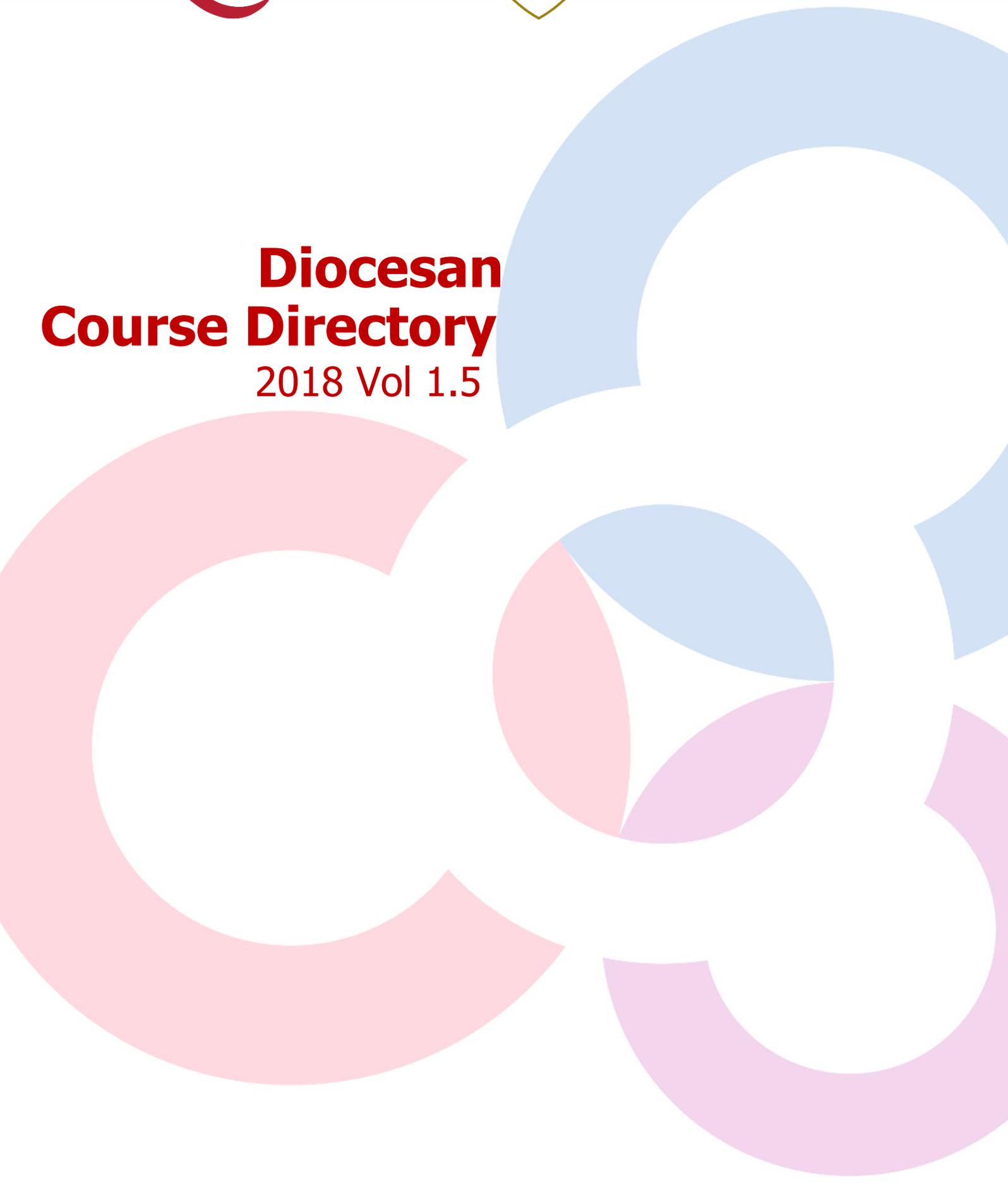


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**Diocesan
Course Directory**
2018 Vol 1.5





The Diocese of Rochester is affirming that we are Called Together in the areas of **Growing Disciples**, of **Enriching our Communities** and of **Resourcing our Mission and Ministry**. This Directory offers many opportunities for all who are responding to a call to grow as Christian people or specifically as clergy, lay ministers, church wardens and church treasurers, those involved with the children and young people and with those who are older to engage in courses and events which will help our formation and flourishing as God's people in this Diocese.

