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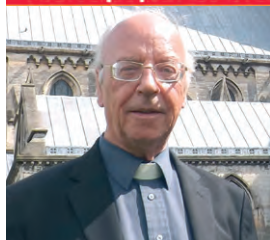
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Music master's choir

A children's choir has been set up at St Peter and All Souls in Peterborough with the help of Andrew Reid, ex-director of music at the city's cathedral and now director of the Royal School of Church Music. The children aged seven to 12 sing at the Vigil Mass. Parish priest Fr David Paul said: "They have an extensive range of music which they sing to a very high standard." The choir is pictured after a Confirmation Mass with Bishop Alan, Fr David, Andrew and helpers.



St Teresa's 500th anniversary

On the feast of St Teresa of Avila, 15 October, the Carmelite Order will begin to celebrate her quincentenary.

Born on 28th March 1515, she initiated a Reform of the Carmelite Order and founded numerous houses of nuns and friars in Spain. Her teachings on prayer led to her being proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1970.

The saint has a special place in the diocese and at 3pm on October 18 2014 there will be a semi-dramatized presentation of the life and times of St Teresa at the Carmelite Monastery at Quidenham.

This will include pictures and live music, to be followed by tea and a festal Vespers. Admission is free but space is limited, so please let the prioress know if you wish to attend (Sr Teresa, Carmelite Monastery, Quidenham, Norwich, NR16 2PH or prioress@quidenhamcarmel.org.uk or 01953 887202).

There are three thriving groups of Secular Carmelites in the diocese, and they will be collaborating with the Sisters.

On the anniversary, 28 March 2015, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass at Quidenham at 11.30am. A travelling exhibition will be at Quidenham from 27 March to 7 April.

On three afternoons at Quidenham Secular Carmelites and Sisters will offer talks and reflections on different aspects of St Teresa: her influence on their own lives (16 May), her apostolic mission then and now (20 June), and her teaching on prayer (12 September).

A pilgrimage will be held at Walsingham on 11 July, and the year will close on 17 October with a final festal Vespers. Details on www.teresaofavila.org or from Jane Nicholson OCDS (jnicholson@faracharity.org) or Quidenham above.

New Cathedral Dean

The new Dean at St John the Baptist Cathedral is Fr David Paul who is moving from St Peter and All Souls in Peterborough this month.

Fr David, born in a village near Durham, has had a varied career as a secondary school teacher and Anglican priest before coming to the diocese.

"I really planned to spend my professional life in education but finally believed I may have had a vocation after making a pilgrimage to Walsingham even though I enjoyed the rewards and challenges of teaching," he said.

"My mother was Catholic and my father an Anglican. Through circumstance I was brought up in the Church of England although I always felt closer to the Catholic side of the family."

He was accepted for ordination in the Church of England and attended St Stephens House in Oxford. He was ordained in Durham Cathedral and served on an estate church in Sunderland.

"Following this I became Rector of St Andrews at Romford in Essex before moving to London to All Saints, East Finchley, to the church where Bishop Alan had once been a curate.

"I felt increasingly unhappy in the Anglican Church and my Catholic roots seemed to be calling more insistently to enter communion with the Holy Father and the See of Rome.

"I was quickly received into the Church, and accepted by Bishop Alan Clark as a candidate for ordination. I undertook further studies at St John's Seminary at Wonersh and was ordained priest by Bishop Peter Smith at St Mary's in Ipswich in 1995.

"I served in Ipswich and the Holy Family and St Michael in Kesgrave for three years until being made Parish Priest of St Laurence,



Fr David Paul with Fr Michael Collis who will join him at the Cathedral

Cambridge where I stayed for 13 years.

"I was asked to go to St Peter and All Souls in Peterborough where I have been Parish Priest for three years. It's a very large, inner city and multi-cultural parish and at Sunday Mass people from over 80 countries speaking over 40 languages can be found.

"Obviously, I have a great deal to learn about being the Dean of our wonderful Cathedral but I would hope to serve the Diocese and the cathedral parish to the best of my ability.

"The Cathedral is the Mother Church where the Bishop celebrates with the clergy and people of the Diocese but it is also the centre of a community and I would like to get to know and to be known as their Parish Priest."

Two schools celebrate their histories



Bishop Alan has paid tribute to two schools that have achieved important historical milestones.

Notre Dame High School in Norwich, above, opened a year of celebrations of its 150th anniversary on Saturday 12 July with an Open Day which saw two former head teachers welcomed by the current head Brian

Conway.

The Sacred Heart School in Swaffham celebrated their centenary with three days of reunions of friends, events and nun's sports, see picture right.

Visitors ranged in age from three to 92, head teacher Sr Francis Ridler said.

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News from communities and parishes around the Diocese

Bishop's tribute to Fr James' work

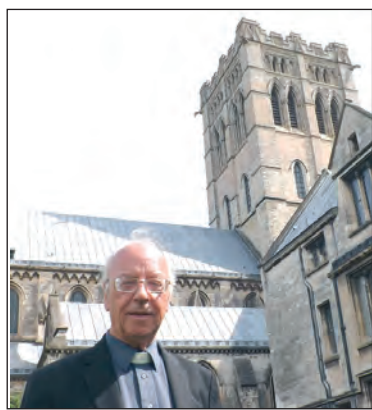
Bishop Alan has paid tribute to Fr James Walsh who is standing down as Dean at St John the Baptist to resume parish duties at North Walsham in Norfolk.

Bishop Alan said that Fr James had overseen dramatic changes at the Cathedral.

The lighting and sanctuary decoration now presented a warmer feel but also new chapels and decoration made it more of a spiritual place.

The Cathedral plays a very important role in the Diocese as the place where clergy and people came together for the "great events" such as the Chrism Mass, Easter Vigil, and Christmas Midnight Mass and Ordinations.

Fr James, pictured above right, himself believes his greatest achievements in his 13 years at the Cathedral was to make it more beautiful as a



building and more welcoming place for visitors.

