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Rule of Life Workshops

Following a series of workshops in early December there will be more in Lent. A separate Lent course will not be offered. If you have any stories or experiences of using the Rule of Life materials, please let us know. Contact ruleoflife@winchester.anglican.org

Thy Kingdom Come 2017



THY KINGDOM COME

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.

There will be a **Creative Prayer Ecumenical Workshop** with a focus on Thy Kingdom Come on

Wednesday, 15 February,

9.30am - 4.15pm including lunch

Wessex Learning Centre, Winchester Cathedral.

Topics will include multi-sensory prayer; centering prayer; exploring prayer in our older years; prayer and children, families and young people; global partners in prayer; community prayer and much more.

To book a place email Sarah Lloyd: sarah@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk.

Full information is available on <http://www.thykingdomcomeprayer.co.uk>.

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)

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. The training will cover a foundational understanding of the missional context we are in, the core skills required for pastoral work in the church/community, as well as input from passionate personal practitioners on specialist areas, in this case growing older, coping with dementia and talking to people about their faith. You will learn from others who are pastoral in different contexts and also through undertaking other tasks such as visiting another church between sessions and reflecting on how good a listener you are.

SESSIONS	DATES	TIMINGS	VENUE
3 sessions giving a foundational overview	Saturday, 21 Jan 2017	10am-4pm (to include sandwich lunch)	Wolvesey, Winchester, SO23 9ND
6 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
2 concluding sessions	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. The training will cover a foundational understanding of the missional context we are in, the core skills required to lead worship in your church/community, as well as input from passionate personal practitioners on specialist areas, in this case leading intergenerational worship and leading worship that is not in a church building. You will learn from others who are leading worship in different contexts and you will undertake other tasks, such as visiting other churches, between sessions.

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5 evening sessions	Wed, 1 and 8 February Tuesday, 28 February Wed, 8 and 22 March	7.15-9.15 pm	All Saints Church, North Baddesley SO52 9EQ
2 concluding sessions	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).

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

Night Light Winter Shelter

Churches in Basingstoke are providing shelter every night until 28 February for homeless people in the town. Fifteen beds are available every night at church venues close to the town centre. A hot meal is supplied, along with toileting and washing facilities and breakfast. The beds have to be booked via a referral agency. Over Christmas itself St Michael's is hosting the shelter on 24-25 December and All Saints on 25-26 December.

To support the venture financially, visit www.spacehive.com/real-change

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 two sessions have already taken place but you can join the other sessions:

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/>

Tools for Transformation

Help your church engage with environmental issues. A series of evening events (7.30-9.30pm) has 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, 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.

Church Groups and How to Survive Them: A training day for clergy and laity

Friday, 17 February.

9.30am-5pm.

Institute of Group Analysis

1 Daleham Gardens

London, NW3 5BY

020 7431 2693, iga@groupanalysis-uk.co.uk

This one-day training course addresses some of the challenges that arise in congregations and church groups concerning conflict, authority and difference. The day uses insights from Group Analytic Psychotherapy to help participants develop fruitful, collaborative partnerships.

The training is tailored to the needs of clergy and laity, combining practical exercises and theoretical learning and will cover the following topics: dealing with conflict in groups; reactions to authority in a group setting; working with difference in groups.

More information is available about the IGA at <http://www.groupanalysis.org/>.

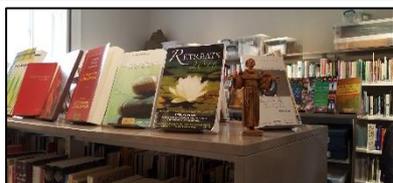
Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Spring Council will take place on 16 March 10am-2pm.

All Hallows' Church Hall, Church Street, Whitechurch RG28 7AS.

All members, friends and family welcome. Further details from Sue Murphy, Diocesan secretary/treasurer: 07514 024157 or treasurer@muwinchester.org.uk

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>



The first free online edition of the theological journal *Anvil*, under a revamped editorial board which now includes Jonny Baker (speaker at the Diocesan Conference), is available here: <http://churchmissionsociety.org/anvil-journal-theology-and-mission>

Launched 30 years ago as a journal focused on theology and mission, ANVIL is now based at CMS in Oxford, where its editorial board hopes to draw on insights from the world church as well as from those who are pioneering in mission.

