

Your monthly update from the Diocese of Rochester

**GROW ENRICH RESOURCE**



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CHURCH SET TO GO GREEN



The Parish of St Peter and St Margaret, Rochester is the latest of a number of churches within the Diocese who have decided to work towards becoming an Eco-Church.

Eco-Church is a national award scheme which aims to equip churches to express their care for God's world.

Christine Seth-Smith, Licensed Lay Minister and eco-championing at the church says:

"...by signing up to Eco-Church, we hope to show that if we share our ideas and talk about what we are doing, we can encourage and inspire others."

### COMMON FUND

How is the work and ministry of the our diocesan family supported & financed?

We've created some new materials to help everyone understand how the Common Fund works.

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



### JOYFUL SCENES SHARED AS ORDINATIONS GO ONLINE

There were joyful scenes at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday 28 September as 12 people were ordained as deacons and priests.

The ordinands come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences and include a former barrister, founder of a charity, bonsai tree grower and doctor.

The services were live streamed on the CofE Rochester Facebook page, bringing the special occasions to more than 2.5 thousand people, including some who were sick or housebound.

Friends and family of those being ordained tuned in from across the globe, including: India, America and Australia.

Having been ordained in the morning, the Rev Luke Bacon went on to watch those being deaconed online, commenting: "It's great to be able to watch live having just got back from this morning's ordination service."

Catch up with the broadcasts and meet the #NewRevs at: [www.rochester.anglican.org/ministry/new-revs/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/ministry/new-revs/)

# ANNOUNCING NEW GROWTH ENABLERS



Three new Growth Enablers have been appointed to support parishes as they work through their Called to Grow plans.

Called to Grow is a five step process which is being used to encourage and equip churches to reflect, plan and review what God may be asking of them.

Speaking about the appointments Bishop Simon said: "Called to Grow is a key part of our shared Called Together vision as we seek to grow both spiritually and numerically as a diocesan family.

"Such planning and evaluation needs prayer, guidance and support, which this enablers will bring."

The three Growth Enablers are:

- **Abi Hiscock** - Growth Enabler Bromley & Bexley Archdeaconry
- **Graham Wilkinson** - Growth Enabler Tonbridge Archdeaconry
- **The Rev Dylan Turner** - Growth Enabler Rochester Archdeaconry

Abi, Graham and Dylan will start in November.

Find out more at:  
[www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/called-to-grow/growthenablers/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/resources/called-to-grow/growthenablers/)

 **Called together** RESOURCE: PROJECT INITIATION  
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## NEW HUB FOR LAMORBEY:

Modern and accessible facilities have been officially opened at Holy Redeemer Church in Lamorbey, to offer a welcoming space for the isolated, vulnerable and lonely.

Funded through a combination of charitable contributions, from the London Marathon Charitable Trust, parish donations, and a grant from the Diocese of Rochester's Missional Property Fund.

## TRAINING & EVENTS

### FREEDOM WEEK

**13 to 20 October (various locations)**

A series of Diocesan hosted events are taking place in the lead up and throughout the week to raise awareness of Modern Slavery.

Ready-to-go resources, including sermons, creative activities, moving true stories and posters are also available to help churches spread the word.

These include a prayer by Bishop Simon Burton-Jones which will be shared nationally.

Find full details at:  
[www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/modern-slavery/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/modern-slavery/)

### RYAN HART - MY STORY

**23 November, St John's Church Hall in Hildenborough, 10am to 12pm (refreshments from 9.15am)**

In July 2016, Claire and Charlotte Hart were murdered in broad daylight, by the family's father using a sawn-off shotgun. He then committed suicide.

Ryan Hart, one of the two surviving sons, now openly shares his story to raise awareness of the coercive and controlling behaviour their family suffered.

An event hosted by the Diocese of Rochester and White Ribbon UK

Tickets are £10. To book visit:  
[www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/domestic-abuse/](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/domestic-abuse/)

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