



Your monthly round-up of news and information from around the Diocese

## newsletter

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### CHRIST CHURCH THE MOVIE

A parish church in Chislehurst decided to give their Annual Parochial Church Meeting the Hollywood treatment this year, by producing and showing an 18-minute film documenting life in the church.

The movie was the centre-piece of the church's Celebration Sunday event, which brought together all three congregations to focus on thanking God for the mission and ministry of the church over the last year.

#### PASSION PLAY SUCCESS

The Parish of South Gillingham is celebrating the success of two performances of their play 'He is Risen!'

In an attempt to convey something of the mystery of the Resurrection and the inevitable confusion of the disciples, the risen Jesus was played by a different person each time that He appeared, including once by a woman – Emma Colyer.

Rev'd Canon Brian Senior, Rector of the parish who played a 'Jesus' and Pilate! said: "The play shook cast and audience alike out of their comfortable familiarity with the gospel account, to consider the enormous impact of the resurrection of Jesus."



#### CHURCH HOSTS COMMUNITY EDIBLE GARDEN

A new edible garden is set to grow in the grounds of St. Mary Church, Greenhithe.

The project is being funded through the Ebbsfleet Garden City Healthy New Town Programme, which is a partnership between Ebbsfleet Development Corporation and Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG (clinical commissioning group), with support from NHS England as part of a national innovation pilot.

All the fruit and vegetables grown will be given out freely around the town to help encourage healthy eating. Strawberries will be planted along the road side for passers-by to pick and there are even plans to keep rescue chickens to supply fresh, local eggs.

Rev Carol Avery, local vicar and member of the Edible Garden Project for Swanscombe & Greenhithe board said: "It will really be a joint enterprise and a huge community effort, so we're very excited to see how it will grow – literally – over time!"

The hope is to involve people with mental health issues or those who are socially isolated to improve self-esteem.

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## STAND FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD!

**SYNOD NEEDS TO BETTER REPRESENT OUR DIVERSE  
DIOCESE – CAN YOU BE PART OF THAT CHANGE?**



**NOMINATIONS IN BY NOON 6 JUNE**

Visit [www.rochester.anglican.org](http://www.rochester.anglican.org)

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE - STAND FOR SYNOD!

Diocesan Synod is the governing body that helps shape the mission and ministry of the Diocese. In the past its members have responded to the need for more support for those living with dementia; approved the Children and Young People Fund and debated diverse subjects from climate change to vocations.

Being part of it means you can really make a difference, but it needs to better represent the diversity of the Diocese – can you be part of the change?

Philip French, Lay Chair of Rochester Diocesan Synod said: "We really need to have younger, enthusiastic members involved for the Church of the 21st century, not the 20th century - be part of that. Don't have it done to you!"

Nominations must be in by 6 June and every parishioner is invited to consider standing. If you would like to receive a nomination paper or have any questions, email: [suzanne.rovers@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:suzanne.rovers@rochester.anglican.org) or call 01634 560 000.

### TRAINING & EVENTS

#### Domestic Violence Awareness - Saturday 26 May,

Christ Church, Orpington, 10.30am to 4pm. Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse – Causes, Impacts and The Future, with Peter Williams from Kent Community Domestic Abuse Programme. Details: [www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/hope-2018/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/hope-2018/)

#### Modern Slavery Conference - Saturday 16 June

Clewer Initiative: Modern Slavery Conference - 10.30am to 3.30pm at Christ Church, Beckenham. A key event for those wanting to respond to modern slavery, and for those who want to understand more.

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### VISION AND AIMS

#### PRAYER

Part of the Growing Disciples strand of Called Together seeks to make prayer the fundamental basis for life in the Diocese; to harness the power of prayer to transform lives; and to encourage every individual to pray for five people to come to faith.

- **BE A PRAY-ER**

Prayer is an important. It is our conversation with God.

The Pray-ers are a fellowship of people across the Diocese, committed to a regular time of prayer each day for their Parish, Deanery and Diocese, from a few minutes to an hour or more, depending on their circumstances.

They are keen to have new members join their network. To be put in touch with your local contact email: [Lindsay.Llewellyn-Macduff@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:Lindsay.Llewellyn-Macduff@rochester.anglican.org)

- **PRAY THY KINGDOM COME**

Across the Diocese, churches and individuals are getting behind the Thy Kingdom Come global prayer event,

If you are holding a TKC event please make sure you let your Deanery Champion know.

To make sure your event is added to the Diocesan TKC prayer calendar, email: [tkc@rochestercathedral.org](mailto:tkc@rochestercathedral.org)

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