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For the first time, Pope Francis has published in advance his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is celebrated every September 1.

It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, an ecumenical period that unites Christians to pray and take action for our common home.

We provide the full speech, and a summary by the Laudato Si' movement on the Diocesan website.

[Pope Francis Season of Creation](#)



Invite from Youth 2000 - Summer Festival

Are you wanting to explore faith, improve your relationship with Jesus, and make loads of new friends at the same time?

The Catholic young adults' charity, Youth 2000, are preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the entire Bank Holiday weekend (Fri 26 - Mon 29 August) at Ampleforth College, York

[Youth 2000 Summer Festival](#)



SVP Training - Join the Movement

Do you feel called to reach out to people in need in your community?

For nearly two centuries the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has been seeking and finding those in need and responding in love. Today, the SVP in England and Wales represents almost 10,000 members across around 1,000 groups. It is rare for one corner of the SVP to encounter a need which has not also been seen and responded to by our members.

Join the movement

This autumn you can take part in a range of free online taster sessions, including: 'community formation', 'support with fuel poverty', 'end of life companionship', 'offender care', 'care for young families', and 'support for refugees and migrants'.

To discover more click the button below or email your interest to discover@svp.org.uk
If you are aware of a need, please contact SVP at request@svp.org.uk

[Discover More](#)



The National Deacon Assembly

2-4 September, Liverpool Hope University

The theme for the 2022 National Deacon Assembly is '50 years and counting. Permanent Diaconate – past, present....future'.

The Assembly is open to Deacons, Diaconal aspirants, men in formation, wives, all clergy, in fact anyone who is interested in the Permanent Diaconate.

It marks the renewal of the permanent diaconate as an active, permanent order of ministry and looks forward in a changing world to how the diaconate will continue to be "a driving force for the Church's service or diakonia toward the local Christian communities and a sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ Himself" (Paul VI, Apostolic Letter Ad Pascendum, Introduction).

[Deacon Assembly](#)



Job Opportunity- Chaplain, HMP

Featherstone

HMP Featherstone in Wolverhampton is seeking a full time Catholic chaplain.

The job holder will provide for the religious care of prisoners and staff in the Roman Catholic faith tradition including (for ordained priests) sacramental provision, and appropriate pastoral care for all irrespective of faith or tradition.

[Jobs Page](#)



Friends of the Holy Land International Day of Peace, Coventry Cathedral

Friends of the Holy Land invite you to an Ecumenical Service on United Nations International Day of Peace Wednesday 21st September at 5.15 pm.

The Service will be led by Coventry Cathedral Choir and attended by the Bishop of Coventry, the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Bernard Longley.

FHL UN International Day of Peace



What's next after Alpha?

Thursday 22nd September 2022, 7PM

Priests and parish leaders want their Alpha participants to become and grow as disciples. The problem is that, building the next step of discipleship in your parish can be complex: do we have sufficient leaders? what model works best? when do we start?

This is why Divine Renovation is inviting you to *What's next after Alpha?*, an event where you will learn how to walk with people beyond Alpha, hear about the models that others have developed in their parishes, and be inspired with new ideas to keep moving your parish's mission forward.

What's after Alpha?



Free Organ Recitals every Thursday in August

FREE 40 minute Live Organ Recitals are at 1.15pm in St Chad's Cathedral every Thursday during August.

For the duration of the Commonwealth Games, Birmingham City Council has lit up significant buildings including St Chad's. The Cathedral now has extended opening hours: It is open 9.30 to 3.30 Monday to Friday and from 11am on Saturday.

Organ Recitals

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Thu 4 - Sun 7 Aug: [Catholicism & Contemporary Culture](#)

Sun 14 Aug: [Aid to the Church in Need Assumption Pilgrimage](#)

Fri 19 Aug: ['Encounter' Weekend- Summer Residential Conference](#)

Fri 26 - Mon 29 Aug: [Youth 2000 Sumer Festival](#)

Fri 26 - Mon 29 Aug: [Summer Course: The Search for Happiness](#)

Thu 1 Sep: [World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation](#)

Fri 2 - Sun 4 Sep: [National Deacon Assembly](#)

Sun 4 Sep: [Harvington Pilgrimage](#)

Fri 9 Sep: [YouCAN on Fire! Conference](#)

Sat 10 Sep: [Refrehsher Day for Parish Liturgical Ministers](#)

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

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.

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