



WELCOME TO A&B eNEWS:
DIOCESAN AND LOCAL
INFORMATION & EVENTS

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of
Arundel & Brighton

Welcome to this further edition of the
A&B eNewsletter.

You will notice a slight change with
this edition of the eNewsletter as it
only contains items on the Diocese
and Local events. A further separate
email will come to you next week
with news of National and
International events and information.
I hope this will make them both less
dense with information and therefore
more readable.

The A&B News team this month
welcomes its new editor, Harry



**The information contained in this email is
included in good faith. Please take up any**

Robertson who has taken over from our long time editor, Pauline Groves. You can read more about Harry below and the knowledge, experience and enthusiasm he brings to this key volunteer role. Please continue to contact A&B News on abnews@dabnet.org with your stories and pictures. A&B News is also available to view online on the [Diocesan Website](#).

There are still many events planned in the months ahead. If you need any further information about any of the events then please do contact the person named in their entry.

Finally, I have been asked to highlight for parishes the new increases to the 'Real Living Wage' to which the Diocese adheres, from £8.25 to £8.45 per hour. If you have any questions about this contact finance@dabnet.org.

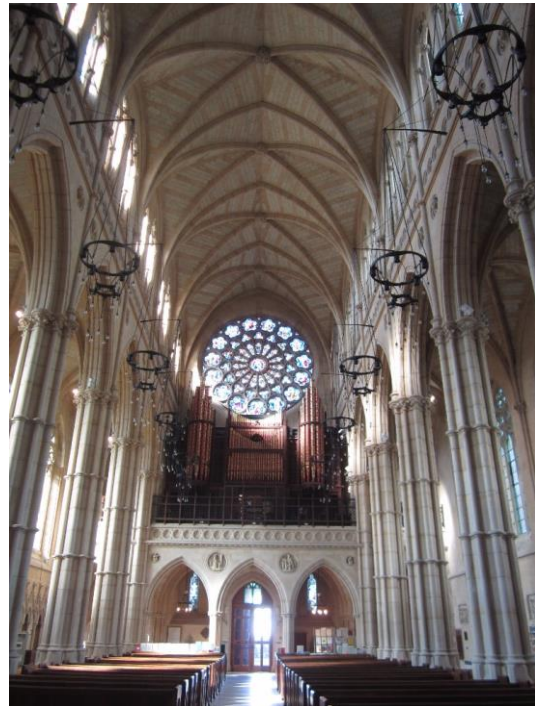
With every prayer and blessing,
Mark Woods - [Communications Officer](#)

Harry Robertson, Volunteer Editor A&B News

Following the retirement of long-time A&B News volunteer editor Pauline Groves, the role of volunteer editor will be filled by Harry Robertson. Harry has

queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.

Arundel Cathedral Information and
Events



Turin Shroud Exhibition at the Cathedral from Tuesday 7 March to Monday 20 March. All welcome. For further information on Arundel Cathedral and events at the Cathedral see the [website](#).

been a member of the editorial team for the past two years and has also contributed a variety of articles to the paper over the previous five years. Before retiring, Harry worked as a chartered accountant and spent more than 20 years with a large multinational financial services company, working and living abroad for most of his career, including several years in the USA, six in India and three in Hong Kong - where he met and married Goretti. Since retiring he has taught English to foreign businessmen, started and run an internet bookselling business, spent many hours fishing and obtained a Master's degree in creative writing from Sussex University (he says that an expertise in fiction comes naturally to many fishermen!)

As a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Hove, he supports Fr Kevin Dring in several roles, including organising the church's participation in Brighton & Hove Churches' Winter Night Shelter. Harry has also served the Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) Society at a parish, deanery, diocesan and national level and, as a keen photographer, may be seen snapping away at diocesan events. In his spare time he tries to keep his blog current and find time to enjoy an occasional Chinese dim sum lunch.

You can continue to contact Harry on abnews@dabnet.org or tel: 01293 513052 (during production times only).