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

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

Holocaust Memorial Day

Every year the Holocaust and other genocides are commemorated on 27 January and the support of churches is warmly welcomed. In the simplest way this could involve displaying themed posters and booklets. The theme for 2017 is 'How can life go on?'. To order a free activity pack, visit

www.hmd.org.uk.



The Rainbow Centre

The Rainbow Centre in Fareham helps people with cerebral palsy, motor leaning difficulties, developmental delay, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, stroke and head injury. For more information and to access its help, call 01329 289500, email enquiries@rainbowcentre.org, or visit www.rainbowcentre.org.

A Christmas Near You

The website www.AChristmasNearYou.org was launched on 1 December with information about Christmas services right across the country. Visitors to the website can filter the results by type of service, including carols, nativities etc, as well as by date and accessibility requirements. For smartphones, the website uses geolocation to find where the person is and show which Christmas services are happening nearest to them.

All churches are being asked to add their Christmas services and events to the database so that as many services are listed on the launch date as possible. Visit www.achristmasnearyou.org/upload to add the services.

There are also resources for churches to use including social media graphics and posters available at www.achristmasnearyou.org/resources.

Churches are also asked to share photos/videos of their churches celebrating (full of people and joy) and everyone is asked to tweet about the church services and celebrations they have been to, as well as promoting the website for people to use, using the hashtag #JoyToTheWorld.

Winchester Cathedral

Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

Friday, 23 December, 1pm.

Written for Christmas, this is one of Britten's most popular works. Performed by the Cathedral Choristers. Free admission, although a retiring collection will be taken.

The Winchester Cathedral Newsletter is available at:

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

Prayer



OFFERED: Advent prayer ideas

For creative prayer ideas for Advent, including an Advent prayer calendar for adults and Advent prayer tree for children, visit the Prayer page on the Diocesan website where you can also find the Diocesan prayer cycle:

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

Please note that this is a new address.

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/>

Renewal and Reform

Renewal and Reform is a Church of England programme which aims to build on three goals articulated by General Synod in 2010. These are to:

Contribute as the national church to the common good; facilitate the growth of the church in numbers and depth of discipleship; and to re-imagine the church's ministry.

At a recent talk in Lancashire, Revd Canon Jeremy Worthen, spoke about what Renewal and Reform asks of us all. He said: “the missional task requires nothing less than the renewal and reform of the Church of England by the grace of God, with the willingness of men and women in our church to put their shoulders to the wheel to seek changes to structures, customs and practices in ways that may sometimes feel tedious and hard and even misdirected and indeed may sometimes be misdirected but will always be aiming at a fuller, deeper transformation of the church by the risen Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

You can read the full text here: <http://bit.ly/2gfY4TA> and find out about the aims of Renewal and Reform here: <https://churchofengland.org/renewal-reform/about-rr.aspx>

#LightTheWay for refugees

Christian Aid is asking everyone to share a picture or short video of their Christmas lights or candles on social media using #LightTheWay. A suggested tweet could be ‘More than 65m people are fleeing conflict this #Christmas. We want to #LightTheWay with @christian_aid. Share your lights with the hashtag’.

You can read more on [this blog](#).

College of St Barnabas appeal

The College of St Barnabas, an independent charitable retirement and nursing home for Anglican clergy, clergy spouses, widows, widowers and church workers, is trying to raise £175,000 to provide ongoing care for the growing number of older and infirm Anglicans for whom the college is, in effect, the provider of last resort. For details of the college and how to give, visit <http://www.st-barnabas.org.uk/>

The Lyme Regis Organ School

The Lyme Regis Organ School is holding a winter workshop from 14-16 February aimed at supporting and encouraging young organists and allowing them access to a fine and recently built 50 rank three-manual organ with mechanical action. The theme of the workshop is ‘Wond’rous Machine: Exploring the organ and its music’ through the centuries. For details visit www.lymeregisorganschool.org.

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 expressed 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>



Media Enquiries

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