

# Guildford Diocesan Summer School

6 – 24 July 2015

# FINDING FREEDOM



Explore the biblical vision  
of God's gift of freedom  
on the 800th anniversary  
of Magna Carta.

# FINDING FREEDOM

Magna Carta has been much in the news during this, its 800th anniversary year - and Runnymede is in the Guildford Diocese. Magna Carta contained key clauses concerning liberty and the ideas enshrined within it have their roots deep in the biblical vision of God's gift of freedom. Its legacy as a 'foundation of freedom' has transcended barriers of culture and language, shaping democratic and judicial systems across the world. To mark the anniversary, there will be a major interpretation project at the Cathedral.

Summer School 2015 will explore the themes of freedom and service with a wide range of different speakers and topics. In John's Gospel, Jesus Christ promises that in him we will know the truth that will set us free. St Paul calls us to exercise freedom in service to God and to others.

Today, women and men near and far, cry out for freedom from oppression, poverty, addiction, distraction and self-absorption. How can the good news of Jesus Christ help us to find true freedom in our contemporary world? This is an excellent opportunity for us to think about our ethical, social and missional engagement with the world as disciples and citizens.



+ *Andrew Guildford.*

Discipleship is a life-wide and life-long commitment to follow Jesus Christ. We pattern our approach around the four themes of Rooted, Working, Responsible and Sharing Faith. We have colour-coded the various sessions available during this year's Summer School to help you find your way around the programme. To find out more about the four themes, go to our page on the Diocesan website.

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Summer School 2015 has been organised by the Diocese of Guildford  
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Adrian Leak

## FREEDOM: REALITY OR DREAM?

*The Liberty trail from Magna Carta 1215 to the Human Rights Act 1998*

**Monday 6 July**  
7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Venue:**  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7YP

**Course code: 01/15**

**FREE**

Adrian will trace the developing concepts of freedom and human rights, from Magna Carta 1215 to the Human Rights Act 1998. He will explore the issues of licence and restraint, and examine the principle of human rights vis-à-vis the Gospel precepts of duty to God and Neighbour.

There will be an opportunity to view the Cathedral's Magna Carta interpretation project before this session.

*Revd Adrian Leak is now retired from stipendiary ministry and is an honorary assistant priest at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. He is a freelance writer and a regular contributor to the Church Times.*

## FILM NIGHT: OPEN BETHLEHEM

RESPONSIBLE

**Tuesday 7 July**  
7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**  
St Philip and St James  
Kings Road  
Fleet  
GU51 3AR

**Course code: 02/15**

**Fee: £10**

Film director Leila Sansour returns to Bethlehem to make a film about her home town, soon to be encircled by a wall, and is persuaded to stay to start a campaign to save the city. The highly acclaimed 'Open Bethlehem' is a story of a homecoming to the world's most famous little town which reveals a city of astonishing beauty, caught up in political strife.



Cathy Blair

SHARING

## LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS – AS ADULTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

**Wednesday 8 July**  
7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 03/15**

**Fee: £10**

Jesus came to bring 'Life in all its fullness'. Often we divide adults and children to discover this in age-appropriate groups. Come and explore afresh what the Good Shepherd says in John 10 and see how as churches we might find faith, grow in faith and bring others to faith as adults and children together.

*Revd Cathy Blair is the Vicar of St Paul's, Woking, a role which she shares with her husband, and is also the Rural Dean of Woking. St Paul's has a thriving 'Messy Church'.*



Bishop Ian Brackley

ROOTED

## THE OLDER I GET, THE LESS I KNOW

**Thursday 9 July**  
7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 04/15**

**Fee: £10**

As we go through life our faith evolves and changes. What are the certainties of faith? Are there any? Should changes in our society influence the way we think and believe? Come and share in this exploration with Bishop Ian of where our faith is going.

*Rt Revd Ian Brackley has been the Bishop of Dorking since 1996. He is retiring in September 2015.*

Emily Walker

## SINGING OUR FREEDOM SONG

ROOTED

RESPONSIBLE

**Friday 10 July**  
7.30pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**  
St Columba's House  
Maybury Hill  
Woking  
GU22 8AB

**Course code: 05/15**

**Fee: £12**

A Big Sing exploring the themes of justice, peace and freedom through songs from the church around the world. Come and join the song of those who have sung for freedom throughout the ages, across traditions and transcending borders. All are welcome.

*Emily Walker is a church and community musician. She has worked as the Musician for the Iona Community in Iona Abbey and at Launde Abbey. Emily leads singing workshops across the UK and has also taken on the role as the Liturgist and musician for the 2015 Retreat Association Conference.*



Rachel Guilford and Nicola Bassani

## FREEDOM FROM ISOLATION – OPEN DOORS!

WORKING

RESPONSIBLE

**Monday 13 July**  
10am – 12.30pm

**Venue:**  
The Parish Centre  
222 Epsom Road  
Morrow, Guildford  
GU4 7AA

**Course code: 06/15**

**Fee: £10**

Loneliness can be incredibly isolating and for many older and vulnerable people, the subject of loneliness is a growing problem. In our own roles within our communities – are we breaking down barriers to isolation or helping build them?

