



Diocese of Guildford

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issue out now! Please
encourage
distribution right
across your parish –
it's not just for the folk
in the pews!

Please also take a look at the attached Appointments, vacancies and other notices

Church pools buying power to save parishes £10m each year

13,000 Church of England parishes can now benefit from reduced prices for essential utilities and services. A new website www.parishbuying.org.uk developed by the Parish Buying Service, is offering churches savings on £200 million worth of services each year.

Favourable deals have been negotiated on a range of products and services including gas and electricity, heating oil, photocopiers, stationary, IT software and fire safety, by the Church's two National Procurement Officers.

"This is not just about saving money, although we are aiming for annual savings of £10 million," says Dr John Preston, National Stewardship Officer. "The Parish Buying service will help parishes both to buy with confidence, knowing contracts have been professionally negotiated, and to be better stewards of their spending."

Stephen Marriott, Guildford Diocesan Secretary and who chairs the National Procurement Group, says, "This new service is designed to save time and money. It has come from the thinking of a well-informed team in whose mind the needs and potential benefits is uppermost. It is timely too. I'm confident that it will be of potential benefit to every parish, particularly when many are finding the current financial climate challenging."

The People's Passion

BBC Radio 4 and BBC local radio have launched a big new project called *The People's Passion* which aims to get choirs right across England singing a brand new piece of music for Easter.

The choral work commissioned by the BBC will unite singers in a moment of national harmony for its premiere.

Choirs of all shapes and sizes are invited to join in and the BBC Sussex and Surrey's Sunday Breakfast show is keen to hear from local choirs who have signed up and presenter Emily Jeffery would love to hear from you. Do contact her on emily.jeffery@bbc.co.uk

Free sheet music and backing tracks are available on the website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/peoples-passion/>

Safeguarding Training – sign up now!

Many parishes have been taking part in diocesan safeguarding training introducing the new policy guidance *In Safe Hands*. There will be centrally - based training sessions throughout the year. If you would like to be up-to-date with the latest advice do check the diocesan website (www.cofeguildford.org.uk - safeguarding and inclusion page) for dates. These training sessions are open to everyone for whom the training is relevant.

And can you help? Diocesan safeguarding trainer Sue Lawrence is currently seeking people to assist with the delivery of training across the diocese to help meet the demand for local training.

To be a sessional trainer you would need to have:

- A working knowledge of safeguarding Issues, e.g. relevant experience in a social, police, health or church-based role.
- Experience of training, or demonstrated communication and facilitation skills.
- Availability to attend occasional meetings (three times a year)
- Availability to deliver 8 to ten training sessions in a year, likely to be evenings and weekends. A fee of £50 per session can be sought, subject to an appropriate obligations agreement.

If your parish is interested in local-training delivery do contact Sue so she can gauge demand and if you meet the requirements above and would like to discuss further contact Sue on 01483 790321 or by email sue.lawrence@cofeguildford.org.uk

CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR IN CONCERT

In aid of Woking Hospice - SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2012, 7PM, At ST MICHAELS CHURCH, PIRBRIGHT GU240JJ. Tickets £15, to include refreshments, available from Pirbright Parish Shop 01483 476432 (if closed)

please leave request and cheque in letter box) or Philip Barralet 01483 473737 or Barbara Douglas 01483 237628

Interim Diocesan Clergy Counsellor

Following the retirement of diocesan clergy counsellor Jan Gooding on 31 January, an interim service has been set up until the new counsellor is confirmed.

Nonie Insall is an accredited counsellor and psychotherapist working in private practice in Godalming, seeing both individuals and couples. A dedicated clergy counsellor line **07580 521598** has been arranged which will be regularly checked by her. It will not be accessed by anyone else so you may leave a message in complete confidence.

Nonie trained as a psychodynamic psychotherapist at the Tavistock Clinic, and since then has done a variety of further trainings such as PTSD (trauma work), CBT (cognitive behaviour therapy), Mindfulness, etc. so that she can work in the way that best suits each person she meets.