He is also pleased to have been involved in the Narthex project. "It is now as a 'half-way house' for visitors who may be too shy to go into a Cathedral but because of the welcome are now persuaded to go in and are pleasantly surprised," he said.

He is delighted also that Norwich is now known as a city with two cathedrals.

Fr James spent the first part of his priestly life in Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight as a Benedictine but felt drawn to more pastoral work.

He came to the Diocese in 1979 initially for a year at Stowmarket. Ten years later he moved to Poringland as parish priest and chaplain to the University of East Anglia.

After a move to Mary Magdalen parish in Ipswich in 1993 he was asked by Bishop Peter Smith to become Dean of the Cathedral in 2001.

At the age of 70 he is looking forward to caring for three churches in North Walsham parish. He has visited several times and found the people to be very welcoming.

He is also very grateful for the help he received from St John's parish who helped him make the Cathedral more beautiful and welcoming.



Miraculous Image guardians and the Knights of St Columba at the Mass

Miraculous image visits diocese

St John the Baptist Cathedral last month welcomed the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the parish was invited to spread the message of the pro-life movement.

The image is an exact copy of the relic from the Basilica in Mexico and carries the same graces offered to St Juan Diego in 1531 when it was bequeathed by Our Lady as a picture on his cloak.

Pope John Paul II proclaimed in 1979 "The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be the centre from which the light of the gospel of Christ will illuminate the entire world by the means of distribution of the Miraculous Image of his Mother."

It was hoped the visit would help strengthen devotion to Our Lady and increase support for traditional marriage.

The shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe is in the Northampton Diocese and came to St John the Baptist with the help of the Knights of St Columba.

New chancellor among diocesan clergy changes

Mgr Eugene Harkness, parish priest at St Philip Howard in Cherry Hinton near Cambridge, has been appointed Chancellor, the highest legal position in the Diocese of East Anglia.

Fr Mark Hackeson, secretary to the late Bishop Michael Evans, will continue as Assistant Chancellor.

Bishop Alan has also announced a number of other clergy changes including the appointment of Fr David Paul as Dean of St John the Baptist Cathedral reported on the front page.

Fr David Bagstaff, who became Diocesan Administrator after the death of Bishop Michael Evans, moves from North Walsham to St Henry Morse, the new church at Diss. He remains Vicar General for the diocese

but is currently taking sabbatical leave.

Fr John Barnes moves from The Sacred Heart parish in Dereham to become Parish Priest at St Felix in Felixstowe.

Other parish priest moves include Fr Mark Hackeson, also on sabbatical leave, who moves from Poringland to St Edmund's parish in Bury St Edmunds.

Mgr Philip Shryane will return after sabbatical leave to become Parish Priest at The Sacred Heart in St Ives.

Fr James Walsh moves from St John the Baptist Cathedral where he was Dean to take over as Parish Priest at The Sacred Heart in North Walsham.

Fr David Ward moves from the cathedral to become Parish Priest at

St Walstan in Costessey.

Bishop Alan has asked the La Salette Religious Community (Polish Province) to take over the pastoral care of St Peter and All Souls in Peterborough. Priests from the community are already working in the diocese at St Ives and the cathedral.

They also have responsibility for four parishes in the Diocese of Brentwood.

The Parish Priest in Peterborough will be Fr Adam Sowa and he will be joined by Fr Damian Kramarz and Fr Waldemar Smialek who moves from the cathedral parish in Norwich.

Fr Michael Griffin will move from North Walsham in mid-October to take over as priest in charge at the

Sacred Heart parish in Dereham until January.

Fr Michael Collis and Fr Arockiya CRR, a Redemptorist from India, will leave St Peter and All Souls in Peterborough to become assistant priests at St John the Baptist Cathedral.

Fr Peter Brown is retiring from the role of Diocesan Chancellor and Fr David Hennessey from St Felix parish in Felixstowe. Fr Henry MacCarthy has already retired from St Peter's in Gorleston where Fr Michael Rear is now priest in charge.

Bishop Alan said: "I am most grateful to all these priests who have responded so generously to my request that they should undertake this new work."

Teachers' courage and dedication

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At Notre Dame HS head teacher Brian Conway was joined by Sr Mary Cluderay who led the school through its important transition from an all girl school to co-education and John Pinnington, her successor, who headed the school during the introduction of the New Curriculum.

They both spoke of the Catholic ethos of the school and how so many young women and men had benefited and enjoyed their education at the school.

Bishop Alan said: "Both schools have produced histories that celebrate the courage and dedication of teachers who brought Catholic education to East Anglia."

The Notre Dame HS Open Day was held on the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who founded the school, Saint Julie Billiart.

The sisters brought Catholic education for girls to the city of Norwich in the 19th Century which was a time when there was

much resistance to both the Catholic faith and the education of women.

A year of events is planned with a performance of Les Miserables at a Norwich theatre announced as a highlight. The Sacred Heart School came to the Georgian Town of Swaffham when the local parish priest Fr Joseph Vendé contacted the superior of the Sister of Divine Mercy in Austria in 1912.

The sisters arrived two years later to set up the school but the First World War intervened and it was not until 1920 it began to thrive.

Over the century it has grown immensely and it is a tribute to successive sisters to have led the school and inspired its young people.

Sr Francis said the celebrations were attended by over 600 people, with an age range of three to 92 years, the weekend was a tremendous success. She said, "I am really proud of the way all of the staff, parents and pupils have taken part in everything and how everyone was so keen to get involved in the organisation of it all."



Bishop Alan celebrates the Centenary Mass at the Sacred Heart School in Swaffham, above. Head teachers from Notre Dame, below, Sr Mary Cluderay, Brian Conway and John Pinnington



NEW EVANGELISATION

“God wants to love us: to pour love into our lives”

In the second of our series of interviews with women whose faith leads them to evangelise, Rebecca Bretherton talks to Sr Nicola Di Mino from the Carmelite Monastery at Quidenham.

RB: Tell us a bit about yourself.

