



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

## newsletter

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### ECO SUCCESS

The congregation of The Holy Redeemer, Lamorbey are celebrating after being awarded a silver Eco Church award.

Eco Church is a national scheme, offering a free online survey and resources to help churches care for creation.

Revd Mell Jemmett, said: "We started small but were very determined. We all feel it is our Christian duty to do more for this wonderful earth God has entrusted us with.

"I would really recommend others to find out more about how they can register and become an Eco Church and just get started!"

Visit: [ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/](http://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/)

#### REMEMBRANCE FILM SHARED

Members of St. George's, Sevenoaks Weald, have written, produced and starred in a short film drama as part of their involvement in a national art installation for Remembrance.

'Distance', shares the poignant story of a young couple separated by the war, with only letters to connect them.

The film is available for others to use as they prepare for Remembrance.

Visit: [www.rochesteraim.com/a-film-resource-for-remembrance/](http://www.rochesteraim.com/a-film-resource-for-remembrance/)



### ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S VISIT: DETAILS SHARED

A prayer walk, a Sikh gurdwara and a morning run with those exploring faith are just some of the activities in store for the Archbishop Justin Welby, when he makes a special visit to the Diocese on the 29 and 30 October.

His visit is one of a number of pastoral visits he makes to dioceses throughout the year.

Other highlights will include a Walk of Witness through Chatham High Street, and a prayer session broadcast live on the Diocese's Facebook page, so that as many people as possible can share in a time of prayer with the Archbishop.

All are also welcome to attend a service, led by the Archbishop, at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 30 October at 5.30pm.

As well celebrating the life of the Diocese, it will also have a focus on the issue of Modern Day Slavery.

For more details visit:

[www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/archbishops-visit/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/archbishops-visit/)



## #NEWREVS

What do a former financial adviser, health visitor, diplomat, weights enthusiast and a probation officer have in common?

They are all part of a group of priests and deacons ordained into the Diocese at services in Rochester Cathedral, and at St Nicholas, Sevenoaks, at the end of September.

The 19 will now serve in parishes across Medway, north west Kent and the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley, which make up the Church of England Diocese of Rochester.

Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, Canon Pamela Ive said:

"We have seen a growth in the number of those going forward for ordination in the Diocese. The call which those who are newly ordained have heard may have started a long time ago – and may have begun with something as simple as a conversation.

**DON'T FORGET** - The consultation on the proposal to introduce Indicative Offers, closes on November 2nd. Have your say. Visit [www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/consultation/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/consultation/)

## VISION AND AIMS



**ENRICH:** Our New and Re-missioned Places strand seeks to establish and renew Christian presence in response to the significant predicted population growth over the next 30 years

### • Reach at Gillingham Pier

This is a new mission initiative seeking to create a Christian community in a newly developing area. Please pray for Terry Whittaker, lay leader of the project, and the team as they explore new venues to meet and engage with people.

## TRAINING & EVENTS

### INSPIRING MUSIC IN WORSHIP

**Saturday 3 November, 10.30am to 3.30pm, Walthamstow Hall School, Sevenoaks**

The Royal School of Church Music, Rochester branch invites clergy and musicians to explore how music best suits and encourages good worship in their own unique church context. Led by Revd Helen Bents. £5 per person.

Contact Sue Moore 020 8859 6997 or [rscmrochester@outlook.com](mailto:rscmrochester@outlook.com)

### CREATION CARE LUNCH

**Sunday 4 November, 12.30pm to 6pm, St Nicholas, Sevenoaks**

Creation Care Lunch. Come and hear Andy Atkins, Chief Executive of A Rocha UK - founders of Eco Church - speak about how, as Christians, we should be caring for God's creation. Lunch provided. Donations to A Rocha welcome.

### UNLOCKING THE BEATITUDES

**Tuesdays 6 to 27 November, 7pm to 9pm, St. Benedict's Centre.**

Revd Nathan Ward will lead a four week series on The Beatitudes - radical statements about the Kingdom of God and how they can transform us and the world around us. £40 incl. refreshments. Email:

[bookings@stbenedictscentre.org](mailto:bookings@stbenedictscentre.org)

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