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Rule of Life Workshops

Bishop Tim is inviting everyone across the Diocese to write and follow a [Rule of Life](#). This month sees the launch of the Rule of Life workshops, designed to help people develop their own rules of life. The dates and venues are as follows:

Tuesday, 28 February, 2.30-5pm, St Paul's Church Centre, Andover.

Wednesday, 1 March, 10am-12.30pm, Wolvesey.

Monday, 13 March, 7.30-9.30pm, All Hallows Church, Whitchurch.

Tuesday, 14 March, 2-4.30pm, St Leonard's Church, Oakley, Basingstoke.

Wednesday, 15 March, 2-4.30pm, St Mark's Church, Ampfield.

Thursday, 16 March, 2-4.30pm, St Luke's Church, Hedge End.

Saturday, 18 March, 10am-12.30pm, Old Alresford Place.

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Monday, 3 April, 7.30-9.30pm, St Saviour's Church, Brockenhurst.

Tuesday, 4 April, 2-4.30pm, St John's Church Centre, Hartley Wintney.

Wednesday, 5 April, 7.30-9.30pm, Highfield Church Centre, Southampton.

Thursday, 6 April, 2-4.30pm, St Peter & St Paul, Ringwood.

Monday 10 April, 7.30-9.30pm, St Lawrence Parish Centre, Alton.

Tuesday, 11 April, 7.30-9.30pm, All Saints, Southbourne, Bournemouth.

Wednesday, 12 April, 10am-12.30pm, Wolvesey.

For details of workshops or to find out more about a Rule of Life, visit <http://www.winchester.anglican.org/rule-of-life>

To book, email ruleoflife@winchester.anglican.org

Thy Kingdom Come 2017

Following the success of last year's Thy Kingdom Come wave of prayer, Rev'd Mark Collinson, Canon Principal, will be coordinating this year's activities. Sarah Lloyd is leading the Novena (nine days of prayer) and Bishop David the Beacon Cathedral event.



If you would like to get involved in the Novena of Prayer, Tent on the Green, Beacon Event or period of Mission Action, or you simply want to find out more, please go to: <http://www.winchester.anglican.org/about-us/thy-kingdom-come>

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM)

Two programmes for lay people are underway as part of the Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM). These are: **BCM for Pastoral Missioners**, and **BCM for Lay Worship Leaders**. There are currently 42 people taking part. Please remember them in your prayers.

There are now plans to offer these two programmes in the west of the Diocese in the summer term. Dates and details will follow shortly. There will be more streams offered in the autumn, so watch this space. Anyone who wants further information should contact Phil Dykes on phil.dykes@winchester.anglican.org

Bishop of Winchester's Lent Lectures – Church Growth: Why it Matters and How it can Happen.

Tuesday, 21 March, Christ Church, Winchester.

9.30am coffee and registration, 10am start.

By David Goodhew, Director of Ministerial Practice at Cranmer Hall.

How do we grow as Christians and as churches? 'Growth' in the Christian life always includes growth in personal Christlikeness and growth of service to the wider community, but the New Testament, the Christian tradition and the Anglican Communion outside the UK are deeply enthusiastic about the numerical growth of churches. So how can we think about growing churches in a godly, theologically nuanced way? And if we can create a theology of church growth, what specific practices help congregations grow? Or is church growth a holy mystery? The two Lent Lectures will examine a theology of church growth that could work for churches of all traditions and the actions that foster growing churches.

Prior to his current post at Cranmer Hall, David Goodhew was vicar of two parishes in York. He oversees the Centre for Church Growth Research and has edited several publications on church growth.

To book, visit <https://winchesterlentlectures.eventbrite.co.uk>

Vocations Days

"Here I am, Lord"

Is God calling you to use your gifts and skills to help equip his people for mission? Come along to a Vocation Day with **Bishop David** and **Bishop Jonathan** and find out about the opportunities to train for a range of ministries, lay and ordained.

There are two days and two venues available:

Saturday, 25 March, at St John's Church, Hartley Wintney.

Saturday, 1 April, at St Swithun's Church, Bournemouth.

Both days will follow the same format:

9.30am Coffee and Cake

10am Worship, prayer and introduction

11am-12pm A rolling programme of workshops on different ministries, and the opportunity to talk with a Vocations Adviser.

To book your place, contact Lynda Mumford: lynda.mumford@winchester.anglican.org / 01962 710983.

Archdeacons' Visitations

Archdeacons Peter and Richard look forward to welcoming churchwardens to the celebration services, to admit them legally to office, but also to thank them for all they have done and are doing as Churchwardens.