Sr Nicola: I am 43 and have been at Quidenham since 1996. I grew up in Lancashire and Cumbria with a broad Christian background - Church of England and Methodist. Like many people, I dropped out of church when I was about 14 years old.

RB: How did you come to the monastery?

Sr Nicola: I studied botany at university and adored every minute. Then I got a pull back to church. I went to Mass and saw communion being distributed. That really was a moment of grace, a moment of clarity: probably the only moment of clarity in my life!

Even though I had not been taught about the Real Presence of Christ, there was no doubt in my mind that Jesus really was present and that he was giving himself to the people.

I became a Catholic. My university reading list was now more about God than botany. My faith was becoming overwhelming. It sounds soppy but I can't describe it as anything other than falling in love.

When I saw holy communion, I thought: that is love reaching out to me. It was the thought Jesus would do this for me which caught me.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CROSS:

Icon of the New Evangelism is on the move!

The Cross Icon, a symbol of the faith of young people and a focus for prayer, is to begin its journey around the diocese and will make its first visit to St Laurence in Cambridge.

Dean Fr Pat Cleary will welcome the Cross with Mass at [x.xxam/pm on XX September](#) and all in the Deanery are invited to attend. It will then continue its journey around the parishes and schools of Cambridge Deanery.

The Cross was created by young people during an all-night vigil to end the Year of Faith at St John the Baptist Cathedral. An atmosphere of quiet prayer was maintained during the vigil and the young people were encouraged to pray before and during painting.

Many of the brush strokes laid onto the Cross were prayers. Through the painted Cross, the

The university chaplain was a Carmelite friar. He was a very prayerful man and took my faith seriously. He was the first person I could talk to about Jesus and though he didn't steer me, he set me on the path to Carmel.

RB: So what is daily life like?

Sr Nicola: There are no frills here. Life is prayer: prayer is life. It's a unique mix of living in community and living in solitude; constantly moving from one to the other. Every day we do the whole Prayer of the Church. We have time with the community, then reading, and then work.

As novice mistress, I am guiding two women. We are reading St Thérèse of Lisieux's writings. There's so much common sense in her advice. She encapsulates what being a Carmelite is about: half measures won't do. In her boldness she knows she will be given everything. It is the act of trust which is challenging.

We come here thinking we will offer ourselves to God but we soon realise we're here because we want what's on offer: exposure to God's love in the most direct way. Carmel is a very radical choice. I know that this is the way to express my faith - the totality and simpleness of the vision. It's not for everyone and it's not better than other ways - but it is a different way.

RB: How do you proclaim God's love to others?

Sr Nicola: We witness that God wants to love us: to pour love into our lives. We are here to channel it to the world; to clear away every possible distraction and stand with open arms and say, "Please do this not just for us

unspoken words and prayers of the young became flesh that night and the end result remains a kind of living - prayer, an offering to God.

Members of the Diocesan Youth Council carried the icon up with the offertory where it was blessed by Bishop Alan at the end of the Mass.

This Icon now becomes a symbol of the New Evangelisation which is being brought to parishes and schools to stand as a living, tangible and visible reminder of the prayers of the young. It is a reminder that we have been sent out into the world, to spread the Gospel and to allow the Eternal Word: Jesus Christ - to become flesh in our lives and in the lives of others.

Although created by young people the Icon is for each one of us. As the Cross goes to spend a

period of time in every parish, each community is invited to spend 40 hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

During this prayer, we pray especially for the work of New Evangelisation in three areas:

1. That the Gospel will be effectively preached in our parish communities and beyond
2. That this in turn will enable people to hear God's voice calling them to service as priests, deacons and religious
3. That the faith of our young people in particular will be strengthened so that they may be powerful witness' to Jesus Christ amongst the difficulties and challenges of our modern world.

More information, including a list of parishes to receive the Youth Cross will be circulated in parish bulletins as it continues its journey through the diocese.



Sr Nicola Di Mino became a Catholic while at university studying biology

but for everybody". People ask: "Why lock yourself away?" and I answer: "Life is so precious I want to offer it for this most amazing thing that God wants to do for us."

St Therese of Lisieux is the patron of missionaries. Although she was based in Carmel, she knew it was for the sake of the world. We are always here. We don't go away. We proclaim the Gospel by our stability.

Many people email us with prayer requests. What is sad is that some people ask us to pray because they don't believe they are good enough to pray themselves. I'm not here because I'm good. I'm here because I believe

it's true. We can offer a compass point. It's up to people to find their way but we can show a way we believe works.

RB: What would you really like to say?

There's nothing special about being a Carmelite. We are real people living a real life. We live together, pray, eat, go to bed. My ordinary life and your ordinary life is where God is. Your ordinary life is holy.

You don't have to do something extraordinary. Don't go looking for holiness, it's right in front of your face. It's where you are now. Just enter into what you've been given.



The Icon Cross was painted by young people, some pictured above, who took part in an all-night vigil of prayer and reflection at St John the Baptist Cathedral as part of a celebration to mark the end of the Year of Faith and the beginning of the New Evangelisation. It will now visit parishes around the Diocese of East Anglia.



Diocesan Schools in Focus

RE group explores spirit in labyrinth

As part of their annual Focus Days the RE Faculty at St John Fisher Catholic High School in Peterborough explored with Year 10 students the theme of 'what does it mean to have a healthy body, mind and soul?'

During the day students experienced the ancient spiritual tradition of a labyrinth - a condensed spiritual journey which enables those taking part to reflect on their own spiritual journey through life.

Students moved through 12 prayer stations, picture below, which helped them



to reflect upon themselves, relationships, the world they live in and The Trinity.

Each student was provided with an i-pod mini which guided them and contained instructions, questions, activities and music to aid their reflection.

Year 10 student Bob Loveridge said: "I really enjoyed the labyrinth and the opportunity it gave me for a period of quiet reflection."

"It made me think about other people and places and their life experience, as well as re-thinking certain things in my own life which I could change for the better and what the future may hold for me."

