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The Diocesan Synod Conference 2016

The Diocesan Synod Conference takes place this week (18-21 October) at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, bringing together 200 people from across the Diocese to discern the next phase of the Diocesan Mission Strategy. Even if you can't attend Diocesan Synod Conference, there are lots of ways in which you can participate:



CONFERENCE 2016

- Join the conversation on social media using [#winchestermission](#). Let us know your thoughts and prayers for the Conference, and keep up to date with live updates while it is taking place.
- Subscribe to the Diocese of Winchester's podcast channel, [here](#). Each of the keynote speeches from the conference will be available to download from here each day during the Conference

Download papers from the conference, and read a daily update about what's happened on the Diocesan website: www.winchester.anglican.org/winchestermission

Mission and Vocation

The School of Mission supports mission development across the Diocese and supports the selection and training for ministry and practical mission by both clergy and lay people. For more information visit www.winchester.anglican.org/about-us/diocesan-team/school-mission/

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) update

Bishop's Commission for Mission (BCM) is running two new programmes for lay people in the spring of 2017. These are aimed at those wanting input to their existing ministry or to a developing vocational path and not necessarily wanting a formal qualification.

BCM for Pastoral Missioners led by Phil Dykes, Evangelism, Church Growth and Fresh Expressions Adviser, This is for those with a pastoral heart. You will be trained to bring the love of God to people in their homes and other contexts, e.g. care homes, prisons.

SESSIONS	DATES	TIMINGS	VENUE
Introductory session	Saturday, 21 Jan 2017	10am-4pm (to include sandwich lunch)	Wolvesey, Winchester, SO23 9ND
Tuesday evening sessions	31 January, 7 and 28 Feb, 7, 14 and 28 March	7.15-9.15pm	St Leonard's Church, Oakley, RG23 7EG
Closing session	Saturday 1 April	9.30am-12pm	Wolvesey, Winchester, SO23 9ND

BCM for Lay Worship Leaders: led by Andy Saunders, Children and Families Adviser

This is for those who have a desire to lead God's people into God's presence. You will be equipped to do so in a variety of contexts (e.g. schools, sheltered housing, all-age gatherings), especially among those who currently have little contact with the church.

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Wednesday evening sessions (apart from Tuesday 28 Feb)	1 and 8 February Tuesday, 28 February 8 and 22 March	7.15-9.15 pm	All Saints Church, North Baddesley SO52 9EQ
Closing session	Saturday, 1 April	9.30am-12pm	Wolvesey, Winchester, SO23 9ND

To talk through in more detail what participating in these programmes might involve, please contact Phil Dykes phil.dykes@winchester.anglican.org or 01962 710973 07884 268968.

For an application form or further details, please contact Frances Ter Haar (frances.terhaar@winchester.anglican.org).

Going Deeper Spirituality Day

Saturday, 12 November, 10am-4pm.

Old Alresford Place.

£10 (including lunch).

The Archbishops have asked us to pray 'for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus...'

How can we help people in our parishes and communities to 'go deeper' spiritually?

This day will explore styles of spirituality and approaches to prayer; how to help people pray, alone and with others; how to design prayer activities; how to organise a quiet day/week of guided prayer; how a 'rule of life' can be helpful; and where to start.

To book, or for more information, please contact:

The Rev'd Sally Dakin, Spirituality Adviser, at Wolvesey: sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org, or 01962 854050.

£10 (including lunch).

For further details visit <http://www.winchester.anglican.org/events/going-deeper-day/>

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

Friday, 21 October, 7.30pm.

Romsey Abbey.



The Eighth Ethelflaeda lecture.

Admission free. Retiring collection.

Esther de Waal will speak on 'Hidden Springs – The gift of Cistercian Women to the Church'.

In the 12th century, Cistercian women adopted the Benedictine Rule which transformed their life as an order and also as a community of Christians

In this lecture, Esther de Waal will seek to connect history, spirituality and how the Benedictine life can inform our own lives today.

Esther de Waal is one of the country's foremost authorities on the Benedictine life and women and monasticism. She is one of today's most celebrated spiritual writers.

The lecture will be live streamed for those unable to get to the abbey.

www.romseyabbey.org.uk



Esther de Waal

Courses and Special Days

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

Churchyard Trees Conference

Wednesday, 2 November.

St Paul's Church, Waterloo.

10.30am-4.30pm.

Admission free.

The Church of England has some 10,000 churchyards, many of which are the only 'green lung' within a community and provide rare habitats for a wide range of biodiversity. Many of the oldest churchyards contain 'veteran' trees which are especially important ecologically and culturally.



The Conservation Foundation has organised this day conference in association with the Church of England Environmental Working Group, Shrinking the Footprint, Mission and Public Affairs, Cathedrals and Church Buildings with Caring for God's Acre and The Woodland Trust. It is aimed at supporting those who manage this natural heritage, by providing a day of presentations and workshops in churchyard tree care and identification, legislative framework for works to trees and support with interpreting this natural heritage to the local community. There will be an introduction by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment.

Admission is free.

To register interest, email info@conservationfoundation.co.uk. For further information visit www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/our-events/churchyard-trees-conferences

Young People and Safeguarding Round-table Discussion

Life as a teenager today is full of challenges and complexities and those who work with them often have to help them navigate some serious issues.