Diocesan Information

- [Diocesan Bookshop Opening Hours](#) - **A Correction**
- [Lent Reflection Materials information](#), Booklet now available
- [Interested in Social Action](#), 25 March, Crawley
- [Gift Aid AGM](#), 1 April, Burgess Hill
- [Baptism Catechists Day](#), 13 May, Crawley
- [Parish Secretaries Days](#), Various dates and venues
- [RELIT - Evangelisation Training Tool for Parishes](#), Ladywell Convent, 26-28 May
- [Mass for New Catholics and RCIA Catechists](#), 3 June, Arundel

- [Children's Liturgy Training](#), 24 June, Crawley
- [Dates for Musicians](#) in 2017 - See [website](#)
- [Diocesan Grandparents Day](#), 7 June, venue TBC
- [A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and Redshirts](#), applications now open.
- [Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women](#)
- [BT MyDonate for Parish Websites](#)

[Diocesan Bookshop Opening Hours](#): The DABCEC Bookshop at 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley will be open on Monday and Tuesday from 10am to 4pm and Wednesday 11am-4pm. Alternatively please ring them on (01293) 651165 or email bookshop@dabnet.org

[Lent 2017 Prayer and Reflection Programme](#): This year's material will have a focus on the 2nd reading for each Sunday of Lent. The material will also further develop our understanding of the Kerygma - the primary proclamation of Salvation. Booklets can be ordered from DABCEC bookshop - tel (01203) 651165 or email bookshop@dabnet.org The material is now available to [download online](#)..

[Interested in Social Action?](#): On Saturday 25 March from 10am - 1pm at DABCEC Crawley. Helping to set up a Network for Social Action in the Diocese. For more information contact [Aidan Cantwell](#) and to book contact [Rosie Read](#).

[Gift Aid AGM](#): On Saturday 1 April at St Paul's College, Burgess Hill. It will be time to reflect on how the Diocese has fared over the last 12 months, now into its second half century. Starting at 12 noon with a seminar for those who are new to the Diocese's GiftWise scheme or for those who just want a refresher on the system. The AGM will be at 2.30pm, followed by Mass with Bishop Richard. Then, with the formal business over, it is a chance for the Diocese to say a big 'thank you' to all those unpaid volunteer Gift Aid organisers with supper.

[Baptism Catechists Day](#): On Saturday 13 May from 9:30 - 1pm at DABCEC, Crawley. This morning will look at a Baptism Preparation resource (Growing up Catholic) which focuses less on imparting information, but on offering parents an encounter with Jesus Christ. This is a continuation of the session for Catechists held in September 2016, but will also be open to those involved with infant baptism preparation. For more information contact [Ruth Gerun](#).

[Parish Secretaries Days](#): Thursday 11 May, Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield, E.Sussex; Thursday 18 May, Sacred Heart, Cobham, Surrey and Monday 22 May, St John the Evangelist, Horsham, W.Sussex. Bishop Richard, the Bishop's PA, Colette Swift and the Vicar General, Fr Jonathan Martin will lead the day along with members of the Diocesan Administration Team. You can obtain a booking form from the Bishop's Secretary, Colette Swift: email - bishop.sec@abdiocese.org

[RELIT – Evangelisation Tool for Parishes](#): Michael Dopp STL, the founder of RELIT has spent the last eight years transforming parishes across Canada and the USA through his revolutionary training programme. Michael Dopp will be visiting the UK for the first time in 2017, starting in Arundel and Brighton Diocese. He will present RELIT live over a weekend retreat on Fri 26 - Sun 28 May at Ladywell Convent, Goldalming, Surrey. Full Board for £189. Michael Dopp will also offer an abbreviated training programme particularly suitable for priests on Friday 26th May 11am - 4pm. Venue TBC, but provisionally St Joseph's, Guildford. For further information please contact:

David.Wills@dabnet.org / 01293 651157 and See www.relittraining.com

[Mass for New Catholics and RCIA Catechists](#): This event on 3 June at Arundel Cathedral will, in addition to the Mass, offer an afternoon of catechesis for both New Catholics and RCIA Catechists. For more information contact [Ruth Gerun](#).

[Children's Liturgy Training](#): On 24 June 9.30am-1pm at DABCEC, Crawley. The day will be led by Catherine Christmas, Fr Martin Jakubas and David Wills. For more information contact [Ruth Gerun](#).

[Dates for Diocesan Musicians for 2017](#): See [Diocesan Website](#) for dates of rehearsals for musicians for Rite of Election, Chrism Mass etc. Dates include Saturday 1st April in Crawley for a 'Come and Sing' morning followed by Chrism Mass rehearsal and Saturday 13th May in Woking for a Music Day organised by the Society of St Gregory. All details on [website](#). For more information contact [Catherine Christmas](#).

