



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

newsletter

NEWS IN BRIEF

DEMENTIA SUPPORT FOR HOSPICE

Eleven Anna Chaplains and Friends have been commissioned ahead of a new partnership with Heart of Kent Hospice.

Anna Chaplaincy is named after the faithful older woman, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's Gospel. Anna Chaplains have a special focus on the needs of those living with dementia.

The hospice has almost 300 people with dementia on its caseload. Where spiritual care is needed, the Anna Chaplaincy team will respond, linking individuals with their local churches where appropriate.

CHURCH WINS FUNDING TO TACKLE KNIFE CRIME

Almost £30,000 has been awarded to a church in Rainham for a project to tackle knife crime across the Medway Towns.

The money will enable St Margaret's Church to come together with partners to reduce this type of crime and to work with young people who are at risk of carrying a knife and committing crime.

It is the only church in the country to be successfully awarded money from the Government's Community Fund.



ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO VISIT THE DIOCESE IN OCTOBER

We're delighted to announce that Archbishop Justin Welby will be making a pastoral visit to the Diocese on the 29 and 30 October.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to share with the Archbishop something of the rich and diverse life of the Diocese, the communities we serve and the challenges we face.

In particular, he will visit a number of church-based community projects, schools and mission initiatives in each archdeaconry, to see how they sit within our shared Called Together vision.

A full programme will be released shortly but his visit will culminate in a service at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 30 October at 5.30pm.

This will be a chance to give thanks for the life and mission of the Diocese, with a particular focus on the issue of Modern Slavery. Doors will open at 5pm and all are invited.

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One mission, many places

consultation on Indicative Offers

CONSULTATION NOW OPEN

The views of parishioners, clergy and PCCs are being invited by the Diocese, as developments to the way the shared mission and ministry of the local Church is funded are considered.

Launching, **One mission, many places: a consultation on Indicative Offers**, the Diocesan Secretary, Geoff Marsh said: "We have all expressed through Called Together an ambition to grow disciples, enrich communities and resource our mission and ministry. This proposal is about supporting that vision and so we would value people's views."

Currently, each parish determines its own Parish Pledge to the Diocese every year. It's vital, as the offer represents 86% of the Diocese's total income of £10.6m a year.

An Indicative Offers based system would see each parish provided with a suggested amount they could afford, based on a common formula.

The consultation closes on 2 November. Full details about the proposal and the ways to contribute can be found at: www.rochester.anglican.org/diocese/consultation



GROW: We want to build confident disciples, who have deeper relationships with God and are more confident for evangelism and mission.

- **Where is God in our ordinary life?**

Our daily lives are often very full. Full of things to do. A new national church campaign is inviting us to ask 'Where is God in our ordinary, everyday life?' Sign up for daily prayers, reflections and stories at www.churchofengland.org/everydayfaith

TRAINING & EVENTS

CELEBRATE OUR COMPANION LINKS

Sunday 16 September, 6pm, St. John's, Meopham

All are invited to join a special service to celebrate our Companion Diocesan Links. Along with a Swahili choir, Bishops Jacob and Given from Tanzania will be present, as well as Bishop Chad from Harare who will preach; his last opportunity before he retires in December. It promises to be a very special occasion.

PRAYER FESTIVAL

**Saturday 22 September 2018,
Rochester Cathedral**

The Diocesan Spirituality Network's Prayer Festival takes isabout exploring the rich tradition of Christian prayer available today. With workshops on different ways of praying and how to help others pray. Book at: www.rochester.anglican.org/prayer-festival.php

ENVIRONMENT AND FAITH

**6 October, Holy Trinity Church,
Sittingbourne, 9.30am to 4pm.**

Find out more about how we as Christians can live a more environmentally friendly life both day to day and through our churches. A day conference organised by the Diocese of Canterbury, with national and international speakers. To book email: kadams@diocant.org

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