Churchwardens are asked to contact Andrea Ford, PA to the Archdeacons, to say which session they will be attending:

andrea.ford@winchester.anglican.org 01962 710960

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Thursday, 11 May	Andover St Mary Church Close SP10 1ER	7pm	7.30pm	ANDOVER
Saturday, 20 May	Valley Park St Francis Pilgrim's Close SO53 4ST	9.30am	10am	EASTLEIGH
Monday, 5 June	Hartley Wintney with Elvetham St John the Evangelist Fleet Road	7pm	7.30pm	ODIHAM

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Thursday, 15 June	Christchurch Priory Church Street BH23 1BU	7pm	7.30pm	CHRISTCHURCH
Thursday, 22 June	Romsey Abbey SO51 8EP	7pm	7.30pm	ROMSEY
Wednesday, 5 July	Old Alresford St Mary Colden Lane SO24 9DL	After service at OAP	3pm	ALRESFORD

Ewe Matter

Is there a sheep heading for your classroom? Has your school signed up for 'Ewe Matter'?



Ewe Matter is reminiscent of Marwell's 'Zany Zebras', the 'Cow Parades' and Bristol's 'Shaun the Sheep'. It is a project aimed primarily at church schools which are being encouraged to buy a fibreglass sheep for pupils to decorate. These sheep can be used in worship and lessons, both in RE and in the wider curriculum, and in the summer the schools will bring their decorated sheep to the leavers' services. We invite all schools to buy one (or several) of the sheep at a cost of £181.32 including VAT and delivery direct to school.

Churches can buy one too. Anyone interested should contact Julie Stirling, Julie.stirling@portsmouth.anglican.org or 02392 899680.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan, Parish and Community Events are available to view on the Events Calendar:

<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/training-events/events/>

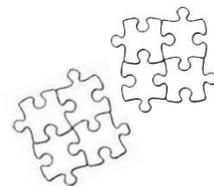
Featured Parish Event

St Mary's, Fordingbridge, is holding its first Jigsaw Puzzle Festival on Saturday, 18 February to Monday, 20 February, from 10am to 5pm daily, with a Café Church Communion in the Hall on Sunday, 19 February at 9.30am.

Admission: £2 per adult to include a £1 voucher towards a full-price puzzle. Free return visit.

Accompanied children are free.

There will be hundreds of puzzles to browse and buy, from simple children's puzzles to ones with 3,000 pieces or more, double-sided ones, shaped ones, 3D ones, and brain teasers. As puzzles are sold, new ones will take their place. Light refreshments will be served all day.



Profit from the sale of puzzles will go the church and to Avonway Community Centre's Youth Group, known as GR8.

For further information, call Judith Dowsett (01425 650335) or Viv Finch (01725 512267), or visit www.avp-benefice.org.uk

Courses and Special Days

Below is a list of courses and special days, in date order, run by organisations in and near the Diocese.

Ministering to Children

A new course, conceived and run in partnership with the Diocese, to support children's workers and open to anyone currently working in, or intending to become involved with, children's ministry in either a paid or voluntary capacity.

The first three sessions have already taken place but you can join the final two sessions:

Saturday, 25 February: Planning sessions, accommodating special needs, telling stories;

Saturday, 25 March: Vision and strategy.

10am-3pm with optional 2-3pm session for NCFE accreditation.

Moorlands College, Sopley, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 7AT.

£25 per session.

Ministering to Children is taught by Andy Saunders, Children and Family Adviser for the Diocese, alongside Moorlands College lecturers Sharon Prior and Colin Bennett.

To book or to find out more, visit <http://www.moorlands.ac.uk/events/ministering-to-children/>

Reaching Millennials

Saturday, 25 February.

10am-4pm.

SML Church Centre, Kingston Road, Poole.

Free.

A day to examine how the church can engage more effectively with Millennials. Keynote talk by Bob and Mary Hopkins (Anglican Church Planting Initiative).

To book, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reaching-millennials-tickets-30167339324>

Preaching days at Sarum College

Tuesday, 7 March.

10am-4pm.

The Wondrous Story: Preaching from Palm Sunday to Easter.

£50 including lunch and refreshments.

Paul Burden, Director of Contextual Learning for the Centre for Formation in Ministry at Sarum College, will lead a day considering the task of preaching in this season, first from a general perspective, then applying those principles to some of the Holy Week and Easter passages.

Details, including how to book, can be found at <http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/the-wondrous-story-preaching-from-palm-sunday-to-easter>

Tuesday, 6 June.

