

Welcome to the **September** edition of **Grapevine**, the monthly e-bulletin for clergy and parish teams, put together by comms@cofeguildford.org.uk.

St Saviour's festival supports over 40 children with special needs across Guildford



Over 40 children with special needs and their families gathered near Guildford for a four-day festival on 21-24 August, organised by St Saviour's Church, as part of their accessible and inclusive ministry.

The Bishop of Dorking, Jo Bailey Wells went for one day of the festival and said:

"People sometimes ask about the challenges of faith, of believing in what we cannot see. Trekkers is one answer: that's where I can hear and see with my own eyes what Jesus inspires, where Jesus is present, how Jesus is alive and active with blessing."

St Saviour's in Guildford has run a successful ministry for children with additional needs for over ten years. Every year they organise Trekkers Festival, a summer holiday club, during which the children flourish as they have fun, pray together and build friendships.

[Read the full story.](#)

Summer Lunch Project sees 60% Higher Uptake of Free Packed Lunches for Children

During the first week of this year's Summer Lunch Project, volunteers from HeBrews Coffee Shop at St Paul's Church in the Diocese of Guildford, and the local community, distributed 400 free packed lunches through five different pick up points across Addlestone and Chertsey. In 2017 an average of 250 lunches were collected per week so this year's figures represent a staggering increase of 60% higher uptake.

Ellie Pool, Summer Lunch Project Leader, who started the project in 2015 said:

"People will be surprised to learn about the level of need in this county. The majority of state schools in this area give free school meals at rates well above the national average of 24.9%. What is more the statistics do not reflect the high numbers of families who are not eligible for support but are struggling to make ends meet whilst both parents work. The scheme gives lunches to all children with no discrimination. We always have a donation pot available so families can make a contribution if they choose to. By operating in this way the Project aims to ensure that no child in Addlestone or Chertsey needs to go hungry and no family feels the burden of feeding their children through the long summer weeks.

"Whilst it is sad to hear stories of need from the families who come it is also very gratifying to know that the work we do is really making a difference".

[Read the full story.](#)



Successful new Messy Church in Wrecchlesham following £500 award from Guildford Diocese Growth Fund

A successful new Messy Church has been set up at St Peter's in Wrecchlesham, following a grant awarded by the Diocese of Guildford as part of its Growth Fund. The Growth Fund exists to enable new initiatives in the Guildford Diocese which further the strategy of *Transforming Church, Transforming Lives*.

One of the major aspirations that St Peter's Church had was to develop the families work, engagement with the community and to hopefully grow the church, both spiritually and physically. Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith applied for a £500 Growth Fund grant to enable St Peter's to develop its children and families work by establishing a Messy Church worship community for those who might find it harder to engage in a traditional Sunday service.

The grant application was successful and the first Wrecchlesham Messy Church was held on Sunday 8 July 2018, 4-6pm with a fantastic diversity in age and at least 25 of the 50 adults and children attending having never been to St Peter's before.



[Read the full story.](#)

All the latest news stories from around the Diocese of Guildford are [live on our website](#).

List your WW1 remembrance services



The centenary of the WW1 Armistice is approaching. Nationally, the A Church Near You website (ACNY) is showing and allowing users to search for all remembrance services being held in churches across the nation.

Please ensure that your ACNY church profile has your remembrance services listed as soon as possible so that anyone looking for a local remembrance service can find and attend your service.

[Explore the ACNY website.](#)



Traces of Grace Conference Videos

You can watch a wrap up video of the recent Traces of Grace conference along with full talks from the key speakers on YouTube.

[View the videos.](#)

Staying in touch

There's a lot more happening around the diocese than we can fit into *Grapevine* so visit our [website](#) for all the latest stories. If you want help publicising a news story or event please get in touch at comms@cofeguildford.org.uk.

All upcoming events for the Diocese of Guildford are available in the events section on our website – [visit it regularly](#) to stay up to date. Some of our featured events are included below.

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Bridging the Gap



An exciting event to explore fresh ways to reach children and young people in the community that's open to all church leaders, youth workers and volunteers.

A morning of talks, debate and facilitated discussions around real case studies, featuring youth leaders from different denominations and young people sharing their experiences.