In addition, she is a trainer and an accredited supervisor. She has been on the panel of counsellors for the Guildford Diocese for some years. She has also conducted training courses for the Diocese of Europe, and recently led a well-received training for Bishops Visitors in Church House.

Pastoral Assistant Foundation Training

Do you have someone in your parish who could be encouraged to be a Pastoral Assistant? Now is the time to be talking to them about Pastoral Assistant Foundation Training. We will soon be taking applications for the course starting in September 2012

The course provides exactly what it says on the tin, a foundation training designed to equip those who will have a pastoral role in the parish. Those who complete the course satisfactorily will be authorised for this ministry by the bishop in July 2013. There is more detailed information about the course available on the diocesan website - take a look at the DMT pages.

Both a daytime and an evening course will be available and applications for these will be accepted up until 31 May 2012.

If you have any queries about the course or the application process, or if you would like to be sent an application pack, please contact Sue Lawrence, senior tutor (see above), or Margaret Smith, personal assistant, at Diocesan House margaret.smith@cofeguildford.org.uk tel 01483 790323

Wills and Legacies Workshops

Legacies can make a vital difference to a parish's local mission and ministry and for nearly 500 years, since the first edition of the Book of Common Prayer, the Church of England has encouraged people to make a will.

To review and discuss the subject of wills and legacies across parishes diocesan stewardship officer Juliet Evans invites everyone to attend a workshop this year.

Each workshop will cover:

- Why we need to promote legacy giving, and the difference a legacy can make
- Developing a PCC policy on wills and legacies
- Encouraging people to consider a gift in their will to the work of the Church
- Looking at the new resources available to help parishes

Events already scheduled are:

Wednesday 8 February – daytime event

St John's Stoke, Stoke Road, Guildford GU1 1HB

Tea and coffee served from 10.15am, the session will run 10.30 – 12pm

Monday 27 February – evening event

St John's Stoke, Stoke Road, Guildford GU1 1HB

Tea and coffee served from 7.30pm, the session will run 7.45pm – 9.15pm

Monday 5 March – evening event

St Thomas-on-the-Bourne, Frensham Road, Farnham GU9 8HA

Tea and coffee served from 7.30pm, the session will run 7.45pm – 9.15pm

Please contact Louise Redfern on 01483 790328 or email louise.redfern@cofeguildford.org.uk to book a place.

Mental Health in Balance

Presentations and workshops by professionals who work with those with mental health issues:

Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 March

9:30am – 1:30pm

Held at: Christ Church, Woking

Join us for one day or both – something for everyone concerned with mental wellbeing. A suggested £10 donation given on the day. If you would like to attend or for further information, please contact suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk tel: 01483 790 335

Faith and bereaved older parents

A Surrey University researcher is looking into the importance of faith in the experience of bereaved older parents. The fruits of this research should help parish ministers understand better how a life of faith helps people to face both backwards (as they accept the loss of their child) and forwards (as they face their own mortality) with hope, and to deal with 'survivor' guilt.

Holy Trinity rector Robert Cotton has met the researcher who would like to interview someone who is over 75, and who has lost a child between 2 and 5

years ago. The research study has received ethical approval from the University of Surrey.

If you know someone who is prepared to be interviewed for this research please contact Robert via rector@holyltrinityguildford.org.uk

The Children's Society urgently seeks speakers in diocese

Every year in the UK 100,000 children run away from home and many end up living on the streets. When these children are at their most desperate and vulnerable, The Children's Society reaches out to them to help sort out their problems.