[Diocesan Grandparents Day](#): This will take place on Wednesday 7 June 11am-3.30pm including Mass with Bishop Richard. For more information contact [Rosie Read](#).

[A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and The Redshirts](#): People are invited to apply as Helpers for this year's pilgrimage, and as well as young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the [A&B Lourdes Website](#).

[Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women](#): Sue Petritz the recently appointed Diocesan Link to the [NBCW](#) would like you to share their hopes and concerns with the diocese. The National Board of Catholic Women is a forum dating from the 1930's in which Catholic women of England and Wales come together to share their hopes, views and concerns at diocesan and national level, and these are conveyed to the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It also has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC). You can contact Sue Petritz by email: spetritzma@gmail.com.

[BT MyDonate for Parish Website](#): Web based or online fundraising is becoming the norm for donors to give to charities. It is estimated that online donations make up as much as 30% of all donations to charities. BT MyDonate (BTMD) permits us to set up parishes as branches of the Diocesan trust using the parish bank accounts. Donations and GA tax reclaimed go direct to the

parish bank account. The process to set it up on your website is straightforward, but must be done via the Diocesan Finance Office. Obviously, the parish has to have a website! So if not contact Mark Woods about [Parish Portal](#). The parish website must be legally compliant by including the following two sentences on its home page: "The parish is part of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust registered charity 252878". There should also be a link to the Diocesan website. Until these points are all correct you cannot carry the process any further. You can see a good example of a compliant site [here](#).

St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre Information

Programme for 2017

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

Residential Retreats coming up are:

Monday 13th March - Wednesday 15th March: Finding Forgiveness. Led by Dr Stephanie Thornton.

Thursday 13th April - Sunday 16th April: Celebrate the Easter Triduum at St Cuthman's.

Monday 1st May - Wednesday 3rd May: Creating Community- Led by Dr. Stephanie Thornton.

Saturday 26th August - Monday 4th September (9 nights): St. Beuno's Individually Guided Retreat

Monday 18th September - Tuesday 19th September 2:00pm to 2:00pm: Retreat Led by Bishop Richard Moth of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Private Individual or Small Group Retreats

In the run up to Easter on the following dates we will be offering our single rooms for £62 per night for individual retreatants:

Monday 27th February 2017 to Friday 3rd March 2017; Monday 6th March 2017 to Sunday 12th March 2017; Wednesday 15th March 2017 to Friday 17th March 2017; Monday 27th March 2017 to Friday 31st March 2017; Monday 3rd April 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017 and Monday 10th April 2017 to Thursday 13th April 2017.

Other Events

Saturday 16th September 2016 from 10:00 – 16:00: Apple Picking Day

For more information on all these and other events in 2017, and to book individual private retreats and quiet days visit www.dabnet.org. To book: tel: 01403 741220; or email: stcuthmans@dabnet.org

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Education Service

For information about and for vacancies in our Diocesan Schools see [Diocesan Education Service website](#). In particular they wish to highlight the Headteacher vacancy at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Redhill. See more information [online](#).

RE trainee teachers needed: Do you want to inspire young people and consider training to be an RE teacher in a secondary school? Do you want to discuss possible routes into becoming an RE teacher? If so then please contact either Sally Dudley, Recruitment Lead at Sussex University (s.e.dudley@sussex.ac.uk or 01273 877050) or Claire Rooney, RE Curriculum Tutor for Sussex University (claire.rooney123@btinternet.com or 07710550339). We are keen to talk with any potential trainees for September

2017 and support you in training with the University of Sussex and would welcome an informal phone call or email.

Local & Parish Events and Information in the Diocese

Responding to the Refugee Crisis: Worthing Deanery is holding a morning event on Saturday 25th February from 10am-1pm with Aidan Cantwell, Diocesan Justice & Peace/Social Action Adviser and Mary-Jane Burkett, Director of Voices in Exile. This will take place at English Martyrs Catholic Church, Goring Way, Goring By Sea BN12 4UE. For more information contact Anne Niven on 01903 242624 or email: emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk.