The school's lay chaplain Luke Turner praised the event and said: "An activity such as this is a great resource in leading students toward a deeper relationship with God as it involves them actively engaging in the journey rather than just talking about it."

The school would like to thank the Peterborough CROPS team for providing and leading them through the experience.



First communion relived at St Francis's

Year 3 children from St Francis of Assisi Primary in Norwich celebrated again making their first communion at a Mass in the school hall celebrated by Fr David Ward, pictured with them above. He nearly caused panic amongst the communicants, the girls dressed in white and the boys in their best clothes, by announcing that he had come to perform weddings. The children soon corrected his mistake! They all enjoyed wearing again the smart outfits from their parish first communion day. Refreshments were kindly provided by parents. The Mass concluded with a final goodbye and thank you to Fr David who has been such a support to the school during his time as chaplain. The children, parents and staff wished him all the very best for his new role as parish priest at Costessey. Thanks also went also went to Fr John Barnes, a chaplain and a regular visitor for many years.

Juliette's story wins bronze award

Year Four pupil Juliette was congratulated by all at St Mary's School in Cambridge for winning third place in the age nine and under category for the annual BBC Radio Two 500 words competition!

Juliette beat thousands of

other aspiring writers to win third prize with her story Should-Be's, now available to listen to and download from the BBC iPlayer narrated by Jaimi Barbakoff.

Benedict Cumberbatch, the actor, announced that Juliette

had won bronze.

She then joined him on stage for an interview before he read Juliette's story to the audience who applauded.

Prize author Juliette, pictured right, received her height in books for her story.



St Felix achieves Gold Standard

St Felix School in Haverhill has recently been celebrating the award of the Gold Standard for the Religious Education Quality Mark and some of the pupils are pictured right.

This is an achievement assessed and awarded by the Religious Education Council of England and Wales and endorsed by the Diocese of East Anglia.

Evidence was presented to demonstrate the breadth of teaching and learning, curriculum provision, subject leadership and professional development across the school.

Children from each Key Stage were interviewed by the assessor and asked for their views on how they were taught RE, whether they



enjoyed their lessons and the effect that their learning in the subject had on their daily lives as Christians and members of a global community.

Clare Robinson, head teacher said: "This award is a wonderful acknowledgement of the importance and excellence of Religious Education in our school."

World Cup benefit for CAFOD

St Louis Catholic Academy in Newmarket celebrated the World Cup by dressing up in team colours and taking part in tournament activities for a small donation to CAFOD to support their work.

The pupils also wanted to highlight that it was the most expensive World Cup ever, costing £8.8 billion. The building of new stadiums for the World Cup led to some people being moved from their homes.

Pupils learned that £8 billion would pay for more than 2m new homes.

Each class was set the challenge of decorating their classroom door with a World Cup theme in just four hours.

This was to show the children how

important it is to plan and implement ideas effectively in order to meet a strict deadline.

Judging was carried out by the head teacher Teresa Selvey and members of the admin team.

Oak Class were the deserving winners.

Opportunities were provided for children to reflect on whether holding the World Cup in Brazil was a good or bad idea.

Overall in one day £622 was raised for CAFOD's work to support families in Brazil and help them learn about their rights, get better housing and boost other basic needs such as electricity and water.



Glasgow rapper enthuses all with Christian lyrics

This year's highlight of our Diocesan Youth Festival Ignite was Mpfree – a rapper from Glasgow who enthused everyone with his mix of hip-hop beats and Christian lyrics.

Young people from all over the Diocese came to Ignite, held at Sacred Heart School in Swaffham, to enjoy Mpfree and much more.

Saturday

The festival started with Matt Dean and his band leading the music in the opening celebration. Matt is an accomplished musician with several albums to his name and led the music at the New Dawn conference for several years.

Hamish MacQueen said: "Then we were treated to the first of three thought provoking sketches by Rise Theatre – a Christian group from Devon.

More praise and worship seamlessly led into exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that set the tone for the rest of the weekend.

"Difficult Norfolk roads meant our Keynote speaker Fiona Mansford, Director of Youth 2000, was delayed so after lunch we went straight into the first of two workshop slots.

"The choices were how we express our faith through music, art or drama.

"After a two hour delay, Fiona arrived to give an outstanding talk on our theme "Go and make disciples".

"Then it was into more workshops – this time the choice being "The living Rosary", CAFOD and relationships."

During this time, those in Years 7 and 8 had their own program of activities tailored to their age.

An acoustic set by up and coming singer songwriter Charley Pinfold was followed by Taizé night prayer, during which the Sacrament of Reconciliation was available.

Then it was time for Mpfree.

Sunday

After morning prayer, Fr Michael Johnstone gave a challenging talk about his work in Jamaica, followed by a talk on the Mass by Fr Luke Goymour.

This was complete with pyrotechnic effects of fire coming out of his hands to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit at consecration!

Sadly, Bishop Alan had the flu and so was unable to be with us but Fr Luke brought the weekend to a climax with a moving and joyful Mass.

Together with a healthy mix of football, basketball, swimming, good food and good company, it was a superb weekend.

One young person summed up by saying:

"It was very great fun, I learnt a lot about my faith and I am now closer to God."

"Sincere thanks to the Sacred Heart Convent School for generously hosting Ignite." Hamish MacQueen



Mpfree, left, Fiona Mansford, above, and some of the young people taking part, above right

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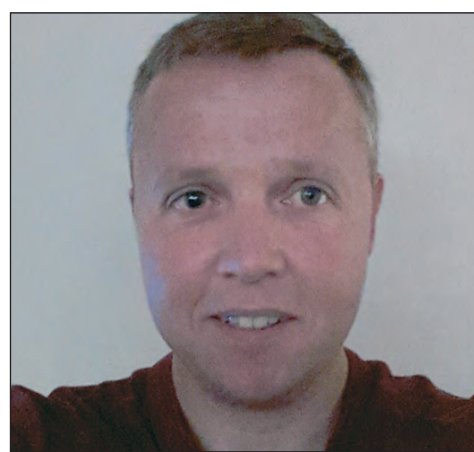
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Matt joining Hamish's team

From September, Matt Rennie, pictured right, will be joining the Diocesan Youth Service as Youth Mission Team Leader. He will be relocating from the Bury St Edmunds area to nearer the Diocesan offices, where he will be based.