10am-4pm.

Preaching in a Disenchanted Age.

£50 including lunch and refreshments.

Led by **Tom Long**, Bandy Professor Emeritus of Preaching and Director of the Early Career Pastoral Leadership Program at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia.

Tom Long's books, most notably *The Witness of Preaching*, have been influential in creating new thinking and discussion on preaching. This day will present some of his newest thinking on how we preach in our society today.

Details, including how to book, can be found at <http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/preaching-in-a-disenchanted-age>

CMS short-term mission leaders training day

Saturday, 18 March.

CMS, Watlington Road, Oxford.

£39 including a two-course lunch, refreshments and handouts. There are discounts for multiple bookings from the same church/institution.

Church Mission Society is running a day for leaders of short-term mission teams. Topics will include leadership in a cross-cultural context; group dynamics and spiritual/relational care; how to prepare and support a group; and practicalities such as risk assessment, emergencies and UK legislation.

To book visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leaders-training-day-tickets-27875675897> or for more information contact Helen.brook@churchmissionsociety.org 01865 787493.

Youth, Children and Families Coffee Hubs

Andy Saunders, the Diocesan Children and Families Adviser, and Sarah Long, the Diocesan Youth Adviser, are holding a series of Coffee Hubs across the Diocese for current youth, children and families workers, curates, clergy and anyone else interested. Come for coffee and chat.

Each drop-in will take place between 10am and noon as follows:

- **Wednesday, 29 March – Trago Lounge, Portswood, Southampton.**
- **Thursday, 30 March – Starbucks, Festival Place, Basingstoke.**
- **Thursday, 27 April – Costa Coffee, Lyndhurst.**
- **Thursday, 4 May – YMCA Coffee Shop, Winchester.**
- **Thursday, 11 May – Caffè Nero, Andover.**
- **Thursday, 25 May – St John's Coffee Shop, Hartley Wintney .**

- **Thursday, 8 June – Costa Coffee, Mallard Park, Bournemouth.**

Mothers' Union

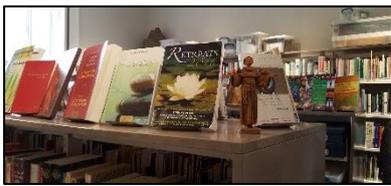
Brockenhurst Mothers' Union is exploring a new initiative for fundraising, aimed at groups visiting the New Forest. They are offering a ploughman's lunch on Tuesdays between noon and 2.30pm or afternoon tea on Wednesdays and Fridays between 3pm and 4.30pm, at The Church Hall, Wilverley Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7SP.

Price per person: £7.50.

Short guided tours of St. Saviour's or St. Nicholas' Church (thought to be the oldest church in the New Forest) can also be arranged.

Pre-booking essential via Lesley at The Church Office, 01590 624584, or lesley.munt@btinternet.com

Resources



The Diocesan Resource Room is in the new Education Centre in the Cathedral Close, Winchester.

Opening hours: Monday and Thursday 9.30am-4pm.

Please contact William Cole on william.cole@winchester.anglican.org or 01962 857262 or visit www.winchester.anglican.org/resources/resources-room

Visit the **Diocesan Website Resource Library** for parish finance, administrative and support resources:

<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/resources/>

ROOTS worship and learning resources for churches is online with lots of ideas for services. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February-12 March

The theme of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight is '**Put Fairtrade in your daily break**', encouraging people to get together to eat and drink Fairtrade products. A guide is available at <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight>



Fairtrade Fortnight encourages people to speak up for marginalised producers, to tell their stories and encourage others to buy Fairtrade. There are plenty of ideas of how to get involved, including eating/baking competitions, recipes, the game of 'Guess where your food comes from', things to do in your break such as quizzes, crosswords, YouTube clips and doodles. For instance, there will be a Fairtrade pop-up café in **Lockerley Memorial Hall on Friday, 3 March, 10.30am-4pm**, with coffee, tea, lunches and afternoon tea, Fairtrade stalls and a raffle.

The Diocese has a '**Fairtrade Safari**' – a portable resource that can easily be used by any parish to educate, highlight and encourage parishioners to embrace the values of Fairtrade while having some fun.

For more information and help, contact:

Rev'd David Hinks, chair of the Diocesan Fairtrade Group, 01420 83458, hinksrev@gmail.com

Rev'd Gordon Randall, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, 01962 737323, gordon.randall@winchester.anglican.org

Ministers in Secular Employment

Rev'd Cathy Pynn is examining the position of Ministers in Secular Employment (MSE) in the Diocese and is planning to set up a prayer support network for MSEs.