Would you prayerfully consider helping by devoting a little of your time to give talks about the society at local churches? A speaker training day will be held at:

Guildford Diocesan House on Wednesday 3 May 10-3pm

Please contact Claire Cranfield on 020 3185 1048 or email Claire.cranfield@childrenssociety.org.uk

Latest diocesan vacancies

DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee for the care of Churches and Churchyards) Secretary

Closing date for applications: 16th February 2012

Interviews to be held 28th February 2012

click [here](#) for more information about this position

School Buildings Administrator

Closing date for applications: 17th February 2012

Interviews w/b 27th February

Click [here](#) for more information about this position

Counsellor for Clergy, their families and Diocesan Staff

Closing date for applications: 17th February 2012

Interviews to be held 1st March 2012

Click [here](#) for more information about this position

Or visit our website <http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/diocesan-life/recruitment/>

Youth worker wanted for the parish of St John's Woking

St John's is: Biblical, conservative evangelical, fun, friendly, growing, dynamic, with a membership of around 300.

The opportunity is: to design, develop and grow a Christian youth work as you see best. It's almost a blank canvass for you to fill!

The need is: for a youth leader...

with the experience, motivation and maturity to develop work

with a great heart for God, a love for his Word and the ability to teach the Bible relevantly and dynamically
with great interpersonal skills, who can inspire, train and motivate leaders, and get alongside the youth to disciple them
with an ability to get out there and present Jesus as the one to follow
with a great sense of fun and endless energy!!

Is it you that God wants to join them? See www.stjohnswoking.org.uk/vacancies for more details. This post is subject to an Occupational Requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian under Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010.

Business Manager wanted for Acorn

The Acorn Christian Healing Foundation in Bordon, Hampshire, requires a new three days a week business manager.

Main duties include financial control, administration of our conference centre and personnel and general management.

For details about Acorn see www.acornchristian.org For job description call the Acorn office on 01420 478121 or email: info@acornchristian.org

Please send letter of application with CV by email or by post to:
Revd Dr Russ Parker, Director,
Acorn Christian Healing Foundation,
Whitehill Chase, High Street,
Bordon, Hampshire, GU35 0AP

Closing Date: 17 February at 5pm
Interview date: 29 February

National Marriage Week 2012 (7-14 Feb)

Valentine's Day is almost upon us, and the coalition of church and pro-family groups who promote marriage are running the annual event of Marriage Week.

This movement aims at encouraging, promoting and supporting marriage, and is also an opportunity to say to the wider world that marriage matters. Events are taking place both nationally and locally, and dioceses and churches are encouraged to give their support.

Please see the Marriage Week UK website <http://marriage-week.org.uk/> for details of this year's theme and materials to aid and support Marriage Week events. It's still possible to get postcards of the 3-point challenge, and events are still being logged on the 'an event near you' page.

Support for Couples

Marriage Care, a national Christian organisation which offers couple counselling and marriage preparation through 54 local centres, is looking to

extend its 'traditional' base of those marrying within the Catholic Church to try and reach more couples contemplating a lifelong commitment.

With a local centre in Fleet and Camberley, Marriage Care offers counselling sessions (phone 0800 389 3801 for a local appointment) and marriage preparation courses designed to complement church preparation (contact gabriel.chevalier@ntlworld.com). There is no fixed fee and while contributions are invited no-one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

To find out more, visit www.marriagecare.org.uk.

Get the kettle on!

Traidcraft is urging churches to put on the kettle – to help tea-growing communities across East Africa and hit some of their own mission targets as well.

The Traidcraft *Big Brew* is a nationwide initiative in Fairtrade Fortnight (27 Feb – 11 March) to raise awareness of the organisation's work over a welcoming cup of fairly traded tea or coffee.

Traidcraft's head of church relations Peter Collins said: "Churches want to reach out to their local communities in relevant and interesting ways. A Traidcraft *Big Brew* is a great way of turning something we're all used to – making cups of tea – into an act of outreach both here and overseas.

"Behind the fun is an important message. Dwindling resources and an increasingly unpredictable climate are pushing formerly flourishing tea-growing communities towards destitution."

Special Traidcraft Big Brew resource packs with enough tea, coffee and biscuits for up to 50 people, and all the publicity, information, quizzes and activity sheets you'll need are available from Traidcraft at www.traidcraft.co.uk/bigbrew or call 0845330 8900.