In this interactive workshop we will have open discussions around this topic and discuss solutions to help overcome isolation in our churches and communities. There will be examples of current case studies taken from projects run by the Communities Engagement Team.

*Rachel Guilford is co-ordinator of the Care Angels Befriending Project, working in the Diocesan Communities Engagement Team. Nicola Bassani is a Guildford Community Connector.*

Chris Grocock

## FREE WILL – HOW FREE AND FREE TO DO WHAT?

SHARING

**Monday 13 July**  
2pm – 4.30pm

**Venue:**

The Parish Centre  
222 Epsom Road  
Merrow, Guildford  
GU4 7AA

**Course code: 07/15**

**Fee: £10**

What limits (if any?) are there on human freedom? This session aims to explore the broad range of approaches to this topic, considering spiritual, genetic and cultural approaches, and aims to illuminate the range of issues and attitudes we are likely to encounter as we discuss what it is to be fully human with those inside and outside the church.

*Chris Grocock is a Licensed Lay Minister based at St Luke's Grayshott and works as Head of Classics at Bedales School; he has also taught Philosophy and Ethics/RE at Wispers School in Haslemere.*

John McCabe

## WORK AS FREEDOM

WORKING

**Monday 13 July**  
7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 08/15**

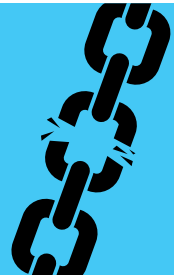
**Fee: £10**

This evening session will be in two parts: first, looking at work as un-freedom in the Nazi era and asking: in what ways is today's rhetoric of work different from its reality? And second, looking at alternative work thinking in the Nazi era – freedom, responsibility and integrity – and starting to ask: how can Bonhoeffer's model of resistance help us in 2015?

*John McCabe is the Vicar of St Mary's, Byfleet. Over recent months, John has been writing up a thesis looking at Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theology of work.*

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Lynne Curnow

## THE ART OF FREEDOM

**Tuesday 14 July**

1.30pm – 4pm

**Venue:**

Watts Gallery  
Down Lane  
Compton, Guildford  
Surrey GU3 1DQ

**Course code: 09/15****Fee: £21.50****Limited to 20 people**

G.F. Watts, (1817-1904) described by Ruskin as England's Michelangelo, believed in freedom of thought and art for all. As a powerful philosophy, he referred often to 1 Corinthians 13 as "containing everything". Freedom and liberality are recurring themes in his texts. This is an unmissable opportunity to engage with his social realist paintings and view pioneering works of this Victorian artist.



An hour gallery tour, then an hour in the Chapel, then tea and cake.

*Lynne Curnow has been attached to Watts Gallery for ten years taking tours of the collection and giving illustrated talks. She studied Art History and English at Leicester University in the 1970s.*

Phil Simpson and Kauser Akhtar

## FREEDOM TO SHARE OUR FAITH

**Tuesday 14 July**

7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 10/15****Fee: £10**

Both Christianity and Islam are missionary faiths. In this interactive session, Phil Simpson and Kauser Akhtar will engage from a Christian and a Muslim perspective with the challenges of sharing faith today. The session will involve a 'scriptural reasoning' exercise through the reading of Qur'anic and Biblical missionary texts. Come prepared to listen, to learn and to share.

*Revd Phil Simpson worked with the Church Mission Society for 25 years in Pakistan and then as Asia Regional Director. He is now Facilitator with Mahabba UK, helping ordinary Christians engage with their Muslim neighbours.*

*Kauser Akhtar is Surrey Faith Links Adviser in Guildford Diocese and married to the Imam at the Shah Jahan mosque in Woking.*

Des Williamson and Suzette Jones

## LIVING WITH 'THE BLACK DOG OF DEPRESSION'

WORKING

**Wednesday 15 July**

10am – 12.30pm

**Venue:**

The Parish Centre  
222 Epsom Road  
Merrow, Guildford  
GU4 7AA

**Course code: 11/15**

**Fee: £10**

What is the day-to-day reality of living with depression? What does it feel like to be depressed? What does it feel like for those around? In this frank and informative session, Des and Suzette will explore how to live with depression without being dominated by it – like 'living with a black dog' which only barks from time to time.

