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Priest hide challenge, Diocesan handbook for the Synod, *The Sower* magazine, Honouring Sunday, Advent is here



Challenge starts on Monday! 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 Monday 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.

Phil will be updating on his incarceration via livestream on the Harvington Hall Facebook page.

[Harvington Fundraiser](#)

Diocesan handbook on the Synod

A guide to help kickstart conversations on the Synod in your parishes and communities is now available to download from our website.

The 'Walking Together' handbook is a step-by-step guide of what to do as parish meetings start to take place.



You can also watch back the last three talks held online with guest speakers Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, Dr Mary McCaughey and Fr Jan Nowotnik.

[Join the Synod journey](#)



Out now! Advent edition of *The Sower* magazine

Pick up your latest copy of the free diocesan magazine, *The Sower*, in parishes this weekend.

Featuring people and places from across the Archdiocese.

An e-version of the magazine is also available to download from the website.

[The Sower](#)



Honouring Sunday

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have recently issued a statement about the importance of honouring Sunday.

All Catholics are encouraged to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays.

[Full statement: Honouring Sunday](#)



Advent Synodal Pathway Reflections

You are invited to sign up to our daily Advent emails which we hope will help you to understand, to pray into, and reflect on the Synod that Pope Francis has called us to participate in.

Each daily email from 12-26 December will be made up of a short excerpt on the Synod, followed by questions and prayers to encourage you to listen to the Holy Spirit's voice in your life and in the life of the Church.

Each reflection should take no more than 5 minutes, but we suggest that you have a pen and paper handy to make notes on your thoughts and prayers for each day.

[Sign up now](#)



Advent is here

Advent is a time of preparation and joyful expectation.

As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect.

Please make use of Advent resources now available on our website.

Advent



Jobs at Father Hudson's Care

The charity is currently advertising for a Finance Manager and a Senior Administrative Assistant. Do you have what it takes?

Jobs

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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 Dec: [Advent Evening of Renewal](#)

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

Mon 13 Dec: [Divine Renovation webinar - I See in You](#)

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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.

Support your Parish



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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It's great to see information coming into us which we can share with others, please keep it coming!

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