Palm Crosses from Nongoma, Zululand

Do you use palm crosses in your church? Members of the Church in Nongoma, Zululand, South Africa, invite you to try theirs. The Zulem Trust, which is based at Emmanuel Church at Weston Favell in Northampton is coordinating supply of the bookmark-sized crosses.

Palm Cross sales and donations in 2011 enabled the Church of Nongoma to earmark £20,000 for use in Nongoma and the Diocese of Zululand. During the year they also supported two orphan feeding programmes for 550 orphans giving them a hot meal each day and sponsored training fees for an ordinand.

They also provide a small fund that enables diocesan workers to respond to immediate needs within the community.

The church invites a donation of £20 per 100 crosses which are supplied in multiples of 50.

An order form is attached to this month's mailing. For more information email emmteam@talk21.com or contact Kristin Hatherly, Zulem Trust administrator on 01604 406930.

Cast your vote for the ultimate Christian library book – and receive free entry to the Christian Resources Exhibition!

Public voting has opened for both the Christian Book Awards' adult and children's library book categories - the winners of which will be announced in an award ceremony at the Christian Resources Exhibition in May.

Readers are urged to vote for what they think would be the best Christian book to be stocked in a public library – and receive a free ticket to the CRE for their effort.

Shortlisted books in the adult category are 'A Time to Care' by Emily Ackerman, 'Resistance Fighter' by Susie Howe both published by IVP, 'The Wrong Messiah' by Nick Page published by Hodder Faith, 'Mugabe and the White African' by Ben Freeth of Lion Publishing and 'Faith Under Fire' by Andrew White published by Monarch.

The children's list includes 'A New Shape' by Anna Payne published by CWR, 'The Lion Classic Bible' by Andrea Skevington and 'My Look and Point Bible' both by Lion, 'Babylon' by Hannah MacFarlane and 'The Oncoming Storm' by Andrew R Guyatt both from Scripture Union.

The Ultimate Christian Library Book Awards this year will be presented by former BBC head of religious broadcasting and author himself David Winter. Everyone is welcome to see the awards ceremony, starting at 11.30am in the Park View Suite and will receive a packed 'goody bag' with vouchers and freebies worth up to £50.

Voting is possible until 31st March at www.christianbookawards.org

Pray One For Me

Could your parish or benefice form part of a new worldwide prayer community? The Church of England launches website *Pray One For Me* (www.prayoneforme.org) on Ash Wednesday and is asking for support from across the country.

Research conducted by Tearfund in 2007 suggests that 20 million adults in the country pray – indicating a spiritual engagement away from what we might recognise as the traditional faiths.

Pray One for Me and its accompanying Facebook page www.facebook.com/prayoneforme is a year-round campaign launched in response offering people the opportunity to post prayer requests online.

Earlier projects (e.g. prayer-based Lent campaign *Say One For Me*) showed that many of the prayer requests will be for family and friends, for healing and worldwide problems and thanking God.

And that's where you can be part of the prayer life of thousands. Can your parish or benefice consider a rota of visiting the site and praying the prayers? Could the team include some who might visit the Facebook page and post stories of how the prayers were prayed, such as where they were prayed and by whom? Or how about regularly using the site and its prayer themes as part of your intercession prayers yourself or in church?

You'll be praying alongside those across the worldwide church. Many of the closed prayer communities are contributing their time to this new project.

Through the year, the site will occasionally encourage themed prayers to focus prayer on some of the life's big events such as Christian Aid week, the Queen's Jubilee, the Olympics, and Education Sunday, and to respond to events in the news.

Pray One For Me – the Church of England hopes your parish will.

Award-winning Lent and Easter courses for young and old

The producers of *Friends and Heroes*, a Children's Bible story DVD series, have created an award-winning study course to explain the real meaning of Easter which old and young can learn from. Based around their DVDs ***Why does Easter matter?*** is rare in being ideal for children from six, as well as also being suitable for family groups and the more usual adult church groups during Lent and Easter.

Why does Easter matter? won the 2011 Silver award for best DVD Training resource at the Christian Broadcasting Council's Media Awards.

