

Diocesan run events

Inclusion Adviser for the Diocese I am able to give advice about Inclusion and Accessibility, as well as providing advice for adaptive sacramental programmes to meet the needs of people who live with additional needs. I also provide Deanery formation for the Ministry of Welcome across the Diocese and am happy to advise individual Parishes regarding this Ministry when requested. Do get in touch if you have anything I can help you with. E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk or on my work mobile M: 07508459315.

Youth Ministry Training - 18 May at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley Do you want to see more young people in your Parish? Sign up for the Diocesan two-day Youth Ministry Training course. Be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy Saturday 18 May Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. This will take place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) **Poster attached for display in your parish.**

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 15 June in Burgess Hill. Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese) Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK. The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(13-Apr-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

If you wish to discuss your engagement with this course before booking, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Sat 29 June at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham By kind invitation of Bishop Richard Moth all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes In 2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. The Group's origins come from partnerships between religious sisters and police in London, and a meeting at a Hertfordshire Church Parish Hall. It now has partners in over 40 countries; from acorns oak trees grow. Places can be booked through the attached link [Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation \(29-Jun-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor E: tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Big Church Festival 25-26 May 2024 A Christian music festival in the heart of our Diocese. Join with 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together on the Wiston estate in West Sussex. With Mass on Sunday morning being celebrated by our very own Bishop Richard. Save up to 52% by booking with this link <https://bigchurch.group/2024/catholics-at-big-church-festival>

Mass for Engaged Couples Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please book here [Mass for Engaged Couples \(05-Jul-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Live Life to the Full Summer Camp for young people in School years 7-11 The Lay Community of St Benedict are running a residential event for young people. With opportunities for inspiring talks, plighting prayer, fun activities and space to just be this Summer camp will help your faith soar! 20-24 August at Worth Abbey. Contact Pete for more information E: lcsb.pete@gmail.com. Early bird prices available before 30th June

Worth Abbey June Gathering The Abbott and Community invite you to Worth Abbey from 11.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 1st June for a social and spiritual day. Share monastic prayer in the Abbey Church and enjoy the beauty that is Worth. Enjoy a guided walk through the woods and fields and visit St Bruno's retreat centre. Families welcome, there will be activities for children. www.worthabbeypilgrims.com

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 26 June A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

CYMFed Faith in Action Awards The Diocese is pleased to say that the CYMFed Faith in Action Awards are currently running in 14 of our Primary and Secondary schools. The children & teenagers work really hard all year, and they submit some work for moderation. Our Youth Adviser is looking to recruit new moderators who can help in the really rewarding task of assessing and offering feedback and affirmation on the amazing work that the young people submit. The moderators will be gathering **on 15th June 2024** at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley, where training and lunch will be provided. So if you have a passion for helping young people to grow in faith and would like to get involved, simply email lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Adoremus 2024 – Cost £40 per person Join Bishop Richard at Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott, Birmingham and the place where the first Eucharistic procession took place after the restoration of the Church in Britain. The day will include a keynote address, Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including an Acutis presentation, Rosary walk and Adoration in the Chapel. Parking is available at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley but please arrive in good time to board the coach which will depart promptly at 6.45am. The coach will depart Birmingham at 6pm. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your ticket please see the attached link [Adoremus 2024 \(14-Sep-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)
To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit the Diocesan website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

A Year of Encounter With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.