God is the Creator of all, grow your church in faith; God the Son who saves the world, enrich us with your mission and ministry; that we may be a blessing throughout and beyond this Diocese, for we are called together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Vocations

Sometimes words can be a bit scary – perhaps one of the scariest is “vocation”. To many people it is priests or monks or nuns that come to mind when the word is used, someone who seems super spiritual or simply not us. Yet the word simply means “calling” and that means that vocation, our calling in Christ, is not an optional extra for those considering ordination, or the religious life or authorised ministry, but about all of us. We are all called by God.

All of us are called by God to be disciples and to grow in our understanding of what faith is about. God equips each of us with gifts and skills, so that we can be part of the body of Christ, serving others. As we journey through life we always need to ask the question: “Am I using my gifts fully? Sometimes we will be able to answer “yes” but, at other times, we may feel that there is more that we can do to live out God’s calling. That is where Vocation Advisers come in!

Vocations Courses

During the year the Vocations Team puts on a number of events, and holds regular vocations days under the title: It’s Your Calling. It’s Your Calling is held four times each year, once in each Archdeaconry, and takes place during the day on a Saturday. It is aimed at those exploring where God may be calling, and looks at our journey and the gifts that God has given us, as well as the Biblical understanding of vocation. The day gives an opportunity to meet others on a similar quest and to take time to think where God could be calling. After It’s Your Calling, there is an opportunity to make contact with a Vocations Adviser, for an informal chat. To find the latest dates and for a booking form, [click here](#).

Vocations Advisers are not there to promote one type of ministry, but to listen to your story and to help discern what God might be saying; they are there for you. If at any time you would like to speak with a Vocations Adviser, you should first speak with your incumbent and then contact the Vocations Adviser in your Archdeaconry.

All year:

90 free nights at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre

For clergy, street pastors, youth pastors and NHS Healthcare professionals. Anyone from these groups is eligible to come for up to three nights for free at any point during the year. A rare but essential opportunity to lighten the load and receive from God.

bookings.cchc@btconnect.com, www.crowhursthealing.org.uk

January

Saturdays 6 January – 17 February 10.00am – 12.00 pm at Burrswood

Christian Mindfulness, a 7 week introductory course. A practical course on Christian Mindfulness including basic mindfulness techniques and guidance on mindfulness practice in Christian life. There will be particular emphasis on growth in compassion and in gratitude. Cost £175 per person

Contact the Reservations team on 01892 865988

Email: reservations@burrswood.org.uk

Open to: All

9 January 3:15pm – 6:30pm Bible Society at St Benedict's Centre

Open the Book Training Come and learn how to be a storyteller for Open the Book. At this session there will be an opportunity to experience how to do an Open the Book assembly/act of collective worship. You'll also find out why head teachers and children value it, along with a chance to ask your questions.

Come and find out how you can bring the Bible to life in your primary school.

To reserve your place please contact: Kerry Evans, Schools Team Leader on 07793776043

Email: enquiries@openthebook.net (include event date & names of attendees)

Open to: All

9-11 January. Evangelist Conference at High Leigh

Evangelist's Conference

Each January, over 200 evangelists gather for an opportunity to network and leave recommissioned for the year. Take time to stop, reposition and reflect. Hosted by J.John and Andy Economides

www.evangelistsconference.com

Open to: Clergy and Licensed / Authorised Lay Members

13 January 10:30am - 3:30pm. St Augustine's College of Theology

Preaching Mark. Rev Dr Stephen Laird, Senior Chaplain and Tutor at Kent University will be leading a workshop on "Preaching Mark," focusing on ways of approaching the gospel from which come the bulk of next year's Sunday gospel readings. The cost will be £15 per person; tea and coffee is provided but bring own lunch.

