

2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT

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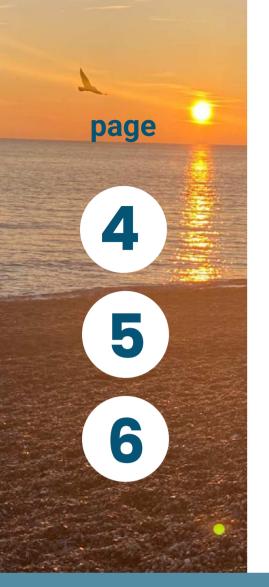
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to see our world transformed for the better



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Chichester Diocese has called 2025 the 'Year of Faith'.

This isn't because we are a faithless diocese for the rest of the time (!) but because this year marks 950 years of Chichester Diocese, since our cathedral moved from Selsey to Chichester, and also 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea which gave rise to the Nicene Creed with which we proclaim our faith. A year of faith is a celebration of the faith that has been lived out in our Diocese and beyond for the past 950 years, but it's also a reminder...a reminder that faith endures.

And it really matters.

What has held us, as a church, through some heart wrenching periods of time this last year? What has meant that we can grieve together, shed tears together, support each other and still worship and say blessed be his name? It's our faith in the God who walked the road of suffering, who felt abandoned, who spread his arms of love on the cross and died, and yet rose.

During one funeral this year we heard these words read:

'Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.' - 1 Thesalonians 4:13 & 14



This is what we believe. This is our faith



OUR VISION

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." - Matthew 22:37-40

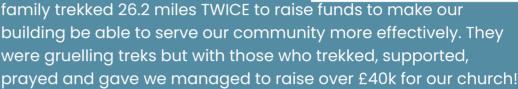


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JUST SOME OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING...

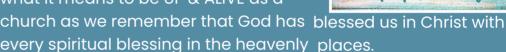
The Great MARATHON TREK, 2025!

in 2024 & 2025 a group of the church





We studied Ephesians & thought about what it means to be UP & ALIVE as a church as we remember that God has





DIOCESAN MAY YOUTH CAMP

We took a group of 19 young people from our youth group to the Diocesan May Camp at Plumpton Racecourse. It was an amazing and exhausting long weekend with all sorts of activities, seminars, teaching and worship. It is a privilege each year to see our young people grow in their

faith and to get excited about serving God in their contexts. We're looking forward to next year!

YOUTH BAND

This year has seen the formation and growth of a fantastic youth band at St. Andrew's. Led by our committed music team they have really grown in skill, confidence and passion and having led the worship times at church once or twice they went on to lead worship at a city-wide youth event called The Gathering at Bishop Hannington.

Pray that God would continue to use them!



CHRISTMAS & EASTER @ ST. ANDREW'S We celebrated the Comfort & Joy that the

gospel brings this year at Christmas...not being comfortable, as so many places in our world aren't, but the comfort that is found in the hope of Jesus.

Easter saw us, again, welcoming many people into the church to worship, to celebrate and perhaps even to hear of that hope for the first time.

the first time.

Do pray seeds that

were sown won't return

empty but will grow!



THE Gospel IN Life



Building Project

We have had delays and set backs along the way, but 2024/2025 has marked us completing the in-depth faculty submission & meeting with lots of heritage groups to defend our project. We are expecting the final response to our faculty application in May/June 2025.

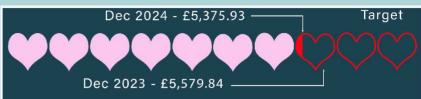
This is the last stage before we can begin work...all that will remain is for the rest of the funds to come in.

We have spent £57,706 this year our re-ordering fund to bring the project to this stage (RIBA stage 4).

In God's goodness, and with huge effort from the team, we were awarded a £42k grant from the C of E NetZero 30 scheme. Along with £40k of fundraising from two Marathon Treks this funded us completing the green energy section of our project (solar panels and ASHPs)

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Church Family Giving
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To all our church family who, with prayer, generosity and a commitment to serving God, give towards the ministry at St. Andrew's...

THANK YOU!

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and choose the option for the
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of our target for the whole project of £900,000 PRAISE GOD

& please keep praying!







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