



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

## newsletter

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### 300 EVENTS FOR THY KINGDOM COME

From prayer walks, quiet days, and 24/7 prayer rooms, over 300 prayer events took place in the Diocese as part of Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) this year.

Rochester Cathedral itself become a giant visual prayer for the Diocese, as it hosted prayers and displays from across the deaneries and church communities.

Canon Rachel Phillips, Canon for Mission and Growth at Rochester Cathedral, who coordinated TKC events across the region said: "It's been great to see people from across our churches getting involved simply to pray, Thy Kingdom Come."

#### NEW MISSIONAL PROPERTY FUND

The Missional Property Fund is a new fund, aimed at supporting projects which will allow parishes to open up their church buildings for mission.

The Fund has been made possible by generous support from Marshalls Charity, match funded by the Diocese of Rochester by funds from restricted funds.

The 2018 deadline for applications is Monday 25 June. Find out more at: [www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/missional-property-fund/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/missional-property-fund/)



#### WELCOME THE NEW LLMS

A scientist, a solicitor and a sports enthusiast are among a group of 15 people licensed as Lay Ministers (LLM) at a special service in Rochester Cathedral. The service was led by Bishop Laurie Green.

An LLM is a distinctive role in the Diocese open to those called to work for God and the Church, but not called to be ordained.

As well as being able to preach in church and take services, LLMs are able to develop a particular focus for their ministry; this might include specialising in working with elderly people and those with dementia; with the bereaved; with children and families; and, caring for the vulnerable in their communities.

Karen Senior, Warden of Lay Ministry for the Diocese said, that the 15 LLMs were from diverse backgrounds,

"God loves variety, as we see every day in his creation and the people in it, and we certainly see it in the varied ministries of the LLMs taking their first steps on their new journey with Christ." Find out more about vocation in all its forms by visiting: [www.rochester.anglican.org/ministry/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/ministry/)

Experience new ways to pray  
Learn to help others pray

# PRAYER FESTIVAL



Saturday 22 September  
Rochester Cathedral

For more information visit:  
[www.rochester.anglican.org/prayer-festival.php](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/prayer-festival.php)

## PRAYER FESTIVAL TO HELP OPEN UP NEW WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO PRAY

Embedding prayer as the foundation for all we do in the Diocese and deepening our relationship with God, are key aims in our shared Called Together vision.

Building on the momentum and thirst shown for prayer in all its forms during Thy Kingdom Come, all are invited to take part in the Diocesan Spirituality Network's **Prayer Festival**.

Taking place on Saturday 22 September in Rochester Cathedral the day is about exploring the rich tradition of Christian prayer available today.

Every person has their own unique way of praying: there are no rights and wrongs. But if you still searching for a way that suits you, come along! Full details and booking can be found on the Diocesan: [www.rochester.anglican.org/ministry/spirituality/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/ministry/spirituality/)

## TRAINING & EVENTS

### 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.

Details: [www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/hope-2018/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/hope-2018/)

### Weekend of Invitation - 15 to 17 June

One weekend. Multitudes of personal invitations to those outside our churches. All with a simple request to please 'Be our guest'. Get involved at [www.weekendofinvitation.com/](http://www.weekendofinvitation.com/)

## VISION AND AIMS

### MAKING IT EASIER

Part of the Resourcing our Ministry strand of Called Together, this aim seeks to make it easier for parishes to work with the Diocese support teams and legal requirements

- **GDPR**

The new regulations have now come into force.

If you are still on a journey to compliance and need support, visit the GDPR pages of our website

We have also updated our own privacy policy which you can view online or request a copy by emailing:  
[gdpr@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:gdpr@rochester.anglican.org)

- **CARD READERS IN CHURCH**

St. Gabriel's Church in Kingshill have been exploring technology to make it easier for people to donate to church funds, pay for hall hire, or coffee after church!

With many people no longer carrying cash, allowing them to make payments in the way they choose is becoming increasingly important.

One solution is a card reader which works alongside a smart phone or tablet. Parishes can buy card readers at a discount through the Parish Buying website and use them with specially negotiated low transaction rates.

Visit: [www.parishbuying.org.uk](http://www.parishbuying.org.uk)

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