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Restoration project at St Chad's Cathedral, vote for KYT and find out more about contactless donations



Support Stations of the Cross project

An intricate restoration project to return the Stations of the Cross to their former glory at our Diocesan Mother Church, St Chad's Cathedral, is now underway.

It is hoped that donations will be secured to restore all 14 Stations over the months ahead.

Individuals, families and Catholic organisations are all invited to consider contributing to the restoration project.

[Support the project](#)



Information sessions for churches new to contactless donations

As more of our churches consider moving to contactless donations parish finance representatives are invited to join an online event to find out more.

Dona, a company supporting several of our churches with a contactless system, are hosting two information sessions via Zoom.

Monday 15 November, 7pm - 8pm

Thursday 25 November, 10 - 11am

Book your place



36 hours locked in a priest hide to raise Hall funds

Would you be brave enough to spend 36 hours in a priest hide?

Hall Manager Phil Downing will be locked into one of Harvington Hall's seven ingenious priest hides on the 29 November to help raise money for repairs to the Hall's bridges.

Having received a £117,000 grant, the Hall just needs another £30,000 to complete the work.

Harvington Fundraiser



Women in Scripture new episode

This month's Women in Scripture podcast is all about Martha.

Natalie Orefice, Advisor for Parish Evangelisation, asks parish catechist Barbara Davies to find out why she chose to speak about Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus.

The monthly podcast is available on Spotify, iTunes and Soundcloud and is part of the God Who Speaks initiative, helping to deepen our faith and love of the scriptures.

Women in Scripture Podcast



There's still time to vote for KYT to win a share of £1m

The Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) is in the running to win a share of a £1million Persimmon Homes Building Futures fund aimed at supporting under-18s across the UK, but first they need online votes to win.

Persimmon Homes West Midlands is backing KYT to be a prize winner at a special event later this year, where cash awards of £100,000, £50,000 or £20,000 will be made to those with the most online votes.

Online voting **runs until midnight on November 19.**

Vote for KYT



Synod 2023: Sign up today for information session two!

Over 200 people attended the first online information session to find out more about #Synod2023 and how to get involved.

All are invited to join us next Monday night on Zoom for the second session.

Monday 15 November at 7.30pm with Dr Mary McCaughey

Email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk to book your free place.

Join the Synod journey



Traces of Him: Moments of Encounter

Saturday 20 November, 2pm-4pm

You are warmly invited to join the Carmelite Friars, and Cardinal Anders Arborelius, online for a reflective afternoon of spiritual nourishment and prayer.

Together, we will gently behold images (received and shared by members of our Carmelite family and Friends-in-Carmel) that speak of everyday moments of encounter with Him.

Register for Moments of Encounter



Virtual Open Days at Maryvale Institute

Aiming to provide you with the knowledge, confidence and skills to make informed choices about your future learning and career.

Join an online session to gain an insight into Maryvale Institute.

Wednesday 24 November at 1pm (London Time)
Open Day: BA (Hons) Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition

Friday 26 November at 1pm (London Time)
Open Day: The Master of Arts in Catholic Applied Theology

Sign up to Open Day

Two job opportunities

Father Hudson's Care (FHC) is looking for an enthusiastic Funding Officer to join their busy



Community Projects Department and a supervising Social Worker.

Fr Hudson's is the social care agency of the Archdiocese.

Job Opportunities

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Sat 13 Nov: [Alpha online - Come & See sessions](#)

Mon 15 Nov: [Synod 2nd Online Information Session](#)

Mon 15 Nov: [The Beatitudes Advent and New Beginnings Online Course](#)

Mon 15 Nov: [Churches new to contactless donations - information session 1](#)

Tues 16 Nov: [In conversation -The common good and the role of the Government](#)

Wed 17 Nov: [CAFOD event: What did COP26 achieve?](#)

Thu 18 Nov: [Less is more: Prioritising Evangelisation in the Parish](#)

Tues 23 Nov: [Modern slavery in fishing - online panel discussion](#)

Wed 24 Nov: [Maryvale Institute, Virtual Open Day 1](#)

Starts Wed 24 Nov for five Wednesdays: [Advent Bible Studies](#)

Thurs 25 Nov: [Churches new to contactless donations - information session 2](#)

Fri 26 Nov: [Latin for beginners](#)

Fri 26 Nov: [Maryvale Institute, Virtual Open Day 2](#)

Tue 30 Nov: [CAFOD event: Laudato Si Action Platform and livesimply](#)

Thurs 2 Dec: [Organ Recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

Sat 4 Dec: [Training and Formation for Ministers to the Liturgy - Leaders of Prayer](#)

Tues 7 and Sat 11 Dec: [Alpha online - Come and See sessions](#)

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Supporting your parish

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic.

Parishes still greatly need your support.

We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

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Live Masses online

Live streaming of Masses continues at St Chad's Cathedral.

If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

Online Masses at St Chad's



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