

Who's Who in Worthing Deanery

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NEXT NEWSLETTER: Please send your content for May/June newsletter by the 15 May 2024 to: worthingdeaneryoffice@gmail.com

Helping local families: With the cost of living crisis and poor mental health following the pandemic there are people who can help! Have you got someone in your Parish who needs help? Or perhaps you know someone who could offer their help? The **Mothers' Union** offer a range of services across the diocese:

Mothers' Union Family Contact Centre at The Gateway Centre, 66-70 Lottbridge Drive, Hampden Park, Eastbourne, BN22 9PB. Accredited by the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC). After a family break up, children can come to a safe and neutral place for supported contact with their non-resident parent, sibling or grandparent on the first and third Saturday of the month between 10.30am and 1.00pm. Service is free. Online self-referral. Coordinator: Kathryn Anderson. Tel: 07922 631901. Parenting: Diane Clack tel: 01243 551 984. Diane has a list of Mothers' Union Parenting Facilitators in the East, Central and West of the Diocese.

Ministry of Cake and Prisons: Ros Thunder tel: 01444 417 103. Volunteers are going into the Neo-Natal and Special Care Baby Units in the Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath and Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to take savoury snacks and cakes for the parents and a listening ear. Work is spreading to Worthing and Hastings' Hospitals. **Volunteers at Ford and Lewes** provide for visiting children and enhance their interaction with their fathers through craft, toys and games.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Church: *St Mary's, Broadwater*

Parish: *Broadwater*

Local charity: *Guildcare*

UK: *Cancer Research*

World: *World Vision*

FACEBOOK: Could you ensure you have liked/retweeted the Worthing Deanery Facebook page. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552294105018>

Currently we have 36 followers. There are many more of us in the Deanery, please follow the page

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Happy Eastertide to you all! As we come to the end of this glorious season, we enter into the time of Thy Kingdom Come. This is a time between Ascension and Pentecost, where churches come together in prayer for the world.

What is your church doing this year? Please do send details into Heather in the Deanery office so that she can advertise these across the Deanery.

Please have a look at the Deanery Facebook page, and encourage others to follow too. This is a vital way for us to get information about what's going on in the Deanery out there, and encourage others to come along to events.

Looking ahead to the next Deanery Synod, we have Christians Against Poverty coming to speak to us. In the parish here we have been working at getting one of their programmes up and running. This is the Job Club, which seeks to help people back into work. We're hoping that other parishes might look at engaging with one of their programmes too, as they encourage a wonderful mix of evangelism and social action.

Do have a look at the programmes they offer and consider whether your church might be able to get something up and running.

Coming up next year across the Diocese is the Year of Faith. 2025 marks 950 years since the Cathedral was moved from Selsey to Chichester, and 1700 since the Council of Nicea. There is a whole host of events across the year and in different parts of the Diocese to celebrate this. One of these will be the Deanery service on the 4th February at 7:30pm. We're hoping to attract as many people to this as possible from across the Deanery, so please put this in your diary now. I'll update you with more information about it as it takes shape! Fr Felix

***The deadline for nominations to be submitted for the Order of St Richard is approaching (10 May 2024). The form can be found here <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/st-richard/>**

****NEW DATE & VENUE** Next Deanery Synod Meeting: Thursday 2nd May 2024 at St George's Church**

The Order of St Richard

An annual award for lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to the parish, the local community, or the Diocese.



In 2019, initiated by Bishop Martin we launched the Order of St Richard as an annual award for lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to the parish, the local community or the Diocese. Since then over 140 people have received the award, representing over 120 parishes in the diocese.

The nominations for this year are now open. You can download the form from <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/documents/order-st-richard-nomination-form/>

CMD Grant Applications: If you would like to apply for a grant for a course of study, simply download the CMD Grant Application Form, and return it to the CMD Officer, as an email attachment. Please ensure that you apply well in advance, and ideally at least six weeks before the start date of the course.

Please note that CMD funding is also available for online courses. (CMD grants are not awarded toward the cost of clergy retreats, but can be obtained from the Elfinward Trust, administered by the Archdeacons. Contact your Archdeacon for more information.)

Free Church Organiser Software:

The Church Organiser is a free online software to help you with your church administration. It includes the tools of The Life Events Diary to manage your Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals and Banns, and with more features to help you with your Room Bookings and Ticketing for events. Just like The Life Events Diary, The Church Organiser is fully funded for all churches within The Church of England. Created by the team behind iKnow Church, The Church Organiser is built on the iKnow Church platform, which offers total Church Management solutions, from contact management and communication through to Rotas, Child Check in and much more. Go to <https://www.churchorganiser.org/>

Diocesan Synod Elections: Elections to the diocesan synod will take place in 2024, and under the provisions of the Church Representation Rules, diocesan synod has determined the maximum number of members to be elected by both houses of the deanery synods to the diocesan synod. Worthing requires 7 Laity and 6 Clergy. In terms of timescales, the Diocesan Synod elections are to be completed by 15 July 2024 and elected members hold office for a term of three years beginning from 1 August 2024. Forms are on their way to you!

Events

“OPEN TO ALL” DIOCESE TRAINING COURSES.

Thursday 2 May : Christ and the Church in Colossians and Ephesians with Revd Dr Earl Collins 10-12noon by Zoom to book
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/713650175887](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/713650175887)

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DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT DAY

St Mark's Church, Holbrook, Horsham RH12 5PU
Saturday June 15th 2024 • 9.30 am to 4 pm

Responding to the Climate and Ecological Emergency
A Rocha UK Speaker, Karen Park

Choose workshops • drinks & cake provided • bring your own lunch

The Revd Buff Forbes Stone
Diocesan Environment Officer
environment.officer@chichester.anglican.org
07954 652824

Scan for Eventbrite



<https://diocesan-environment-day.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER
TO KNOW LOVE FOLLOW JESUS



with Refreshments

Saturday 27th April

2:30 – 4:30pm

St Peter's Church
Bowness Avenue
Sompting

Do you have a “Thy Kingdom Come” Event you wish to advertise? Please let me know .

A suggestion has been made to have a monthly Evensong with a choir from across the deanery. This could be on a rota basis. Some churches don't have enough people to form a choir but they have people who still love to sing. Could a visiting choir work? Let me know your thoughts .