It will also offer an opportunity to explore new opportunities and ways that Boys' and Girls' Brigades are bridging the gap.

Grace Church, Chertsey Street, Guildford, GU1 4HL
Saturday 8 September: 9:30 – 13:30

[Book your place.](#)

Exploring Living Water (Aqua Viva): Quiet Day

Join Holy::ground, a small missional community which values reflection, creativity and experimentation, for further exploring the theme of The Woman at the Well.

The day will explore the theme through guided reflection and creative activities on Living Water, using a variety of materials with two and three-dimensional art work.

A place costs £25, including tea, coffee and lunch.

Booking must be made before Wednesday 5 September.



Saint Columba's House, Maybury Hill, Woking, GU22 8AB
Monday 10 September 2018 10:00 - 16:00

[Book your place.](#)

World Suicide Prevention Day 2018

'Working together to prevent suicide'



A sensitive, informative, open talk about the myths, facts and burdens of suicide.

What do we say to someone who is suicidal?
Together, how can we prevent this everyday tragedy?

led by
Suzette Jones,
Health and Wellbeing Advisor
Communities Engagement Team
The Diocese of Guildford

Wednesday 12 September
7pm- 9pm
Refreshments from 6.30pm

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Road,
Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7YF

To book a free place please contact Emma.Beswick@cofeguildford.org.uk



Eco-Diocese Launch



The Diocese of Guildford is committed to becoming an Eco-Diocese, part of the Eco Church scheme - A Rocha UK's award scheme to encourage and recognise churches in England and Wales that demonstrate the gospel is good news for God's creation.

We warmly welcome you to join Bishop Jo Bailey-Wells for the launch of Eco Church, which helps to encourage and enable your church to better care for God's creation, in the Diocese of Guildford.

St Peter's Church, Frimley Green Road, Frimley, GU16 7AQ
Monday 24 September: 19:00 – 21:00

[Book your place.](#)

Diocesan Day on Prayer - What Can New Monasticism Teach Us?

Open to all the next diocesan day on prayer, featuring a key note speaker followed by workshops on modern communities of prayer, promises to be richly rewarding day. Join us on Saturday 2 February at Guildford Cathedral.

Saturday 2 February 10:00 – 15:00 at Guildford Cathedral, Stag Hill, GU2 7UP

[Book your place.](#)



Occasional Preachers

"Thank you for this hugely encouraging and helpful course. I now feel excited and ready to explore further the exciting challenge of actually speaking God's word."

Go deeper in your faith and learn about preaching from the best in the Occasional Preachers course.

Following authorisation you are able to preach up to 5 times a year in your benefice!

Wednesdays 19:45 – 21:45 from 21 November, break after 12 December and picking up again from 9 January



St John the Evangelist, Epsom Road, Merrow, Guildford, GU4 7AA

[Apply now.](#) Your Incumbent should also [complete an application in support.](#)

Mini Retreat Ideas and Meditation



Richard Fox will be speaking about the importance of meditation and retreats to spiritual life.

This standalone Saturday morning session is open to all who want to take their spiritual life deeper. Join for an interactive session looking at ways meditation and mini retreats can impact personal spirituality.

St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford, GU1 3UA
Saturday 22 September 9:30 - 12:30

[Book your place.](#)

It's Your Call

**"I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on."**

St Paul's Church, Camberley, GU15 2AD
On Saturday 29th September from 10:00 - 13:00

**Have you ever asked yourself
"Who am I?" and "What am I here for?"**

- hear clergy and lay people tell their stories
- find out about ministry in all shapes and sizes, lay and ordained
- a chance for conversations to seek God's purposes for you

Book a place at cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events

Further information from glynis.beazley@cofeguildford.org.uk



Prisons Week



Prisons are here in the Diocese

There are four prisons in the Diocese of Guildford with a combined population of over 2,000 people and a dedicated chaplaincy team.

For Prisons Week 2018 we will be praying specifically for HMP Send, HMP Downview, HMP Coldingley, HMP High Down in the diocese.

Discover what prison ministry involves, what it means to our chaplains and how you can help [on the Prison Chaplaincy webpage](#).