www.staugustinescollege.ac.uk

Open to: Clergy, Licensed / Authorised Lay Members

16-18 January 2018 Diocese of Rochester at The Oasts**Employed Youth and Children's Workers Retreat**

For more information, contact sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org

Open to: Young People's Facilitators and Children's Facilitators

24 January 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Diocesan Office**Stewardship Training Day**

We are often reluctant to talk about money and finance in our parishes, and often do not know how to broach the subject. However the generous gifts of our congregations are important in supporting the mission of our church, and the ministry that supports that mission. As a diocese we are committed to helping parishes feel more confident in talking about money.

This training which will be delivered by Liz Mullis, Stewardship and Funding Adviser in the Diocese of Canterbury and will cover some of the following topics:

- A theology of generosity
- What motivates people to give to the Church
- Steps to encourage giving
- How to run a stewardship campaign

To book [click here](#)

Open to: Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurers, PCC members

25 January 9:30am-1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Shared Wisdom – learn from the research and insights of others in the Diocese

The Bullying of Clergy: Formulating a Response.

The aim of this work is to support the Church of England in responding better to the bullying of clergy. It approaches this through three strands: analysis of existing policy; a quantitative study into the prevalence and pattern of bullying; a qualitative study of the understandings and experiences clergy bring to the concept of bullying. Conclusions are drawn with respect to the reformulation of national policy and practical applications at the parish and diocesan levels.

What implications has the fivefold ministry given in Ephesians 4:11 for a contemporary reflection on the Parish system and the challenge of 'church decline'?

The thesis outlines the picture of decline in the Church of England, demonstrates the heavy reliance on Shepherd (Pastor) / Teacher roles within traditional Parish models and then considers a model of church based on Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherd and Teachers. Growing church examples are measured against this model to assess the validity of this view and provide potential growth strategies for the Church.

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School Chaplains and the Fourth Commandment.

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Open to: All

27 January 9.15am - 12.30pm Christ Church Dartford**Introductory evening to Natural Evangelism training**

The act of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is called evangelism. Evangelism is the cry of Jesus as he weeps over lost people. Evangelism is the whole work of the whole church for the whole age. The gospel is not something we come to church to hear, it is something we go from church to tell.

The Natural Evangelism Course is a six-session course, which provides a simple, yet insightful training programme for all churches wanting to encourage and equip their members towards more effective friendship evangelism. The course has been tried and tested through J. John's own experience of preparing hundreds of churches for mission on six continents.

The evening gives an overview of the passion behind the course and insight into the course content. All welcome, especially as we gear up to Just One Priestfield

<http://justonepriestfield.com>

Open to: All

28 January to 4 February The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon**Read, Retreat, Rest, Relax, Recuperate**

www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

28 January - 2 February The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon**Through personality to spirit**

For more information, visit www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

29 January 9:30am -1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Making the most of Lent with the Rev Lindsay Llewelyn-Macduff and team. Ideas for helping you look at ways to journey through Lent with your church including ideas for Holy Week and for engaging young people.

To book: contact val.butler@rochester.anglican.org

Open to: Clergy, Licensed /Authorised lay ministers, Young People's facilitators, Children's facilitators

February

6 February 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Diocesan Office

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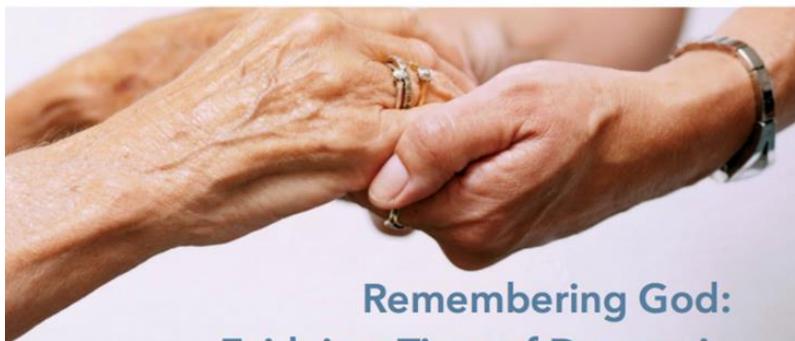
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8 February St Benedicts Centre