She asks the following:

- Are there many MSEs working in the Diocese and do they feel sufficiently supported?
- What existing local networks see ministry in the workplace as vital for the spread of the gospel, or is something new needed?
- How can the Diocese better reflect theologically on the many issues of our working lives?

Anyone with any comments or who would like to be part of a prayer support network for MSEs is asked to contact Cathy Pynn on cathy.pynn@btinternet.com

Sound Worship

Sound Worship is a Christian orchestra based in Hampshire which specialises in playing traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs. It aims to serve God by supporting churches in worship and outreach activities.

The orchestra currently has a number of vacancies for musicians and is also looking for people to join the prayer support network. Further details are available on <http://soundworship.org.uk/vacancies.html>.

The orchestra is also available to play at churches, and will, for example, play at the 'Songs of Praise' service on **19 March at 4.30pm at St Barnabas, Winchester**.

For details visit www.soundworship.org.uk

Parish Buying

Parish Buying is a professionally managed procurement service set up and run by the Church of England to help parishes and church schools in their buying, allowing parishes to buy with confidence, as well as saving time and money which can be used instead for mission and ministry. Parish Buying can also run a Contract Review Analysis for multiple schools at a diocesan level, and manage any tenders that schools need to run.

For more information, call 0800 368 0887, email info@parishbuying.org.uk or visit www.parishbuying.org.uk

ExploreChurches

The National Churches Trust has launched ExploreChurches – a new website which makes it easy to discover the UK's most beautiful and fascinating churches: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/explore-churches

Starting with an initial selection of 1,200 churches, users of the ExploreChurches website can search for churches based on location or by a particular feature such as stained glass or monuments.

Individual churches are invited to include their own church by completing a short form and attaching photographs:

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/explore-churches/get-involved-churches>

Christian Aid Diamond Awards

This year, Christian Aid will mark 60 years of Christian Aid Week, and the charity is celebrating the supporters who make the fundraising week happen by giving Diamond Awards.

Tell Christian Aid if you know a Diamond supporter you think deserves special recognition, in categories including Long-term Supporters, Super Organisers, Working Together and Schools. You can nominate your Diamond until **17 March** at www.caweek.org/diamond or contact Charlotte Scott at the Southampton Office of Christian Aid on 023 8070 6969.



Diamond Awards

Winchester Cathedral

'Bible & Breakfast' in the Cathedral during Lent.

The Canon Chancellor, Roly Riem, will be piloting a new event for enquirers on Sundays in Lent, 9.45-10.45am, beginning on Sunday, 5 March. The gathering will consist of discussion based on Bible readings for Lent and will take place in the Paul Woodhouse Suite next to the Cathedral Refectory. It will provide the opportunity for anyone to ask questions about matters of faith. No question too simple or profound.

The Winchester Cathedral Newsletter is available at:

<http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Deans-Newsletter-Feb-2017.pdf>

Winchester Cathedral is open for visits and worship every day with occasional necessary closure. For information, visit www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk or call 01962 857200.

Free entry to the cathedral with a parish pass

Parish passes, allowing free entry to Winchester Cathedral, are available to anyone worshipping in a parish within the Diocese. Parish administrators, church wardens or other church officers may contact the cathedral office to ask for a number of passes for their churches. Email cathedral.office@winchester-cathedral.org.uk or call 01962 857200.

Prayer

Prayers at Wolvesey.

Every Monday in school term-time, 1-1.30pm in the Chapel at Wolvesey.

Come and pray for the mission of God in the Diocese of Winchester.

All welcome.

The Diocesan prayer cycle is available on the Diocesan website: <http://www.winchester.anglican.org/prayer/prayer-cycle/>

Spiritual Direction

For information on finding a spiritual director contact either the Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, Rev'd Sally Dakin: 01962 854050, sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org or Sarah Salisbury, winchestersdnetwork@gmail.com

Quiet Days

Anyone interested in organising a Quiet Day (or morning or evening) for their church, benefice or local branch of Churches Together can contact Rev'd Sally Dakin, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, for a list of possible leaders and venues across the Diocese. Call 01962 854050 or email sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org

Vacancies and Clergy Movements

We advertise Clergy and administrative vacancies in our parishes, opportunities at the Diocesan Office, roles in school, Social Enterprise and some external organisations. To find out what roles are available visit:

<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/current-vacancies/>

For details of clergy movements, visit

<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/current-vacancies/clergy-movements/>

Live the Mission

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<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/resources/communications-resources/enewsandnewsletter/>

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