As part of a review of safeguarding policies, next month we are holding the second of two round-table discussions for youth leaders and those who work with young people to offer their views and suggestions on the guidance and resources we offer:

Monday, 14 November, 12-2pm: Young People and Mental Health.

Wolvesey, Winchester, SO23 9ND.

What issues are you finding young people navigating? How are you trying to help them? What support do you wish you could have?

This is particularly aimed at those working with young people, but those with associated interests are welcome to attend.

To attend, contact Jackie Rowlands, jackie.rowlands@winchester.anglican.org.

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 session has already taken place but you can join the other sessions:

Saturday, 12 November: Culture and influences on children;

Saturday, 14 January: Spiritual formation and teaching;

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/>

MODEM 2016

Wednesday, 16 November.

Organisation encounters theology conference: Making sense of ministries in a changing world.
Lumen United Reformed Church and Community Centre, 88 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RS.

9.30am-4.15pm

£30-£60.



Keynote Speakers: Rev'd. Dr. Emma Percy, Chaplain and Welfare Dean, Trinity College Oxford and Clare Watkins, lecturer in Ministerial Theology, University of Roehampton.

MODEM is a network of people interested in sharing learning about leadership, management and ministry. Members come from churches, business schools, consultancies, the third sector, and much more.

Emma Percy



Clare Watkins

For information and to book, visit www.modemuk.org

Mothers' Union

Thursday, 17 November. 10am-2pm.

St Mark's Church Hall, Highcliffe.

Information day.

Further information from Nikki Parkin, Diocesan Secretary, secretary@muwinchester.org.uk or 01252 656442. www.mothersunion.org

The Mothers' Union is also asking churches to fund raise during October and November for the 'Angel tree' scheme. This allows the Mothers' Union to buy, wrap and post a present to the child of a Winchester prisoner. A rough guide is £15 per present. The fathers complete a label which is stuck on to each present.

Tools for Transformation

Help your church engage with environmental issues. Five evening events (7.30-9.30pm) have been scheduled across the Diocese to help churches explore the new Eco Church scheme and the Big Church Switch whereby churches switch to renewable energy.

Discover more about Eco Church and the Big Switch, plus gain some insight on the Biblical basis of caring for God's creation and lots more. Speakers will include Dr Ruth Valerio, Churches and Theology Director for A Rocha UK and representatives from Christian Aid or Tearfund. The evenings will be offered ecumenically to cover as many denominations as possible.



Date	Area	Venue
Thursday, 17 November	Basingstoke	Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, RG24 8LT
Thursday, 19 January	Southampton	Christ Church, Portswood, Highfield Lane, SO17 1RL
Thursday, 2 February	Bournemouth	St Swithun's, Gervis Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3ED
Thursday, 9 February	Andover	St Thomas, Enham Lane, Charlton, SP10 4AN
Monday, 13 February	Winchester	Christ Church, Christchurch Road, Winchester SO23 9SR

To attend, contact Rev'd Gordon Randall, Stewardship Adviser for the Diocese, on 01962 737323 or gordon.randall@winchester.anglican.org

Please also let Gordon know if your church is using a renewable energy supplier so that the information can be passed on to the Shrinking the Footprint team.

Winchester Social Enterprise

Tuesday, 22 November.

12-2pm.

Old Alresford Place.

Socially Enterprising Churches Networking Event.

Come and find out more about social enterprise and find out about its potential for your church. Learn from others including Dr Tim Meldrum, senior lecturer in Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management at Winchester Business School, who will talk about creating social value.

To book, visit <http://bit.ly/2dKtwcn>



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/>

The Church of England monthly publications *InReview* and *InFocus* are both available here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/yearreview.aspx>

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

Winchester Cathedral

The Winchester Cathedral Newsletter is available at:

www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Deans-Newsletter-Oct-2016.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.

Cathedral events

The Cathedral puts on many special events, a full list of which may be found at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/

Among those taking place this month is a 'Stained Glass Tour with Coffee and Cake' on October 29 at 10am.

The Cathedral has glass spanning a period of nearly 700 years. The earliest dates from 1330, and the most modern dates to the current century.

On this tour, visitors will learn about different techniques for producing coloured glass, stained, painted and pot metal, and will be shown examples of windows from several Victorian makers in addition to the medieval and contemporary glass.

The tour will be followed by a hot drink and cake in the Cathedral Refectory.

Tickets: £12.50 are available from www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk or 01962 857 275.



Prayer



WANTED: Advent prayer ideas

Perhaps you've found some interesting and creative ways of helping people to pray during Advent – either as individuals, groups or congregations? It might be a prayer activity for older people, a reflective exercise for children, a series of text messages for people at work, a visual aid for an inter-generational service, a poem for your parish magazine...

Email anything you'd like to share, as a pdf please, to Rev'd Sally Dakin - sally.dakin@winchester.anglican.org. Get it to her by early November and people will be able to access your ideas via the next eNews.

The Diocesan Prayer cycle is available at:

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

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

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/>

Live the Mission

Live the Mission is the newsletter from the Diocese of Winchester. Each issue contains news and features reflecting the many ways that our faith is being lived in the Diocese. It is available on our website to read, download and share:

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

There is also a survey so that you can let us know what you think of it:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/livethemissionnewsletter>



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