St Benedict's
CENTRE



Remembering God: Faith in a Time of Dementia

ST BENEDICT'S CENTRE
8TH FEBRUARY 2018
10am- 4pm

£30
inc. lunch &
refreshments

When we can no longer remember God, will God remember us?
And if so, how might we be called to respond?

James Woodward, Principal of Sarum College and Coordinator for the Centre of Human Flourishing, will explore what it means to be a Christian at a time when the number of people living with dementia is rising rapidly.

A day for clergy and lay ministers who are looking for tools to guide their prayer, thinking and ministry, and whose faith has been stirred or challenged by their encounter with people with dementia.

Bookings via
www.eventbrite.co.uk



Spaces limited to 35
CMD Grants available

www.stbenedictscentre.org

...a place apart

To book contact www.stbenedictscentre.org

Open to: All

20 February 9:30am – 12:30pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Interested in having a curate or wanting to know more about how curates are deployed and trained? With the Rev Canon Chris Dench. An opportunity to hear about the curacy programme in the diocese and ask questions. Attendance doesn't guarantee you receiving a curate!

To book [click here](#)

Open to: Clergy

20 February 7.30pm St James' Tunbridge Wells

Faith in the Questions. The Science and Faith Debate Returns to St James' Tunbridge Wells. The interface between science and Christian faith has been explored before at St James', looking beyond the confrontational model that is often presented and hearing the views of scientists who are also Christians, so they are delighted to have been asked to host Riding Lights Theatre Company as part of a national tour focusing on this issue, *Faith in the Questions*. The event will be a one-act play, *Counting the Clouds*, followed by a panel discussion with practicing scientists. Tickets are free and can be obtained from Riding Lights

To book: <https://ridinglights.org/faith-in-the-questions/> 01904 613000

Open to: All

26 February 9:30am – 1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Managing change with Rev Andy Wooding Jones Practical help, theological insight and shared experience helping you and those around you to manage times of change or transition – maybe a new Fresh Expression, a building project or other significant changes in your setting.

To book [click here](#)

Open to: Clergy, Churchwardens, Licensed /Authorised lay ministers

27 February - 1 Mar 2018 New Wine at Harrogate

New Wine National Leadership Conference 2018

To book [click here](#)

Open to: Clergy

March

6 March BOOST Conference, Emmanuel Centre, London.

Exploring Identity and Inclusion for Children's and Youth Ministry

To book www.separtnership.org.uk/boost

Open to: Young People's facilitators, Children's facilitators

7 March 7:00pm – 9:00pm Diocese of Rochester at Diocesan Office, Rochester

Help – my parish is in vacancy with the Rev Canon Chris Dench and Karen Senior. Help for lay leaders and assistant clergy for parishes in or approaching an interregnum.

Open to: Licensed /Authorised lay ministers, Churchwardens

13 March 9:30am – 3:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

All Age Worship with Rev Jane Hulme

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- iii) some key principles of All Age Worship and
- iv) how to write an All Age Worship service from scratch.

To book: <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTExNA/t>

Open to: Clergy, Licensed /Authorised lay ministers, Young People's facilitators, Children's facilitators

14 March Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre

Faith matters

If you have ever said "I don't have much faith" or "I am not sure that I can pray for people who need healing" then this day is for you. We will explore these and other questions in a way that will encourage and equip you to see more of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

To book: bookings.cchc@btconnect.com, www.crowhursthealing.org.uk

Open to: All

19 March 9:30am-1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St George's Weald

Space for God with Susanne Carlsson

Prayer lies at the heart of the church and our lives and the Christian tradition offers a treasure of different ways of exploring prayer. 'Pray as you can, not as you cannot'. This session will help you explore silence and how to use it for prayer. There will be some input and time to explore silence together.