*Revd Des Williamson is a Minister at St Mark's, Tattenham Corner (Anglican/Methodist) and is married with four grown up children.*

*Suzette Jones is the Open to All / Health and Wellbeing Adviser in the Diocesan Communities Engagement Team.*

Russell Dewhurst

## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SHALL BE FREE

ROOTED

SHARING

**Wednesday 15 July**

2pm – 4.30pm

**Venue:**

The Parish Centre  
222 Epsom Road  
Merrow, Guildford  
GU4 7AA

**Course code: 12/15**

**Fee: £10**

The first clause of Magna Carta, guaranteeing the liberty of the Church of England – is statute law still in force today. But the fact of establishment can often seem to restrict, rather than guarantee, the church's freedom. A brief historical introduction will set the scene for a discussion around establishment today. We will consider the freedom of the church to set its own rules and shape its own mission; baptisms, marriages, and burials; church membership and discipline.

*Revd Russell Dewhurst is Vicar of Ewell.*





Alan and Jane Hulme

## LIVING IN FREEDOM

ROOTED

**Wednesday 15 July**

7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 13/15**

**Fee: £10**

Jesus' sacrifice upon the cross means that through faith we can be forgiven – but how do we move on from past hurt and sin to live in freedom now? This seminar will not only explore the effect the past can continue to have on our lives but more importantly look at how God can help us to live a life of true freedom.

*Alan and Jane Hulme are a married couple and both ordained ministers. They have led churches together for many years. Currently Alan is Director of the Parish Development and Evangelism Team and Jane is focussing on creating All-Age worship materials for churches.*

Hazel Whitehead

## FREE TO BE ME

ROOTED

**Thursday 16 July**

10am – 4pm

**Venue:**

The Parish Centre  
222 Epsom Road  
Merrow, Guildford  
GU4 7AA

**Course code: 14/15**

**Fee: £35**

including materials

**Limited to 24 people**

Ever wondered why some people seem to be able to annoy you without even trying? Or why they relish 7 day silent retreats and you struggle with half an hour of quiet? The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is a useful tool – nothing more, nothing less – which helps us to understand ourselves better, understand others better and can lead to better relationships and enrich your life as a human being and a disciple.

*Rev'd Canon Dr Hazel Whitehead is Diocesan Director for Discipleship, Vocation and Ministry.*



Julie Gittoes

## FREEDOM TO FLOURISH: HOLINESS, DISAGREEMENT AND DECISION-MAKING



**Thursday 16 July**  
7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**  
Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 15/15**

**Fee: £10**

Archbishop Justin challenges us to live as an ‘untidy church’: learning to love those with whom we disagree and seeking mutual flourishing. How does worship and scripture shape and form us as a holy people? How does the call to holiness foster generosity, trust and reconciliation in the face of disagreement? How does it shape our moral decision-making?

*Revd Canon Dr Julie Gittoes is a Residentiary Canon of Guildford Cathedral.*

Suzette Jones

## THE FREEDOM OF MINDFULNESS



**Friday 17 July**  
10am – 12.30pm

**Venue:**  
The Parish Centre  
222 Epsom Road  
Merrow, Guildford  
GU4 7AA

**Course code: 16/15**

**Fee: £10**

Mindfulness simply means paying attention to our experience in the present moment, on purpose and with an attitude of kindly acceptance. Used widely for stress reduction, can it help us to be free from the stress of living in today’s world? Can it really bring freedom to frantic lives? A ‘for anyone’ practical workshop on using Mindfulness stress reduction in everyday life.



*Be Calm by Sieger Koder*

*Suzette Jones is the Open to All / Health and Wellbeing Adviser in the Diocesan Communities Engagement Team.*

Suzette Jones

## FREE FROM ADDICTION



**Friday 17 July**  
7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**  
Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 17/15**

**Fee: £10**

What is addiction? What are we addicted to? How do we recognize addiction? Can we ever be free? From alcohol to pornography, from gambling to shopping; addiction can affect us all. This thought-provoking workshop will examine the social, emotional and financial implications associated with addiction.

*Suzette Jones is the Open to All / Health & Wellbeing Adviser in the Diocesan Communities Engagement Team.*

Russ Parker

## LIBERATION AND LEGACY TRANSFORMATION: HEALING WOUNDED CHURCHES



**Saturday 18 July**  
10am – 1pm

**Venue:**  
Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 18/15**

**Fee: £15**

Why does Jesus speak to churches? According to the book of Revelation he is conducting a health check on the church's life and mission. This seminar will explore a new program called Healing Wounded Churches which builds upon the Jesus-audit to help restore the church to new life and mission.

*Revd Dr Russ Parker was Director of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation from 1995 to 2013 and is now Acorn's International Ambassador responsible for developing partnerships, listening and reconciliation overseas. As a freelance educator, he travels extensively, lecturing and teaching in listening, healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
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CALL 01483 790309**



Tutor: Julie Gittoes

## MAGNA CARTA FOR A SOCIAL MEDIA GENERATION: AN OPEN AFTERNOON FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BY INVITATION ONLY

**Monday 20 July**

1.30pm – 3pm

**Venue:**

Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7YP

An opportunity for invited secondary school students to explore the legacy of Magna Carta and its relevance for creating a free and fair society today.