Quiet Days: Led by Chemin Neuf Community at Storrington Priory, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LN

Wednesdays: 29th March, 10th May from 10am-4pm. Simple lunch provided. More details: storrington@chemin-neuf.org or see the [website](#).

Catholic Bible School: Various events and Scripture days from 4 March onward in Nutbourne, Chichester and Eastbourne. To make use of this great resource within the Diocese and for more information visit their [website](#).

Icon Retreat at the **Poor Clare Convent**, Crossbush, Arundel BN18 9PJ from 5th-11th March. You will deepen your relationship with the Lord through writing (painting) an Icon, have an Icon to take home at the end of the retreat. No artistic skill needed with hands on tuition by Sr. Maria. Contact Ms Frances Fogg for more details and booking on frances.fogg@phe.gov.uk.

Renewal of Promises by the Wellspring Community: On Saturday 25 March at Worth Abbey on the Feast of the Annunciation members of the Wellspring Community will renew their promises at 9am Mass in the presence of Bishop Richard Moth and the Worth Monastic Community.

The Secret of Romero - *Passion for God and Compassion for the Poor*: On Saturday 25 March at 4pm at St John's the Evangelist, Horsham RH12 2PJ followed by Mass at 6pm. Speaker Martha Zechmeister CJ from El Salvador.

On **Monday 3rd April**, the parish of St Hugh of Lincoln, Knaphill, (95, Victoria Rd, Woking, GU21 2AA) will be hosting **Teresa Baron**, who will be talking to us about the impact of pornography. Teresa is currently at Oxford, researching sexuality and sexual socialisation, and has given talks on pornography to a range of audiences. The evening will begin at 8pm and end no later than 9.30pm. As ever, all are invited, all are welcome. Teresa writes: "Today, the average age of first exposure to Internet pornography is eleven years old. This talk will contain information about children's access to internet porn, the psychological and social effects of porn use on children and teenagers, and the harms of the porn industry. We will also discuss ways in which parents and teachers can talk to children and teenagers about love, sex, and relationships in a healthy and honest way, looking at advice from sex education experts around the world. After the presentation, there will be time for questions and discussion, and there will also be a box into which you can put questions you wish to ask anonymously." For more information contact the parish - Tel: 01483 472404 or Email: sthugh.secretary@ntlworld.com

Easter Retreat for Young Adults – The popular, and powerful, Easter Retreat for young adults will be running again this year from Maundy Thursday (April 13th) to Easter Sunday (April 16th), offering young adults the chance to journey together through the key events marked by the Easter Triduum. If you've never experienced this in the heart of a monastic community, surrounded by people your own age, alive in the faith, it's really worth doing! For more details or to book, contact toc@worthabbey.net. You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

It Takes Two is an event for any couple who want to invest a little more in their relationship. Whether your marriage is in good shape or things are tough right now, whether you've been married for a few months, for many years or you've

just got engaged, this event will help unlock the potential of your relationship. Join this event at Christ Church Woking, Jubilee Square, Surrey GU21 6YG on Thursday 4 May. For more information [visit the website](#).

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: From 12-21 May 2017. In the footsteps of Jesus - From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley. Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community. See [website](#) for more information or Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

Volunteer Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators needed in A&B

Diocese: Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation which draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. They provide marriage preparation and relationship counselling and are looking for volunteers in this diocese to join the friendly teams across the diocese to help prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Our Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators present and facilitate marriage preparation days for small groups of engaged couples (training for the role is provided). For more information or to apply, visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Refugee Stations of the Cross and Photo Display Available: St Mary of the Angels, Worthing J&P group has a Refugee Stations of the Cross made up of a black & white photo display available through an organisation called 'Journey Together' who work to reunite & keep refugee families together. They were taken by professional photographer Marksteen Adamson. You can see more on a [website](#). If you would wish to borrow them contact Mr Dereck Prentis by [email](#).

Mary's Dowry Productions - this Sussex based company produces DVDs on the lives of Saints, many of them British saints and martyrs. Their latest DVD is on St Joan of Arc. For more information and to buy their DVDs go to their [website](#).

Chapel Benches; The Grace and Compassion Sisters have a number of chapel benches with and without kneelers and of various sizes available, free of charge currently being stored at Holy Cross Priory in Heathfield. For more details please contact Sr Carmel on 01273 502129 or carmel@graceandcompassion.co.uk