To book: <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTExMQ/t>

Open to: All

27 March – 3 April The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Read, Retreat, Rest, Relax, Recuperate

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Open to: Clergy

April

8 – 13 April The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Read, Retreat, Rest, Relax, Recuperate

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

12 April 9:30am – 4:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Resilience with Rev Ruth Adams

Open to: Clergy

16 -20 April The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Love was His meaning with Stephen Cherry

Finding God and ourselves through the Revelations of Julian of Norwich

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

19 April 9:30am – 4:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Training Incumbents: Introduction with the Rev Canon Chris Dench. Training for those receiving a Deacon in 2018.

23 April 9:30am-1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Shared Wisdom – learn from the research and insights of others in the Diocese **'Jesus, Transcendence and Generosity'**. Can the theology of the transcendence of Jesus help us to mediate between 'closed' fundamentalism and 'wide open' or vacuous liberalism?

'Atheist views of Christianity':

Many Christians consider atheism to be a particular viewpoint, with no further differentiation. However, in studying such as Richard Dawkins, John Gray or Julian Baggini (among others) it becomes apparent that the views expressed are more diverse than is usually acknowledged. Further investigation reveals a whole continuum of different atheist worldviews. This study proposes a way of defining, describing and referencing each atheist perspective, with specific focus on the view of Christianity, with obvious applications for mission.'

Virtue Ethics as a tool for Theological Reflection Peter Hayler

Within the context of the chaplaincy to University Staff in Cambridge, I placed the notion of staff wellbeing as a common good at the centre of a broad range of interactions with colleagues. I undertook an intentional programme of reflection on collaborative practice using the virtues as themes, and found that participants grew in solidarity with one another.

To book [click here](#)

Open to: All

28 April 9:30am- 3:30pm Diocese of Rochester at St John's, Hildenborough
Celebration of Lay Ministry

Open to: Lay Ministers in the Tonbridge Archdeaconry

May

14-18 May The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Seeing the Light in Life with Steve Radley

A retreat using photography to help us slow down and see in new ways

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

11-13 May Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre

Foundations for the healing ministry - Refresh and increase your learning about the three basic kinds of healing and how to pray for each: sin, suffering & sickness.

To book bookings.cchc@btconnect.com, www.crowhursthealing.org.uk

Open to: All

15 May 10.00am – 4.00pm

Thinking about a move

3D Coaching

Open to: Clergy

15 – 17 May

New Posts Conference

17-22 May The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Read, Retreat, Rest, Relax, Recuperate

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

June

11 June 9:30am-1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

The ministry of deliverance with members of the Diocesan deliverance team

Opportunity for clergy to learn more about the ministry of deliverance and the approach in the Diocese of Rochester.

Open to: Clergy

17-22 June The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Read, Retreat, Rest, Relax, Recuperate

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

19-21 June Diocese of Rochester

Mid Ministry

Open to clergy by invitation

25-28 June Leading your church into growth at The Hayes, Swanwick

Another Christ with Andrew Mayes Re-envisioning ministry

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

July

7 July 9:30am-1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Space to pray the Bible with Susanne Carlsson and the team

Prayer lies at the heart of the church and our lives and the Christian tradition offers a treasure of different ways of exploring prayer. 'Pray as you can, not as you cannot'. This session will help you explore how to pray with the Bible. There will be some input and time to pray with the Bible.

To book: <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTExMg/t>

Open to: All

9 July 9:30am-12:30pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Looking after your archives

Open to: Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurers

17 -22 July The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Read, Retreat, Rest, Relax, Recuperate

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

18 July Crowhurst Healing Retreat Centre

A day to equip you to pray for people whether it be at the back of church, whilst out walking the dog, or in a supermarket aisle.