Matt previously worked for the Sion Community in Brentwood being part of the UK-wide Mission Team. After moving to Suffolk, he became an active member of the St Edmunds Parish and has been an integral part of the Youth Confirmation Programme for the past two years, as well as a committed volunteer support to the Chaplaincy Team at St Benedict's School.

Matt will be working closely with



the Diocesan Youth Service Director, Hamish MacQueen to plan and develop the new Mission Team starting in the Autumn of 2015.

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We will be launching our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow for World Youth Day 2016 on 12 October

It's for young people age 16 by July 2016

More details will be sent to parishes in September



Married people from across the diocese all came to St John the Baptist Cathedral to celebrate their commitment to each other, their family life and the relationships they have built over many years and those pictured above marked 40 years or more of marriage



Families, friends and children of all ages joined together to celebrate the lives of couples whose marriages took place just a year ago or had lasted five, 10, 20, 30, 35 or more years - a lifelong commitment that Bishop Alan said was a gift



Lasting marriages are a gift that should be treasured - Bishop Alan said Couples celebrate life-long commitment to each other

Couples from all over the diocese celebrated a combined 3,000 years of faithful commitment to each other at this year's annual Marriage and Family Life Mass.

More than 300 people of all ages - couples, families, friends and children - celebrated together at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist on 21 June.

Bishop Alan concelebrated the Mass with Fr John Warrington of St Mary's in Ipswich, supported by the Cathedral and diocesan choirs.

Certificates were presented to couples marking milestone anniversaries and a reception followed in the Narthex that included the cutting and distribution of a celebration cake.

In his homily, Bishop Alan gave a warm welcome to those present, thanking them

During the Mass concelebrated by Bishop Alan and Fr John Warrington, the couples renewed their wedding vows, pictures left.

One family brought the gifts to the altar, picture below left, and after Mass all went into the Narthex main hall for refreshments, below. The choir provided the music, bottom.

all for their fidelity to each other, to Church teaching, and in particular for their witness in a society "in which so much is now disposable, including sadly, even relationships".

He gave a special welcome to the engaged couples present, wishing them every blessing in the time leading up to their wedding and afterwards in their married lives together.

Stressing the importance of marriage in our society, Bishop Alan reminded those present that the Christian family is the first community called to announce the Gospel of Christ.

Speaking to couples about their roles as parents, he reminded them of the promise made at their child's baptism to hand on to them the Gospel.

This presupposes we are evangelised

ourselves: "How can we teach our children to pray and take prayer seriously unless we pray ourselves? Unless we pray with them, as a family," he said.

This evangelisation extends into the marriage itself, since the promises to love for better for worse, for richer for poorer; in sickness and in health "demonstrate in practical fashion to your other half what St John the Evangelist meant when he said 'God is love'".

In closing, Bishop Alan reminded the couples that their spouse was not just their choice 25, 40 or 60 years ago, but a gift from God that is given anew every day.

He urged them to "continue to treasure that gift. Continue to treasure each other, and may you see many more happy and fruitful years together".



John and Betty Stubbs from St Mark's parish in Ipswich who have been married for 62 years cut the celebration cake with Bishop Alan. The former publicans from Essex had moved to the diocese after spotting a retirement home in the town.

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The Duckett Library's collection of books is growing fast

Library collection grows but volunteers needed

The Duckett Library collection at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist continues to grow, with over 4,500 titles now available to browse on-line.

To access the searchable catalogue go via the Cathedral website.

The team of librarians is cataloguing a great number of books that belonged to Bishop Michael Evans and donated in his memory.

The library is also receiving other new books.

"The majority of our books are available for members to borrow – very few are reference only!

"We would love to extend the opening hours – but to do this we need more volunteers," Angela Thomas said.

"A love of books and the ability to use a computer for simple tasks are all that is needed – and a bit of spare time.

"Some of our volunteers are able to help once a week, others less frequently.

"We particularly need extra help during Heritage Open Days (11-14 September), when we are aiming to remain open from 10.30am until 5pm."

Membership of the library is available to anyone, for a modest annual subscription.

"Arrangements can be made for issue and return of books outside of usual opening hours, so if a look at the catalogue inspires, please consider joining – we look forward to welcoming you," Angela said.

New future for the Narthex

A new future is being mapped out for the Cathedral Narthex as it passes its fourth anniversary. A new business plan has been set out and an action plan implemented to boost income.

The original business plan for the Heritage Lottery Fund had not met its financial targets and the Narthex was incurring an increasing annual loss.

A working party was set up by the Diocesan Trustees including representatives of the Diocesan Finance Board, Friends of the Cathedral, existing management Trust and the Dean.

They recommended that a new charitable trust should be formed with the capacity to trade commercially.

The new Cathedral of St John The Baptist Trust (CSJBT), with trustees drawn from the Diocese, Friends and the Cathedral Parish established and took over responsibility for the Cathedral Complex on 1 July 2013. After a few months the Diocesan Trustees commissioned a Strategic Review which proposed operational changes to the business model. These were unanimously accepted by the Diocesan Finance Board and

carried by majority (8-1) at the CSJB Trust meeting. After a full consultation with the staff, the CSJB trustees unanimously agreed to implement the action plan resulting from the business review. Recommendations are now being implemented and the Narthex is set to be relaunched.

Moira Goldstaub, chairman of the CSJB Trust said: "Sadly some individual members of staff decided to take this as an appropriate moment to move on.

"Happily the remaining staff are working hard to improve the services and atmosphere we have all come to enjoy and rely on and new staff are in place or being recruited.

