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Diocesan Golden Jubilee
Preparing a way for the Lord



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Welcome to A&B eNews in Brief

Welcome to this edition of the A&B eNewsletter and a Happy New Year to all readers.

Firstly apologies for sending this out slightly late in the week, but trust it will still be of use and interest.

The **Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy** has truly begun in the Diocese with the opening of the Holy Door at Arundel Cathedral by Bishop Richard on Sunday 13th December. You can see pictures of the event and read more about it and the Year of Mercy on the [Diocesan website](#). The next focus for the Year of Mercy is 24 Hours for the Lord on 4/5 March. A poster is attached below for use in parishes and deaneries. The poster is also on the Diocesan website.

Linked to the Year of Mercy the Lenten Small Group booklet 'God's Mercy: Our Mission' is now available to order from the [Diocesan Bookshop](#).

As ever I am grateful for comments, feedback or suggestions.

With every blessing

Mark Woods - A&B Diocesan Communications Officer

eNews in Brief Information

Diocesan Information

- Annual Justice and Peace Assembly, Crawley 16 January
- Mass for Deaf, Horsham 6 February
- Evening Reflections for Young People with Bishop Richard 24 Feb & 24 April
- Schools Admissions Appeals Training - 9 March
- Lenten Small Group Booklets - now available
- Refugees in the Diocese - update
- Internship available at DABCEC, Crawley
- Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage 2016

Annual Justice & Peace Assembly: Saturday 16 January from 10am at DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP with Bishop Richard and John Battle, former MP and Government Minister on 'What does it mean to be a poor Church for the Poor?' - "A summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters" (Laudato Si). For more information and to book visit the [Diocesan website](#).

Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday February 6th at 1pm in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: casamariapita@aol.com. Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

Evenings of Reflection for Young People with Bishop Richard: As part of the Diocesan celebrations for the Year of Mercy, Bishop Richard is inviting young people to join him for an evening of reflection. There will be two evenings - one for groups from Sussex and another for those from Surrey. The Sussex evening will be on Saturday February 24th at St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill, 6pm to 9pm. The Surrey evening will be on Sunday April 24th at Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge, again 6pm to 9pm.

The evenings will include an experience of Lectio Divina led by Bishop Richard and further reflections on what it means to live out our call as baptised Catholics in the modern world. There will be live music as well as stalls and interactive activities.

We expect that young people coming will be coming as part of an organised group with a responsible adult, however young people who want to come along by themselves are invited to get in touch with [Jack Regan](#) at DABCEC.

Full details (including a Risk Assessment and programme) will be available shortly at yaab.co.uk

Schools Admissions Appeals Training - Getting it Right: Wednesday 9 March 1pm-5pm at DABCEC, Crawley. For more information see Poster below.

Lenten Small Group Programme: The format for this year's Lent prayer and reflection programme is inspired by the Year of Mercy which began on the 8th of December 2015 and runs until Christ the King, 20th November 2016. Each week we will reflect on a different aspect of Mercy, using a mixture of Scripture, Church teaching and prayer. Contact the Diocesan Bookshop to order booklets on 01293 651165 or email bookshop@dabnet.org.

Refugee Update: The work for refugees continues and information is continuing to be drawn together and the necessary plans put in place. A letter has been sent to everybody who offered any form of help. It is hoped to be able to make a further announcement about plans before Easter. Any monies should be sent to Aidan Cantwell, Social Action/Justice & Peace Adviser payable to DABCEC and sent to DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. You can contact Aidan on 01293 651154 or email aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org for more information.

Internship with the Pastoral Team at Dabcec: An internship for a maximum period of one year working with the advisers on different initiatives and will include a range of duties and administrative work.

This opportunity is for those with an interest in pastoral work within the Church or who wish to develop and evidence work-place skills and who may be waiting for places at university or longer-term work opportunities.

This internship scheme builds on two recent successful experiences and is designed both to assist the Pastoral Team in its work but also to ensure that participants receive a valuable and rewarding experience, with benefits for their personal and professional development.

For further details of terms, conditions and remuneration, please contact Deacon Andrew Bayes, Pastoral Team Coordinator at Dabcec or via email: andrew.bayes@dabnet.org

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage: From Winchester to Canterbury from Saturday 13th – Sunday 28th August 2016. More information see www.thepilgrims.org.uk

St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre Information Programme for 2015

See full details of the programme for the year on their [website](#).

Residential Retreats coming up are:

Friday 26th February – Sunday 28th February 2016 - Healing and Forgiveness. Led by Dr Stephanie Thornton C.Psychol, AFBPsS

Easter Triduum - 24th March - 27th March. Celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week at St Cuthman's with a time for silence and reflection as well as sharing and celebrations

Monday 4th April - Wednesday 6th April 2016 - A Stitch in Time. A time for stitching textile

alongside spiritual guidance.