14 – 20 October 2018

[Find out more about our prison chaplaincy.](#)

Clergy Golf

This will again be held at **Worplesdon on Monday 24th September**.

We tee off from 10.00 followed by informal lunch, finishing at about 15.30.

An official handicap is not essential, but it should be realistically estimated as not more than 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

Cost: £30 to be paid on the day, plus bar snack lunch. Jacket and tie not needed.

To apply or to request further information, please contact Rev Dr Colin Sowter on colin.sowter@btopenworld.com



Beginners Preaching Workshop for Young People

Young preacher of the year is back for another year!

Young preacher of the year is aimed to help support and encourage young people around the diocese in the art of preaching and this year we're delighted to offer this training workshop to help you give preaching a go before Young Preacher of the Year kicks off.

This free training is for any young people interested in exploring preaching and will cover the central tenets of preaching - preparation, delivery and how to start!

Lunch and refreshments provided.



Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Road, GU2 7YF
Saturday 17 November 10:00 – 15:00

[Book your place.](#)

Clergy Reflective Walk



All members of clergy in the Diocese of Guildford are warmly invited to join the Archdeacon of Surrey, Paul Davies, for a reflective walk.

Further information, starting point and walking route to be confirmed shortly.

Limited spaces left, book your place now to avoid missing out.

Tuesday 19 March 10:00 – 16:00

[Book your place.](#)



Abolishing Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, locally as well as abroad.

They can be under our noses as cleaners, in nail bars and car washes.

Do you know the signs? How should you respond if you think someone has been trafficked? Come along to this interactive session to equip yourself and help end human trafficking and modern slavery.



Monday 1 October 19:30 – 21:00

All Saints Church, Chestnut Avenue, Weston Green, KT10 8JL

[Book your place.](#)

Safe Car Wash App

"Through the Safe Car Wash App we now have a chance to help tackle this scourge which is damaging so many people's lives."
The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby

Modern slavery is hidden in plain sight on our high streets. The National Crime Agency thinks there are tens of thousands of people being exploited in the UK, forced to work long hours, for little or no pay, and under threat of violence.

Some of those people are being exploited in hand car washes - download the Safe Car Wash app and help stop modern slavery. Within the first month of the app's release, 11 modern slavery cases in car washes were opened from callers encouraged to make a report through the 'Safe Car Wash' app that indicated 69 potential victims of labour exploitation in car washes.



[More information.](#)

The Real Me



Mental illness is a common feature of everyday life; 1 in 4 of us are mentally unwell at any one time with over half of us experiencing stress and depression.

This workshop will provide an insight into the major mental health issues of today, the pathway of care and what might we do to help keep ourselves and our communities well.

Tickets are £10

St Columba's House, Maybury Hill, Woking, GU22 8AB
Wednesday 10 October 19:00 – 21:00

[Book your place.](#)

Refugee Support Conference

What more can we do?

Join Bishop Andrew, Maurice Wren (CEO of Refugee Council) and other leading figures for a morning of learning from other people's testimonies and experiences from across Surrey and around the nation.



Monday 5 November 9:30 - 13:00

St Saviour's Church, Woodbridge Rd, Guildford, GU1 4QD

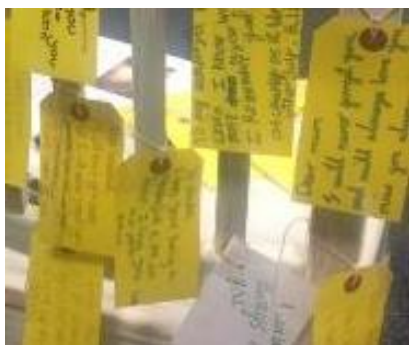
[Book Your Place.](#)



Getting Started with Prayer Spaces in Schools

Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore important life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.

This session will cover what prayer spaces are, how they work while exploring a range of prayer space activities suitable for schools and the practical steps required to set up and run an engaging safe and appropriate prayer space in a school setting.



Friday 12 October: 10:00 – 13:00

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF

To book please email jane.whittington@cofeguildford.org.uk

National Churches Trust Maintenance Grants



The next Maintenance Grant Programme deadline is on **26 September 2018**.