To book: bookings.cchc@btconnect.com, www.crowhursthealing.org.uk

Open to: All

August

5 – 11 August The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Clergy Family Holiday (week 1) with the Sheldon team

Let Mary and Martha take the strain

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

12-18 August The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Clergy Family Holiday (week 2) with the Sheldon team

Let Mary and Martha take the strain

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Open to: Clergy

19 – 23 August The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Exploring Transformation with Margaret Silf

From caterpillar to butterfly via the meltdown of the chrysalis

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

September

6 September 10:00am – 2:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

New to the Diocese? An introduction to some places and people in the Diocese starting and finishing at St Benedicts Centre.

Open to: Clergy

6 September 9:30am – 4:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Resilience with Rev Ruth Adams

Open to: Clergy

11- 14 September Diocese of Rochester at University of Kent

The Bishop's Conference for the Clergy

To book Fiona.porter@rochester.anglican.org – 020 8467 8743

Open to: All beneficed and licensed clergy in the Diocese

17-19 September The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Re-kindling Creativity in Caring with Karen Webb

Using Enneagram insights to unlock your vocational gifts

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

18 - 20 September St Andrew Holborn and Lambeth Palace

God's Church in the World: The Gift of Catholic Mission

As a commitment to the mutual flourishing of the different integrities of the Catholic tradition within the Church of England, the executive committees of both Forward in Faith and Anglican Catholic Future have jointly planned this major conference in September 2018.

In working together, we are demonstrating that mission and evangelism are priorities for the future growth and well-being of the Church. We see the Church primarily as a gift from God to the world in every possible area of life. As priests and pastors of God's people, our duty and our joy is to demonstrate and prove our engagement to our communities.

To book <https://www.catholicmission.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Open to: Clergy

23 - 28 September Bridge Builders at Felden Lodge

Transforming Church Conflict with Bridge Builders

A Foundation Course for Leaders

To book www.bbministries.org.uk

Open to: Clergy

October

1-5 October The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Awakening to wholeheartedness with Mark Godson

Where mindfulness meets wholeheartedness

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

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12,000-mile Service. Service yourself as well as you do your car

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

15-18 October 2018 Bridge Builders at Felden Lodge Conference Centre

Leading with Emotional Maturity with Bridge Builders

To book www.bbministries.org.uk

Open to: Clergy

20 October 9:30am – 3:30pm Diocese of Rochester

Lay Ministers Day

26 – 28 October 2018 - Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre

Deeper Healing Encounters Conference

For people with some experience in the healing ministry. We will explore issues you may encounter in your experiences of praying with people who have physical and mental health needs and will equip you to be more confident as you journey with them.

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November

3 November 9:30am-1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at Christ Church Orpington

Space for God in my day with Susanne Carlsson and team

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To book: <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTExMw/t>

Open to: All

8 November 9:30am – 1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Am I doing it right? All you need to know about the legalities of marriages and registration.

Open to: Clergy

11 – 16 November The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Read, Retreat, Rest, Relax, Recuperate

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

12 – 13 November The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Ignatius of Loyola for parish ministry with Andrew Walker Harnessing the Spiritual Exercises for personal and parish nurture

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

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Open to: Clergy

14 - 15 November The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

Birth and Death of the Holy One with John Pritchard

The power and vulnerability of the incarnation and the cross

To book www.sheldon.uk.com

Open to: Clergy

20-22 November

New Posts Conference

30 November – 7 December The Society of Mary and Martha at Sheldon

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3 December 9:30am-1:00pm Diocese of Rochester at St Benedicts Centre

Shared Wisdom – learn from the research and insights of others in the Diocese

Transforming Lives

In church circles, recent years have seen increased talk of transforming lives. This paper draws mainly on the work of Bernard Lonergan to explore what that might mean in a Christian context, and what it might entail.

Reclaiming a theology of learning.

Christian adult formation evolved using educational methods designed for teaching children. A theological principal where 'teacher knows best'. Learners absorb wisdom. A Christological approach requires participation. Jesus shared knowledge which the disciples practiced. Learning was extrapolated. Drawing on biblical wisdom and understanding why adult learning appears threatening this research reclaims the principal of a theology of learning in adult formation.

Jeremiah and the new Covenant

Open to: All