• *Friends and Heroes* have also produced a new resource for **Holiday Clubs**.

Right on! is a comprehensive five-day programme for children aged six-11, with an optional sixth day which can be used as a wider family fun-day, plus a seventh day designed as an opportunity to share the experience of your Holiday Club with your church or organisation.

Covering themes such as standing up for what is right, doing the right thing and being a true friend; ***Right on!*** Provides an exciting week of exploring Bible stories with *Friends and Heroes* characters Macky and Portia.

For more details visit www.friendsandheroes.com or www.friendsandheroes.tv
email brett.pitchfork@friendsandheroes.com or call 01624 811744

New Lent and Easter resource from Church Mission Society

Lentwelve – Transforming Mission in 2012 is a new teaching and worship resource for small group leaders and clergy during Lent and Easter.

'Lentwelve' looks at how God transforms us in order to transform the world. It contains stories from CMS mission partners about how the world is transformed when Jesus is shared along with ideas and resources for 'meals with a meaning' for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

This year there are also mission resources specially designed to connect with primary school age **children** that can be used to teach the Easter story in an interactive and dramatic way. The resource uses a prayer labyrinth, dramatic story telling and classroom ideas to present the Easter story. This approach has been successfully piloted as a way of connecting with local schools during the season of Easter. There are also resources for a similar prayer labyrinth for adults on the same theme.

The resources are **FREE** and can be downloaded from the CMS website at www.cms-uk.org/lent

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2012

Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week (13 - 19 May 2012) to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This includes Britain's largest house-to-house collection – an extraordinary act of witness, demonstrating to our communities that we care about poverty and justice.

This year, Christian Aid Week tells the story of remarkable change taking place in a community in rural Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone is one of the hungriest countries in the world. But helped by Christian Aid partner the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL), some people there have found the tools to move beyond hunger and speak out for the changes they want to see.

For great worship and fundraising resources for your church visit <http://www.caweek.org>

New national website to be launched for church buildings

A brand new CofE Cathedral and Church Buildings website will be going live in the first half of 2012.

The current sites – ChurchCare, Shrinking the Footprint, CofE Cathedrals and Church Art – will soon come under one new website, providing a one-stop shop for everyone interested in caring for, learning about and visiting our church buildings.

As part of this process, the national Church is looking for good photos of communities enjoying their local churches and cathedrals. If you do have any

photographs that you would be happy to share please email them to set48held@photos.flickr.com

Run the London or Brighton Marathons for Surrey Care Trust

Guaranteed places the Virgin London Marathon 22nd April 2012 are available. Would you like to run for Surrey Care Trust or do you know someone that might?

The Trust does ask for a guaranteed minimum to be raised for both events. It's £1,500 for the London Marathon and £500 for the Brighton Marathon – of course you can raise much more!

If you are interested please email Vicky at vicky.nash@surreycaretrust.org.uk or call 01483 412751.

MediaLit12 – Media Literacy for Christian Ministry

What: A one-week intensive course

About: Media Literacy for Christian Ministry

Where: St John's College, Durham

When: 18-22nd June 2012

More: <http://bit.ly/medialit12>

Order your Real Easter Eggs by February 20

This year's new Real Easter Egg costs £3.99 with free delivery if you use the downloadable order forms and return with payment. See [here](#) or visit www.realeasteregg.co.uk for more information.

You will find posters and sign-up forms, which can be passed around at church. There are also magazine articles and other resources.

But don't hang about, this year's limited stock is going fast!

And finally...

Missed out on a theological book?! The Revd Andrew Body might just be able to come to your rescue.

The vicar of Chobham with Valley End retires at the end of April, and there won't be room for his entire theological library in the new house he and his wife Pippa have bought in Ludlow.

Andrew has about 1,100 theological and popular religious books for sale and is happy to send a list to anyone who e-mails him at ab@tasoma.orangehome.co.uk.

He will have two 'viewing days' on Tuesday 21 and Friday 24 February (or at other times during Feb by arrangement). All books to be collected. First come, first served!