The programme offers awards of between £500 and £3,000 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to church buildings costed between £1,000 and £10,000.

Do you know a listed church building with work to do? Please go to the National Churches Trust website for further details and to apply.

[More information](#).

Growth Fund

The Growth Fund, which exists to enable new initiatives in the Diocese of Guildford which further the Diocesan strategy of Transforming Church, Transforming Lives, is currently taking applications for small fixed grants.

Fixed Grants and Small Grants (up to £500): Applications for fixed and small grants can be made at any time – there are no set application dates – and will be assessed within 3 weeks.

There are currently two eligible projects for a fixed grant:

1. Holiday Hunger
2. Card Readers



Fixed Grants are offered on a first come first served basis and will close for applications once the maximum amount has been awarded.

Medium and large grants are also considered – see for the Growth Fund [webpage for more details](#).

Christian Children's Workers and Groups Supporting RE Lessons in Primary schools

A training session for Christians that support Religious Education in primary schools that will:

- Introduce both the revised Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education and the Guildford Diocesan Guidelines for Religious Education
- Enable participants to consider the best ways to partner with the schools that they serve in the delivery of RE

Tuesday 13 November: 10:00 – 12:00

Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Rd, GU2 7YF

To book please email

jane.whittington@cofeguildford.org.uk



Designing Out Crime

An event on designing out crime, safeguarding yourself and staff, tackling antisocial behaviour and recognising the harm.

Speakers:

Stephen Cake, Designing Out Crime Officer, Surrey Police and Jo Grimshaw, Antisocial Behaviour Manager, Surrey Police.



Church House Guildford, 20 Alan Turing Road, GU2 7YF
Thursday 27 September: 10:00 – 12:30

[Book your place.](#)

Epsom Mental Health Week



All events are free, open to everyone, with free refreshments throughout the week.

Unless stated otherwise our activities will be held at: St Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom, KT19 8HA.

For further information visit the [Epsom Mental Health Week website](#).

Carers Afternoon Tea

Carers Afternoon Tea & Dedicated Evensong with the Motivation by Music - Gospel Choir

All carers and those being cared for are welcome for a relaxed afternoon tea and entertainment.

Following the event, we welcome anyone who would like to stay and join the dedicated Evensong service in the Cathedral (approx. end 6:30pm)



Thursday 11 October 15:30 – 17:30
Guildford Cathedral Rectory, Stag Hill, Guildford, GU2 7UP

[Book your place.](#)

Hear Here Training Day



One in six people have a hearing loss in our Diocese.

With an increasing older population and longer life expectancy our church buildings need to be able to welcome and accommodate those with sensory loss to aid communication.

We are looking for volunteers to:

- Be trained in the basic maintenance of hearing aids to become 'Hearing Champions'
- Offer these simple maintenance sessions at existing church social events e.g. coffee mornings, lunches, afternoon teas.

Training sessions in [October](#) are now available to book onto. Reserve your place now!

[Watch a video](#) about the impact of the Hear here project.



Good people wanted – great opportunities

For all the latest clergy and non-clergy vacancies in the Diocese of Guildford, please visit [our vacancies page](#). You'll also find [Church of England job opportunities on the national website](#).



Children's Worker – All Saints' Church, Banstead

All Saints' Church are looking to appoint a part-time children's worker (av. 10 hours per week) to lead their team.

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/children-s-worker---all-saints'-church-banstead

Music Director – St Peter's Frimley

St Peter's Frimley is looking for a Music Director to continue and develop the musical ministry of this lively, community-minded and forward-looking parish in West Surrey.

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/music-director-st-peter-s-frimley

Church Manager – St Paul's Howell Hill

St Paul's Howell Hill are seeking an exceptional individual to join their Senior Leadership Team and realise their vision.

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/church-manager---st-paul-s-howell-hill

Children and Families Minister – Holy Trinity Claygate

We are seeking to appoint a new Children and Families Minister who can grow, develop and lead their existing work with children and their families.

Find out more and apply: cofeguildford.org.uk/about/vacancies/details/children-and-families-minister---holy-trinity-claygate