Bishop Andrew Watson

## LET MY PEOPLE GO!



**Monday 20 July**

7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

The Exodus story – with its famous refrain ‘Let my people go!’ – has proved an inspiration for liberation movements through the ages. Having written a Lent Book on the subject, Bishop Andrew will be exploring the Magna Carta themes of freedom, values and society-building from these ancient roots.

*Rt Revd Andrew Watson is the Bishop of Guildford.  
He formerly served as Bishop of Aston.*

**Course code: 19/15**

**Fee: £10**

Mark Rudall

## PAINT YOUR HEART

ROOTED

**Tuesday 21 July**  
7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 20/15**

**Fee: £12**

including materials

**Limited to 25 people**

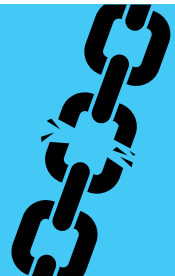
'Paint Your Heart' emerged from a retreat when Mark Rudall, more writer than artist, took paints instead of pens. Painting Gospel themes each day gave him a new freedom which he has shared with many since. Paints, papers, brushes etc are provided as this is for everyone, but insights come from God and are fascinating.

*Rev'd Mark Rudall is a former Communications Director of the Diocese of Guildford.*



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Phil Parker

## IF GOD IS IN CHARGE, WHERE DO I FIT IN?

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**Wednesday 22 July**

7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 21/15**

**Fee: £10**

Have you ever wondered whether God gave Adam and Eve free will? Or what ‘free will’ even means? Have you ever wanted to know what the Bible means when it speaks about God choosing and predestining? Is that good news or bad news for us? This session will hopefully untie a topic Christians often get tied in knots about!

*Revd Phil Parker is the Vicar of St Andrews, Frimley Green and Mytchett.*

Philip Plyming

## FREE TO DO WHAT I WANT? PERSONAL AUTONOMY AND CONTEMPORARY ETHICS

RESPONSIBLE

**Thursday 23 July**

7.45pm – 9.45pm

**Venue:**

Education Centre  
Guildford Cathedral  
Stag Hill, Guildford  
GU2 7UP

**Course code: 22/15**

**Fee: £10**

What is our freedom for? Is it about freedom for the individual – to make choices and decisions that work for them? Or is there a bigger framework in which personal freedom might be worked out?

Using case studies from current developments in society, Philip Plyming explores how the Christian faith offers an important corrective to the dominant narrative of personal autonomy.

*Revd Dr Philip Plyming is Vicar of Claygate, Rural Dean of Emly and a Member of General Synod.*



# Want to go deeper?

**You may be interested in these other events and programmes from the Discipleship, Vocation and Ministry Team.**

## **Tent Week Roadshow 2015**

Tuesday 23 June, 7pm – 9.30pm at Willow Grange  
The whole team will be available to support discipleship, vocations and spiritual growth in your context.

## **Leading Worship Training 2015**

Wednesday evenings from 23 September until 25 November,  
7.45pm – 9.45pm in Guildford.

## **Occasional Preachers' Training 2015**

Monday evenings from 5 October until 7 December, 7.30pm – 10pm.

## **Diocesan Day on Prayer 2015**

Saturday 21 November, 10am – 1pm at St Paul's, Camberley  
*The Challenges of Prayer: Why pray when God knows it already?*  
Dr Jane Williams: Lecturer in Systematic Theology at St Mellitus College.

For full details of all the above contact:  
louise.redfern@cofeguildford.org.uk or 01483 790320

The **Guildford Local Ministry Programme** trains Ordinands and Licensed Lay Ministers over three years of part-time study. Some modules are **open to interested learners**. For more information, contact:  
paulette.withycombe@cofeguildford.org.uk or 01483 790351

*“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”*

John 8.32

## HOW TO BOOK

- **OPTION 1:**

Go to our summer school page at

**[www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/lifelong-learning/summer-school](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/life/lifelong-learning/summer-school)**

Using the online booking facility, book the course(s) of your choice.

You will receive an email requesting payment by online bank transfer and giving our bank details.

- **OPTION 2:**

Complete the booking form which can be found on the centre pages of this booklet. You can also download the booklet and form from our summer school page. Send the form with your cheque made payable to Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance to the address below or make payment to the diocese by online bank transfer, using the bank details listed on the form, and then post the form to the address below.

**Please make your booking and payment by Monday 22nd June**

so that courses can be confirmed with tutors or alternative sessions offered.

**Courses may be cancelled if there is insufficient take-up**, but an alternative course or a refund will be offered. Refunds will not be given in any other circumstances.

**All venues are accessible for wheelchair users.**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For a larger print version please contact  
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