



Black History in Church Spaces

"Celebrating the stories, faith, witness and history of Black people within the Church and Anglican Communion."

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPENING EXHIBITION Featured Stories & Exhibits

📍 St Luke's Church, Prestonville, Brighton 🕒 Saturday 3 October 2026 🗓️ 2:00 PM

The SS Mendi

Commemorated at St John the Evangelist Church, Newtimber

Roque Ferdinand

Commemorated at St Mary Magdalene Church, Madehurst

Project Spire

The Church of England's fund for healing, justice, and repair

Olaudah Equiano

Abolitionist, writer, & prominent voice in the struggle against the transatlantic slave trade

The Uganda Martyrs

Remembering their faith, courage, witness, and enduring legacy

Keynote Speaker

kwesi Ochosi

Project Coordinator & Archivist Lambeth Palace Library

Special Guest Poet

Marie-Paul Duwai-Sowa
Poet & Artist

Programme Speakers

Vitalis Manjong Ngwambi

Diocesan Racial Justice Co-ordinator

Flo Sparham

Anti-Racist Education Strategy Co-Lead Brighton & Hove City Council

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CLOSING SERVICE

📍 St Mary's Church, Slindon 🕒 Sunday 25 October 2026 🗓️ 11:00 AM

Worship • Remembrance • Celebration

Commemorating Roque Ferdinand, one of the few surviving 18th-century memorials to a Black man in a Sussex parish church.

Speakers

Professor Alan Lester
University of Sussex

Vitalis Ngwambi
Diocesan Racial Justice Co-ordinator

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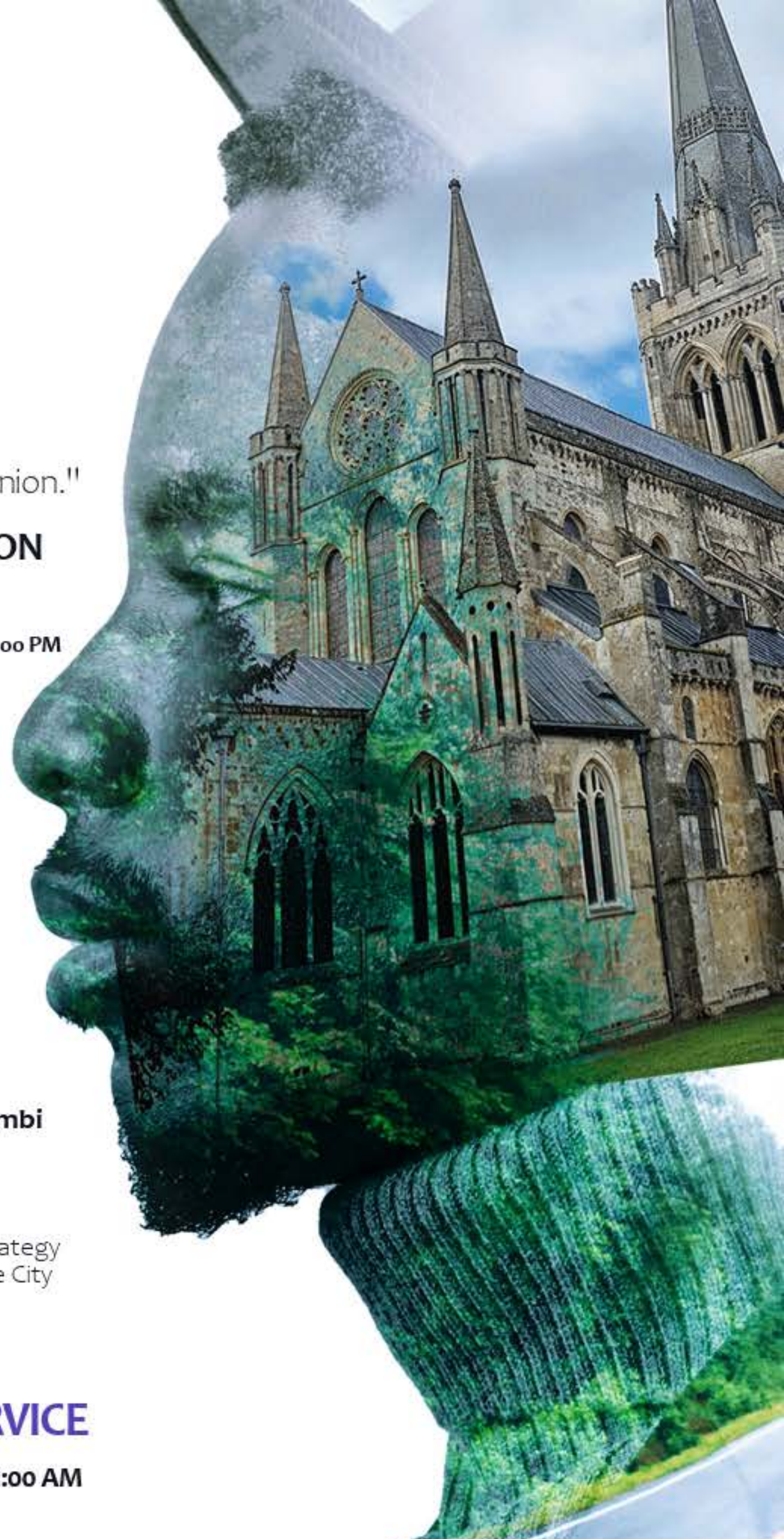
Alysia-Lara

Interim Deputy Director for Racial Justice Church of England

3:00PM

Roque Ferdinand Memorial Interpretation Installation.

St Mary Magdalene Church, Madehurst.



Black History Month



A time to honor the spiritual heritage, leadership, history and cultural contributions of Black people.