"Already there are signs that the changes so far are producing favourable results, and the Narthex looks as though it might actually have made a profit in June, which is good news for all the Diocese!"

Local dignitaries, members of the business community, media and other potential clients have been invited to visit the Narthex and its garden and see for themselves a "Hidden Gem" and also to visit Norwich's "other Cathedral" on 11 September .

Setting out stall at Forum

The cathedral took part for the first time in an annual ecumenical exhibition held at the Forum in Norwich in June.

The exhibition brings together a wide variety of Christian organisations.

"St John the Baptist parish took part for the first time this year. The aim was to spread the word about who we are and what we do," Angela Thomas said.

"This included participation by CAFOD, the Justice and Peace Group and St Vincent de Paul members as well as the Cathedral Embroiderers.

"Samples of Cathedral products from the Narthex shop

were on sale and leaflets on all our activities were handed out.

"The exhibition certainly helped to raise awareness of our beautiful Cathedral in the wider community, with a lot of people stopping for a chat and taking away leaflets on the Cathedral – and particularly Tower Tours!

"Many commented that they had lived in the area for years and never visited so we hope they will now feel welcome to drop in – especially during the Heritage Open Days from 11-14 September.

"Perhaps next year we can book double the space and make it a 'Diocese of East Anglia' stand," she said.



Thanks to everyone who sends in material but please give documents a descriptive name.

The newspaper is now on the web and can be accessed from the diocesan site. But please remember when sending photographs of children to make parents aware they may be used in the newspaper and on the website.

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News from communities and parishes around the Diocese

Ivor goes extra miles on Camino

A very good friend of the parish in March has raised over £1,100 for the redevelopment of the church hall.

Ivor Clarke walked 550 miles of the Camino de Compostela pilgrimage trail in Spain and continued his journey for another 40 miles to wash in the sea at Finistere.

Rebecca Bretherton, from the parish, said: "He trained for his walk by walking from March to Chatteris every day.

"Those who know the flat Fens will know that this is not exactly the same terrain as mountainous northern Spain!"

Ivor took a small guide book and a 2.5kg rucksack and walked all the way in a favourite pair of cheap sandals. He completed the walk in 27 days, finishing a week earlier than expected.

The parish followed his progress on a large map in the church porch

and by regular updates at Mass.

"Ivor walked through dreadful rain and mud and completed an amazing average distance of 24 miles a day," Rebecca said.

"When he arrived in Santiago de Compostela, he attended the Pilgrim's Mass in the Basilica and lit a candle for the parishioners.

"Many people finish their walk at Santiago but that was not enough for Ivor.

"He walked a further 70kms to Finistere where pilgrims traditionally shed their clothes and wash in the sea as a sign of being cleansed."

On his return home Ivor said: "I'm not a churchgoer but it was a spiritual journey. It was a challenge and a very enjoyable one."

He became a local celebrity when his local newspaper the Cambs Times featured his adventures on the front page.



Ivor Clarke at Santiago de Compostela

Parish party raised £1,700

The annual garden party at St George's in Norwich raised more than £1,700 and three charities will benefit.

Money will go to Star Throwers who fund a team of doctors, nurses, therapists, counsellors and volunteers who support cancer patients and their carers across the UK from a base at Wymondham in Norfolk.

The parish SVP will also benefit and many people who attended the

garden party brought cans of soup for the Norwich Soup Movement which aims to feed, clothe and offer assistance to those in need.

Fr Sean Connolly said: "The Movement is willing to offer help to anyone, from the elderly to the young, asylum seekers and refugees and those who simply can't make ends meet, from those who are drug or alcohol dependent to those who find themselves with nowhere to live."

Golden wedding celebrated



Anne and Edmund Smitheram celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 25 July and after Sunday Mass at the Holy Family Church in Brantham, Fr Christopher Smith presented them with a Papal Blessing.

Teacher took pain for gain

Students at St Alban's High in Ipswich organised a World Cup fete which raised £808.

The aim was to increase awareness of the countries involved, raise money for the Woolverstone Wish Appeal linked to Ipswich Hospital and have some fun.

The fete attracted 32 stalls hosting a combination of games, food, arts and crafts, so there was plenty on offer to keep the 750 children occupied.

A 5-a-side football competition and a Brazilian samba band spiced up the atmosphere.

The Friends of St Alban's got involved with their own stall selling a variety of cakes and scones.

The children really created a relaxed carnival atmosphere and the event was enjoyed by all involved. Mr Tournay-Godfrey, pictured



above, agreed to have wet sponges thrown at him for over an hour to raise money for such a worthwhile cause. In total £808.21 was raised.

The event was such a success that it has now been suggested by the sixth form council to hold a Christmas market and another summer fete.

Students send bear to space

Pupils at St Alban's Primary in Cambridge recently sent their school bear to the edge of space.

The students are learning to code computers as part of the new curriculum and the school's Code Club decided to send Alban the bear 20 miles (34km) into the stratosphere in a balloon filled with hydrogen.

This was achieved with the help of Enriched.it and Dave Akerman, an expert in this field.

The Code Club uses Raspberry Pi computers to understand the code language Python which also helps NASA to launch their rockets.

They also looked at internet sites and tracked various balloons across Britain and Europe.

For their mission the children were divided into a Control section at the school and a Launch/Chase team which involved three cars travelling around the country.

The launch site for two balloons was at Ross on Wye - one was a "floater" or test balloon and would be allowed to travel across the Atlantic whereas the second balloon, with Alban aboard, was programmed to burst as soon as it reached 20 miles (34km) altitude in the stratosphere.

Alban was attached to a payload of a Raspberry Pi computer, sensors, cameras and a GPS to record the whole adventure and to identify where he was to land.

Each chase car was being tracked from Mission Control and was given instructions to travel to locations where Alban was predicted to land.

When Alban eventually landed the three chase cars converged to the point and found him hanging from a tree in a field outside Crewe.

The children had loads of fun and the whole experience brought coding alive in the school. The school is now inviting all children to become Code Clubbers and has established three levels of achievement; Code Clubber, Code Cracker and Code Guru.