Friday 20th May - Sunday 22nd May - Creating Community led by Dr Stephanie Thornton C.Psychol, AFBPsS

15th July - 17th July - An Introduction to the Spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola led by Fr Adrian Porter SJ

Days of Prayer coming up are:

Saturday 6th February 10am-4pm led by Bishop Richard Moth on the Year of Mercy

For more information on all these and other events visit www.dabnet.org. To book: tel: 01403 741220; or email: stcuthmans@dabnet.org

Catholic School Headteacher & Chaplaincy Vacancies

See the Schools pages of the [Diocesan Website](#) for all School Vacancies.

eNews in Brief Local Events

- **Year of Mercy Icon Retreat - 17-23 January 2016:** Writing an Icon of Christ with prayer and meditation on the Mercy of the Father through the Face of Christ with the **Poor Clare Community**, Crossbush, Arundel. Hands on tuition. No artistic skill needed. Mass with the community. To book contact Sr Maria Hii on 01903 882536 or email poorclarescrossbusharundel@hotmail.co.uk.
- **South East Region Understanding CAFOD Energiser Day** at Amigo Hall, next to St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London from 10:30- 3:30 on 23rd January. This will be an enjoyable and inspiring day which is great for experienced volunteers, those new to volunteering and supporters who would just like to learn a little more about how we work and meet us, the local CAFOD Coordinators. AND
- **Understanding CAFOD Day** at Our Lady of England, Storrington from 10:30- 1:30 28th January a morning for those unable to make the day in London. Come and hear updates on how CAFOD works, and learn about our international work

with a special focus on Uganda which will be our focus for Lent Fast Day 2016.

Please contact the CAFOD Arundel and Brighton volunteer centre on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk for more details or to book your place on either day.

- **Young Adults (18-35) Lent Retreat** - Dying and Rising in Christ. Friday 12th - Sunday 14th February @Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery. A weekend retreat to prepare for Easter and to enter more deeply into the Lenten themes of the desert and renunciation. The chance to encounter Christ in prayer through the Benedictine monastic tradition, with talks from the monks, space for reflection, participation in the rhythm of prayer with the monastic community (The Divine Office), Lectio Divina, walks in the beautiful Sussex countryside, and time for building community and friendships.

Cost: Donations per person between £62 (unwaged) and £102 (waged). For more information or for booking contact: toc@worthabbey.net. See

www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk.

- **Catholic Bible School** runs a programme of events around Scripture in both Nutbourne, near Chichester and in Eastbourne. You can find the full programme [here](#). The Bible School also has a '**Service of Healing and Wholeness**' at 8 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the Catholic Bible School, Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Nr. Chichester, PO18 8SD beginning on Wednesday, 17th February. A time of quiet reflection, praise and prayer for healing led by the Friends of the Bible School,
- **Big Church Day out:** Tickets are now on sale for the Big Church Day Out 2016. Taking place on the **28th & 29th May**. BCDO is the UK's largest Christian

celebration of its kind, gathering more than 25,000 people from all denominations and ages for 2 days of world class music, family fun and incredible worship on the Wiston Estate in West Sussex. More information on their [website](#)

- **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - October 2016** - Are you interested in a this pilgrimage led by Fr David Osborne of Cranleigh and Bramley Parish from 25th to 31st October next year. If you would like to come or want more information please contact Bridget Eacott (tel 01483 892406) by early December and she will send you a brochure.
- **Canon Gerry Coates** who has recently moved to Holy Cross has two Chasuble-Albs which he no longer needs. They are cream and size 60 inch. He asks that you give a donation to the Lourdes Fund if you want one. If you are interested then email [Mark Woods](#).

eNews in Brief National Events - Quick Links

- **Peace Sunday 17 January** - Theme from Pope Francis is 'Overcome indifference and win Peace'. Materials available from [Pax Christi](#).
- **Christian Unity Week 18-25 January 2016:** Christians called to be 'Salt of the Earth. For resources see the [Churches Together Website](#).
- **World Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants** Sunday 17 January.
- **Holocaust Memorial Day** on 27 January 2016 - Resources for Parishes are available to download and use from the [Holocaust Memorial Day website](#).
- **Understanding Islam Course** 8th-11th February 2016. This four-day course is held at Campion Hall, the Jesuit community in Oxford, and aims to help Catholics understand how the worldviews of the Muslims they live and work with are shaped by their faith. The course is presented by Dr Damian Howard SJ, who is currently a lecturer at Heythrop College with a special academic interest in the Christian theological response to Islam. It is supported by the Catholic Bishops' Conference

of England and Wales. For more details, and to apply for a place, see [here](#).

