the Cathedral Box Office on 01962 857 275 and online at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Details of these and many more Advent and Christmas events are available at

www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

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