

Your monthly update from the Diocese of Rochester

GROW ENRICH RESOURCE



NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW TERM, NEW SCHOOL



The first Church of England School in Tonbridge, has moved into its new school building.

Pupils at Bishop Chavasse Church of England Primary School, part of the Tenax Schools Trust, have been welcomed into their new building after the Easter break by headteacher Donna Weeks.

The school first opened its doors in September 2017 whilst housed in temporary accommodation.

Donna says: "What has been created is a calm and spacious learning environment which provides great opportunities for learning both inside and outside the classrooms."

Sebastian, Year 1, gave the library a big thumbs up: "It has lots of hiding spaces to sit in and read a book. It is really, really colourful, I love it."

Bishop James will formally open the new building in June.



DIocese's POVERTY AND HOPE APPEAL LAUNCHED

At the heart of the gospel is Jesus' call to love one another, and to look after those who are most vulnerable.

One way that our Diocese responds to this call is through the annual Poverty and Hope Appeal.

In 2018, through the generosity of churches, £32,000 was given to the Appeal's chosen projects.

Could you help us achieve even more this year?

This year we will be supporting five projects across the world, in Syria, Burundi, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, and here in Kent.

Projects like the USPG initiative tackling HIV and AIDS stigma in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe is one of the countries hardest hit by HIV and AIDS globally.

Look out for material being sent to parishes this month or for more details, visit:

www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/poverty-amp-hope/

it's your calling

A day to explore where God might be leading you



EVERYONE HAS A CALLING - FIND YOURS

With Vocations Sunday taking place in May (Sunday 12), the Diocesan Vocations team is inviting people to think about their own gifts and talents.

Pamela Ive, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations says: "All Christian people have a calling from God to know and love him more, and to serve others in his name.

"Some will be called to ordained ministries, some will serve as Licensed Lay Ministers. And of course, all Christians are called to be witnesses and disciples in their home, school, workplace and local church."

New posters advertising 'It's Your Calling' days will be available to display in churches to encourage people to think about their calling all year round.

"The key thing," says Pamela, "is to talk to your vicar, your family and friends. Those who know you well may be able to see how God might be calling you. They may just be waiting for you to recognise it yourself!" Find out more at:

www.rochester.anglican.org/ministry/vocations/its-your-calling/



GROWING CHURCHES

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND: If you have a vision or an idea for children or youth work that needs some resource, then take a look at The Children and Young People's Fund. The next deadline for applications is 14 June, 2019. Grants are available for up to £5,000.

Visit: www.rochester.anglican.org and search CYP Fund

TRAINING & EVENTS

COME AND SEE -THY KINGDOM COME

8 June. Rochester Cathedral

Bring a friend, a picnic, a rug/fold-up chair and join the mega-picnic in the Cathedral's 900-year old nave as a part of a celebration for Thy Kingdom Come.

Activities for all ages plus displays from all 17 deaneries of Rochester Diocese and many diocesan schools. More details at: www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/thy-kingdom-come/

HIDDEN VOICES

13 June, Christ Church, Erith

With our partners, The Clewer Initiative, this free course will use Bible reflections and practical exercises to explore how you can respond to modern slavery in your area. Book at: www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/modern-slavery/

ST FRANCIS AND THE SULTAN

Saturday 20 July 2019, Rochester Cathedral 12pm to 3pm

Join a day of learning and conversation inspired by an early example of interfaith engagement With drama by the Khayaal Theatre Co, workshops, conversation and discussion Tickets £10. Details and booking: www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/interfaith/

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