

## **Fr Hugh writes:**

Last Monday I attended the West Sussex Divisional Awards Ceremony hosted at Arundel Castle for the police, (not knowing that I too was to receive something myself!)

The reason for mentioning this, is that it was an opportunity to hear of the remarkable work that is done on our behalf in the county by our police of all ranks and ages. It is truly inspirational, and Lady Emma Barnard, our new Lord Lieutenant of the County who presented the awards reflected on their work. The area of Suicide prevention came to the fore, of officers gently rescuing people from bridges across key roads or in one case from the roof of St Richard's Hospital.

We have much to be grateful for, to those who put their lives at risk on our behalf. I am inspired; and will continue to offer chaplaincy support, which is much appreciated by Sussex and Surrey Police.

The Tablet: We did receive copies in August as a trial. They were all taken so I hope that you were able to take out a subscription?

It is such a useful publication and having it delivered to your door is much easier than collecting it from the church. I prefer not to run a news agency!! As the synod approaches, at the beginning of October, it could be useful to have your own copies so as to keep informed as to progress and what develops on our behalf in Rome.

A scaffold has now been erected at the back of the church again for some repairs, and hopefully to stop the water ingress around and below the stained glass window.

At the time of construction in 1973/74 many of the window glass are set straight into the concrete frames. Contemporary builders are not familiar with such construction, however sealants will be used as well as renewing the roof and flashing over the niche.

For the church entrance, the diocese finance team has requested that a project manager now be appointed to oversee the work. Inevitably it will raise the costs. There still is no start date for the work.

Autumn began on Thursday last officially, the Feast of St Matthew and this Friday we keep the Feast of the Archangels, Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. (Michaelmas)

There is a selection of Michaelmas daisies in the garden, providing late September colour and perhaps stretching into October. They are such a useful and inexpensive way to add colour at this time of the year.

If you have surplus apples, please do bring them to share. In the fields the harvest is in, but of course for parts of our world, particularly Ukraine, crops have been destroyed by the continual fighting. In Africa, drought has prevented any food being grown at all. It is not surprising that so many people have become Migrants.

We hold them in Prayer on this special day of prayer for Migrants and refugees.

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## **Notices:**

**Saturday evening Masses:** Sometimes it is not manageable to get to a Sunday morning Mass. In that situation, please consider attending a Saturday evening Mass either at The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding at 5.30pm or at any of the other local churches so that you are still taking part in the universal Church's communal Sunday worship.

Details of local churches and Mass times can be found if you go to the 'church finder' page on the A&B Diocese website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk>

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## **Notices cont/d...**

**The Henfield Community Fridge is open on the last two Saturdays of September, this Saturday 23rd and the following week 30th, both dates from 9am to 10.30am.**  
It's also open as usual on Tuesdays from 5pm to 6.30pm and Fridays from 9am to 10am.

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**Parish housegroups**, in people's homes, are restarting. One will be starting on Tuesday 10th October (5pm) looking at 'discipleship', a subject which Bishop Richard is very keen that we should be giving attention to.

Interest has already been shown by others in having a second group to look at how we are to read and understand that amazing, but often confusing, collection of writings which make up the Bible.

Housegroups provide the opportunity to meet together informally for a bit of learning (nothing too heavy!), prayer and for general support of one another in living out our faith. If you would be interested in joining a group (it does not, of course, have to be on Tuesday afternoons) please let Deacon Paul know.

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**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** We are hoping to support the MacMillan coffee morning being organised at the Free Church on Friday 29th September between 10am and 12noon. If anyone is able to volunteer to help serve or to provide cakes please contact Marie Anne on 01273 493913. Thank you.

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**Red Box Holders:** The Autumn Missio newsletter can be found in the narthex. Please take one. This issue includes daily prayerful reflections for the month of October leading up to World Mission Sunday which this year is 22nd October. Pope Francis has chosen ***"Hearts on fire, feet on the move"*** as his theme this year.

Would all red box holders please bring your box to church and hand it to Margaret Hollingsworth so that it can be emptied and the contents banked before the year end. Should you prefer to make a donation to Missio instead of through a red box, you will be able to find all the information needed to do so in the Autumn newsletter.

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**The Diocesan Grandparents' group** has organised a day of reflection on Tuesday 26th September from 11am to 3.30pm at St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Led by Fr. Stephen Ortiger and Lizzie Wakeling, Fr. Stephen is an interesting and entertaining speaker and is talking about seeing God's hand at work in the ups and downs of life. It is not essential to be a grandparent to attend!

To book your place, go to: [https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/2spx9bns?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2\\_17\\_2022\\_14\\_56\\_COPY\\_02\)&mc\\_cid=f18276887b&mc\\_eid=543c8c8c63](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/2spx9bns?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02)&mc_cid=f18276887b&mc_eid=543c8c8c63)

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**Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Saturday 30th September, 11.30am** at Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne. Marriage is a vocation to celebrate. Whether you have been married for a year or for 70, if this year is a special one for you, join Bishop Richard and many others from across the Diocese to celebrate. To register your free place please [click here](#)

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**Catholic Deaf Association (CDA):** There will be a signed Mass at St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham on Saturday 7th October at 1pm followed by the CDA's AGM from 2pm to 4pm. Please bring your own lunch from 12noon.

You can contact the Service by [email](#) or **text message only** (no telephone calls) M: 07970 428601. To find out more about the Service please visit the diocesan website [here](#).

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## **Notices cont/d...**

**Repair Cafe:** The next repair cafe will be at the Haven on Saturday 21st October, from 10am to 12noon. For a small donation you can repair and then reuse your items instead of replacing them. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and cake while you wait. Full details can be found in the latest issue of the BN5 magazine.

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**The Annual St Philip Howard Mass** will be at Arundel Cathedral, on 22nd October at 3pm. People across our Diocese are invited to join the St Philip Howard Mass at Arundel Cathedral followed by refreshments at the Cathedral Centre.

There will be an opportunity to view materials from the recent Arundel Museum exhibition 'Arundel Cathedral from 1873 to 2023'. All are welcome, booking is not required.

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## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Community Fridge: Saturdays 23rd and 30th September**

Henfield Leisure Centre, 9am to 10.30am.

Also Tuesdays 5.30 to 6pm and Fridays 9 to 10am

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 29th September**

The Free Church, 9am to 12noon

### **Diocesan Grandparents Group: Tuesday 26th September**

St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, 11am to 3.30pm

### **Anniversaries Mass: Saturday 30th September**

Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne, 11.30am

### **Catholic Deaf Association Mass: Saturday 7th October**

St John the Evangelist, Horsham, 1pm

### **Parish Housegroups: Tuesday 10th October**

Location TBA, 5pm

### **Henfield's Repair Cafe: Saturday 21st October**

The Haven, 10am to 12noon

### **Annual St Philip Howard Mass: Sunday 22nd October,**

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