- [National Justice and Peace](#) Open Networking Day **13 February** 10.30am-4pm Manchester with Church Action on Poverty - **'The Right to Food'**.
- **National Conference for Rural Catholics, 15-17 February 2016:** Old Lodge Hotel in Malton, North Yorkshire. The 2016 programme will have a strong equine flavour, reflecting the local industry. Cost is the same as in 2015: - £235 (double - ask). Deposit to accompany booking: £100. Contact Fr Robert Miller, Trellis House, Station Road, Tisbury, Wilts SP3 6JR by [email](#) or [tel:01747 870228](tel:01747870228). CBCEW National Rural Officer.
- One Day to explore **why Later Life Matters** Monday 29th February 2016; 12.30 – 20.30 Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH. For more information visit www.mha.org.uk/oneday/
- **Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend of **11th-13th March** 2016, please visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk ; call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443 or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk
- In the Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy, the **Society of Saint Gregory** is holding several days of talks, reflections and workshops, focusing on the message of Pope Francis who tells us that "in Him there is mercy and not condemnation." The nearest event to the Diocese is Saturday, **12 March** 2016 at St Augustine's, Hammersmith (speaker, Canon Stuart Wilson. There will be talks, group discussions, reflections and prayer, workshops for readers, musicians and singers and the day will close with Evening Prayer. The cost is £10 per person including lunch. To book and for further information, please email Mary Rouse at bookings@ssg.org.uk
- **Dementia Prayer Week - 12th-19th March:** In 2016, the Dementia Prayer Week will link to the Year of Mercy with the theme ' His Mercy is from Age to Age'. Please refer to the website of the Pastoral Care project in Birmingham diocese which is www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk for excellent resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals.

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- **Proclaim 15'**: Evangelisation Materials are now available for parishes and individuals. For more information visit the [Bishops' Conference website](#).
 - **Readings in different languages** - Handy downloadable (pdf) Sunday readings in about a dozen European languages, for those who have different language groups in their parish. Download [here](#).
 - **MA in Catechesis** at The School of the Annunciation: If you have a passion for Evangelisation and Catechesis, are helping in a parish or are involved in Catholic youth ministry then this is for you. Based at Buckfast Abbey. For details of this course please go to www.schooloftheannunciation.com and look under Courses.
 - Template to make use of your **old Tax Disk Holder** for Emergency contact details. See this [website](#).
 - **Papal Blessings** for weddings, anniversaries etc - As from January 2015 only available online from the Vatican @ www.elmosineria.va
 - **Sarum College** Courses and Events in Coming Months. [See their website](#).
 - **Ammerdown Retreat Centre** - Various events and retreats including an Advent Retreat with Fr Daniel O'Leary. [See their website](#).
 - Online version of **American Catchecism** now available via the [American Bishops' Website](#).
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24 Hours for the Lord

4th - 5th March 2016

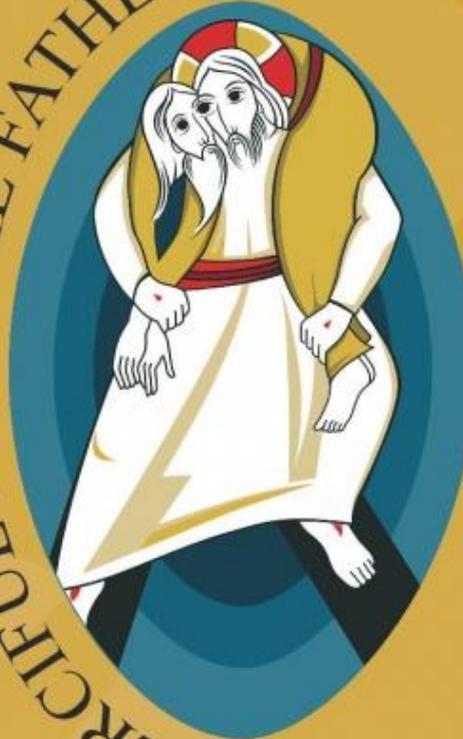
An invitation from
Bishop Richard

During this Year of Mercy let us
be a focus for those who, for
whatever reason, find themselves
distant from the life of Faith.

Let us open the doors – not
only of our church buildings, but
also the doors of our hearts,
that we may be people who
invite others to find the
'Word who is Life.'

+Richard

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER



24 Hours for the Lord will be celebrated at:

Wednesday 9 March 2016

1.00pm – 5.00pm

**SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS TRAINING:
GETTING IT RIGHT**

Every year some parents are unhappy about the school that their children have been allocated and they exercise their statutory right to have their case heard by an independent Appeal Panel. Panels are made up of people from a wide range of backgrounds, ages and experience.

Are you interested in, and committed to the distinctive nature of Catholic education?
Would you be prepared to sit on an independent Appeals Panel?
If so the Diocese would love to hear from you!



WE NEED YOU!

Full training is given and support and advice from experienced clerks and other panel members are always available.

The work is voluntary but reasonable expenses are available.

How often you might be asked to sit on a panel would depend on your availability.

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE THROUGH

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