Children will have the opportunity to be assessed at all levels from next year on and it will be their task to create an exciting project.



News from communities and parishes around the Diocese

Church design ahead of its time



The central altar at St Peter's has been introduced to many new churches since the Second Vatican Council

The only church designed by Eric Gill, the stone-carver, type designer, speaker and writer has just celebrated its 75th anniversary.

St Peter's in Gorleston set aside 13 June as a special day for the parish and the designer of their church - Eric Gill, who died the year after the church opened. He designed it with a central altar, a feature which he had been writing about for years.

Bill Howell, from the parish, said Eric Gill had insisted the altar be brought back again into the middle of our churches and surrounded by the people because "a church exists firstly and chiefly as a canopy over an altar".

Since the Second Vatican Council many churches have brought the altar forward into the centre.

The 75th anniversary celebrations began with Mass, celebrated by Fr Michael Rear, currently priest-in-charge, then the church was open to the public for a festival of flowers - not arranged under headings, but a colourful profusion everywhere.

"Not a single flower had to be bought by the lady arrangers, all were provided by the parishioners," Bill Howell said.

Celebrations continued into the evening with a parish dinner in the hall, prepared and served under the supervision of Tommy and Barbara Clark.

Guests included Fr Henry MacCarthy, recently retired from St Peter's, Fr John Broadley, who edited a new book about Eric Gill, and Andrew Derrick who wrote a chapter about St Peter's.

Brothers team up as servers



St Pancras in Ipswich are grateful for two families whose sons make up two teams of altar servers. Parish priest Fr Francis Leeder has two sets of three brothers alongside him on the altar for Mass every Sunday. They are, pictured above with Fr Francis, Samuel, Nathan and David Urdzik (left) and Thomas, Alastair and Theodore Ward (right).

Couple shared journey into faith and sacraments

A couple who married recently at St Joseph's church in Sheringham had shared a journey into faith. Groom Samuel Lidgley, an osteopath, received three sacraments with his bride Frances Wright, a ceramicist, as his sponsor. They met each other aged 17, they are now both aged 24.

Samuel said: "It's been beautiful and extremely fitting how Frances has been so involved in four events or a sequence of rites and ceremonies."

Frances was his sponsor at the Rite of Election and his baptism at the Easter Vigil and they were both confirmed by Bishop Alan at Pentecost in Walsingham two weeks before their wedding.

Samuel said: "Understanding marriage as a sacrament and covenant, which establish between husband and wife a 'perpetual and exclusive bond' in which they 'mutually hand over and accept each



other', has greatly enriched my appreciation of this special union that is sacred in the plan of God.

"Having recently graduated as an osteopath my instruction of the faith has been a profound, enriching and transformative experience and hasn't conflicted or contradicted my medico-scientific education. We both look forward to spending our lives together and growing further in the faith."

BUILDING BRIDGES in The Holy Land

Bishop Alan writes about his visit to the holy places and his welcome by a holy people

One of the many joys in being appointed to East Anglia as bishop was to discover that the Diocese was twinned with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the Diocese of the Holy Land; having heard about the generous support we offer to the Catholic church in that part of the world, it was with great expectation I set off to visit our twin Diocese this June in the company of Fr Paul Maddison.

Over the last 13 years, since the initiative was set up by Bishop Michael Evans, not only have the people of East Anglia provided significant financial support for various projects, but many have visited on pilgrimage and as well as seeing the holy sites, have also spent time with the parish communities who keep the faith alive in that part of the world. Indeed Pilgrimage People, the charity set up by Fr Paul with the encouragement and support of the Diocese, has taken over 2,300 people on pilgrimage in explicit support of the Church in the Holy Land.

Our short visit began with the celebration of Sunday Mass at the town of Beit Sahour located close by Bethlehem. Here the lively and vibrant parish gathered for Mass in a beautiful church and gave us such a wonderful welcome. After Mass we heard first hand how difficult it is to be a Christian in this part of the world and also how much the support from our Diocese makes a difference. That evening we joined the seminarians for Exposition and Benediction at the Seminary in Beit Jala followed by supper. It was so encouraging to see 23 students for the priesthood so obviously full of joy at the prospect of service to Christ and his people in circumstances very different from our own.

The following day we celebrated Mass in the cave where Christ was born, at the same altar used by Pope Paul VI during his historic visit to the Holy Land in 1964. Our next visit was to Bethlehem University where the De La Salle community engage in outstanding work in educating both Christian and Moslem students in an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual understanding.



Fr Paul Maddison, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Fouad Boutros Ibrahim Twal and Bishop Alan

After a light lunch we visited one of the refugee camps near Bethlehem where funds generated by Pilgrimage People have been used to fund a much needed play park for the children in this overcrowded and poorly maintained camp. Our final stop of the day was a return to Beit Sahour to visit "Tunes for Peace" a second project supported by Pilgrimage People, where over 70 children are given the chance to learn a musical instrument and to perform together. We enjoyed a very lively and excellent concert from a number of the musicians. That evening at dinner, we met with Bishop William Shomali, one of the auxiliary bishops, to discuss how we could continue and strengthen our support for the Latin Patriarchate.

Next morning we began the day with a visit to the Holy Family Crèche in Bethlehem run by the Sisters of St Vincent de Paul; over 35 orphans are cared for here with an additional 40 children who come for day care support. It was truly moving to think that without this generous work by the sisters and their staff, many of these children would be left with no support or assistance. We then were welcomed by the Holy Land Trust who provided us with a very useful



Bishop Alan with the children learning musical instruments as 'Tunes for Peace' at Beit Sahour

insight into the particular problems of Bethlehem in respect of the continuing political conflict in the region. After lunch we celebrated a very prayerful Mass in the crypt of St Anne's church in Jerusalem, the birth place of the Virgin Mary.

We then walked the way of the cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, praying and contemplating on the Passion of Our Lord and the continuing suffering in our world. I held the people of the Diocese very much in my prayers during this time. Our day concluded with a visit to the new youth centre in the parish of Beit Hanina on the edge of Jerusalem; magnificent facilities greeted us with football pitches, basketball courts and a spacious hall. Five-a-side football was in progress and despite several suggestions from Fr Paul, I remained on the touch line! We enjoyed a wonderful meal cooked by the young people and lots of laughter around the table.

The next morning we celebrated early Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, close to the place of the crucifixion and resurrection; the atmosphere of the place before it is filled with tourists was memorable. A meeting with the Patriarch followed at which we discussed the situation for the Catholic community in the Holy Land, some of the challenges they faced and how we could continue to offer practical and focussed support.

We then drove to the small village of Taybeh in the West Bank where we met both the Latin and the Melkite priests in order to see the refurbishment work being carried out at the Elderly People's home in the village. The majority of older people are cared for in their own homes by extended family, but for a few who have no remaining members of their family the church has set up a care home where they can be looked after.

Again, surplus funds from pilgrimages and donations have been directed here to assist in the upgrading and enhancement work. After a wonderful lunch in the village we returned to Jerusalem for a rest and a relaxing evening at our hotel.

Our final day in the Holy Land was the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and we were invited by the Patriarch to join him for the procession through the streets from the Patriarchate to the Holy Sepulchre for Mass. This was the first time that I have been accompanied by Satraps as we walked through the old city and entered to the church accompanied by the thundering of the organ. The Mass was beautiful and a most fitting end to our few days in the Holy Land.

It was very apparent that the Diocese of East Anglia is held in very high regard among the Christian community in the Holy Land, as is the wonderful work of Pilgrimage People led by Fr Paul Maddison. People came up to us in the street to express their thanks, everywhere we went the words were of thanks for not only financial assistance but for the presence of pilgrims who recognise and visit the indigenous Christian community in the land of Christ.

Having spent only a few days in the Holy Land as bishop of our Diocese, I can certainly say that "joy" is the only word I can use to express my own delight in what our Diocese continues to do in this challenging part of the world



Tunes for Peace at Beit Sahour

CAN YOU HELP?

Our two 'Building Bridges' projects this year are renovating the Taybeh Old People's Centre in the Holy Land and a new formation centre for children, youth groups and adults at Battambang in Cambodia.

Would you like to support these projects? Cheques should be made payable to the 'RC Diocese of East Anglia'.

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Antony Mbandi under the giant wind turbine

Plea to lobby politicians on climate change

CAFOD is asking everyone in the diocese to write to MPs and politicians requesting them to take the issue of climate change more seriously.

The campaign began with a visit by Antony Mbandi, director of CAFOD charity partner Caritas Kitui in Kenya, to the giant wind turbine in Swaffham which is a symbol of the power that renewable energy could bring.

He spoke to supporters at The Green Britain Centre and told them about the link between climate change and poverty. He said shifting seasons as well as unpredictable rain was destroying harvests and increasing hunger and

poverty especially in Africa

Green energy projects in Kitui are transforming people's lives, he said.

"We are getting more and more frequent floods and sometimes the rains just don't come at all. We are trying to do all we can to make people more resilient by helping to fight against the destruction of climate change."

Anthony campaigns for projects such as subsurface dams to collect rain water.

Dr Clare Enright, research fellow at the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research based at the University of East Anglia, said: "It is so important that we increase our understanding of the links

between climate change and poverty of people living in the world's most vulnerable areas.

"I am delighted that CAFOD is highlighting the interconnections with a major campaign."

CAFOD's manager for East Anglia, Stephen Matthews, said: "We were privileged to have Antony in Swaffham to give us a clear idea of how climate change is affecting efforts to reduce poverty and to start a discussion about what people in East Anglia can do to prevent climate change increasingly impacting the UK and pushing people overseas deeper into poverty."

Fr Noel Wynn returns as temporary director of Walsingham Shrine

Fr Noel Wynn has returned to the Walsingham Shrine as interim director after Fr Alan Williams was elected Bishop of Brentwood.

He will look after the running of the popular pilgrimage centre until December when a new director is expected to be appointed.

Ann Milton who retired as a pilgrimage coordinator earlier this year attended the ordination of Bishop Alan Williams and said: "Some of us were attending our second installation of a Bishop within a year. This time it was a journey to Brentwood for the Episcopal Ordination of another Bishop Alan. "Cardinal Vincent Nichols ordained the Walsingham Shrine Director, Fr Alan Williams SM, as the 7th Bishop of Brentwood.

"This took place in the presence of the Papal Nuncio, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, many of the archbishops and bishops of England and Wales plus many priests and



Fr Noel Wynn - temporary director deacons from the dioceses of Brentwood, East Anglia, other dioceses and many of the Marist Clergy from the European Province.

"His predecessor Bishop Thomas McMahon who had been Bishop since 1980, and Bishop Tom Burns SM were the co-consecrators.

"At the end of the service, those of us who know him from his role as shrine director realised Bishop Williams had not lost of his sense of

humour, when he said it had always puzzled him - how can bishops wear two hats - a cap and a mitre - and get away with it?

"He said when he had them fitted in Rome it all seemed fine but when it comes to getting off the cap and the mitre they explode.

"He also said he expected the clergy to have clubbed together to buy him L-plates - I need them.

Walsingham also has a new feature

on the internet - a virtual tour of the shrine on Google's Business View.

Paul Brittain of Online Web Marketing put the tour together covering the Shrine, Rosary garden and the grounds.

He said: "See the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham inside the Slipper Chapel, admire the mosaic in the Holy Spirit Chapel or 'stand' before the beautiful etched windows of the Chapel of Reconciliation."



Andrew Sonne has been awarded a Silver Medal of Merit for distinguished service from the Guild of St Stephen for altar servers. Andrew has given 32 years of dedicated service to his parish of The Sacred Heart and St Oswald in Peterborough. Andrew is pictured with his brothers Peter and Christopher, and his niece Laura.