



# Royal couple at Southwark Cathedral Service of Light

**Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall visited Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 13 December, for a Service of Light. They also visited Borough Market accompanied by the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby.**

During the service the Gospel Choir of Saint Saviour's and St Olave's School sang 'This Little Light Of Mine'; Matt Jones, Owner of Bread Ahead (in Borough Market), read from the Gospel of St John and the children of the Cathedral School placed candles on the High Altar as they led the prayers, which were drawn together by Archbishop Justin.

Following a hymn, the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, pronounced the blessing after which the congregation sang the National Anthem.

They were welcomed to Southwark Cathedral by the Dean of Southwark, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn, who said, "We were delighted to receive a visit from Their Royal Highnesses and the Archbishop of Canterbury



and are pleased that they have been able to come and see for themselves how the Cathedral and the local community are recovering from the tragic events of Saturday 3 June.

"December 13 was the Feast of St Lucy, whose name means 'light'. The service celebrated Jesus' light in the world and the way that this area and its people responded to the events

demonstrates that darkness will not overcome the light".

Bishop Christopher said, "We were very honoured by the visit of Their Royal Highnesses, which was a tremendous boost to morale after the traumas of recent months.

"We are grateful for their recognition of the resilience which has characterised this community as well as the solidarity among faith and community leaders working together and deepening friendships in a determined effort to demonstrate that we will not be divided".

Photos: (Left) Their Royal Highnesses during the service. (Right) The St Olave & St Saviour's School Gospel Choir (above) and (below) Cathedral School pupils lead the prayers. More Photographs from the visit can be found on Flickr at: <https://flickr.com/photos/aHskyPSA6k>



Inside  
THE BRIDGE  
...this month

The  
Southwark  
Vision:  
Centre pages

Parish Profile:  
Wallington  
St Patrick

... page 10

The Bishop's  
LENT CALL 2018

... back page

PLUS - 8 pages of  
news and photos  
from around the  
Diocese and

WHAT'S ON  
Page 15

We need your  
news and  
photos for  
future features:

- What is your parish doing to help refugees?
- Your 'churches together' or interfaith activities
- Your children's and youth work
- Anything unusual happening in your parish at Easter



## A view from THE BRIDGE

### May your Lent be a gift and a celebration

This year Lent begins on Valentine's Day; it might seem to be a strange coincidence.

On Ash Wednesday we are invited to remember our mortality; *'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'*.

Valentine's Day is a day of love symbolised by a red rose and celebrated with champagne. Lent is a season of reflection and self-denial.

Quite a contrast.

The truth, if we stop and think about it, is that Lent is fundamentally also a celebration of love.

We remember our mortality because in doing so we are more able to embrace the eternal love of our creator and redeemer.

We enter into the season of Lent by giving ourselves to prayer and contemplation, study and self-denial; not as an end in itself but so that we can grow closer to the one who loves us and gave himself for us.

The disciplines we take on are windows which open to the love of God. Through them God touches our lives and invites us to see him, and the world he loves, with fresh eyes and a renewed, overflowing, generous love.

This edition of The Bridge is full of reminders of the variety of ways in which the love of God impacts us and our communities and calls us to be part of the difference that love makes.

As a Diocese our response to that invitation finds a focus in the Bishop's Lent Call, playing our part in the difference that the love of God is making in local communities and in Zimbabwe.

It's a call that is at the heart of our Diocesan Vision to be a people marked by our welcome for all and generosity to all.

May you find, however you mark it, that the season of Lent is a gift to you and a joyful celebration of God's life-changing love.

The Venerable John Kiddle



### Bishop Christopher visited the Holy Land in January accompanying an international group of Roman Catholic Bishops on their annual pastoral visit to the region as part of the Holy Land Coordination Group.

This year's visit, led by the Bishop of Clifton, Bishop Declan Lang, had a specific focus on meeting young people from both Israel and Palestine. It involved visits to Gaza, the Hebrew University, and the Centre for Emmaus in Quibeibeh which is supervised by Bethlehem University from which there is a very high rate of graduate employment.

Bishop Christopher said: "It was a joy and a privilege to meet with young people in Israel and Palestine as part of the Holy Land Coordination, in which I have now participated for four consecutive years - and to learn of their hopes for their future lives in the context of the current conflict. Their voice has given us renewed encouragement to work for peace and justice throughout the region and it has been both humbling and heartening to engage with them".



(Above) Bishop Christopher meets pupils at the Mor Jewish High School Makabim-Reut and (below) the Holy Land Coordination Group

Following the visit, the Bishops issued a communique, in which they committed 'with the help of God's grace, to play our part in making this land more human and more worthy for the youth of today and the future'.

The full text of the communique can be read at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Holy-Land-Coordination-2018/Final-Communique>

Photographs of the visit can be found at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicism/albums>



## New Canon Missioner for the Diocese

The Revd James (Jay) Colwill has been appointed Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Southwark. He succeeds The Very Revd Stephen Hance who is now the Dean of Derby.



Jay is currently Vicar of Christ Church, Orpington, in the Diocese of Rochester. He is also Assistant Missioner in the Diocese where he has worked with Deaneries and Parishes to encourage them to create Mission Action Plans. He also looks after a Bishop's Mission Order in a neighbouring parish.

Prior to ordination in 1994 Jay had several roles including working for the Transport Research Laboratory, The Missions to Seafarers and in a vegetarian restaurant! He is interested in food, football, cycling and music.

Bishop Christopher said; "Jay brings vast experience of growing churches and working in parishes with different church traditions and demographics. His experience of working on Mission Action Plans will be invaluable".

The Dean, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn added, 'I am

delighted that Jay will be joining the team at Southwark Cathedral. We look forward to all that he will bring as we play our part in God's mission to the world".

Jay will be collated and installed at Choral Evensong Southwark Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 15 April.

He said, "I am excited to be joining a culturally rich and diverse diocese at this time. There is so much to learn and share with one another about making faith real to people and communicating the powerful message of God's love made known in Jesus".

## THE BRIDGE

is produced & published by Kent Christian Press for Communications and Resources on behalf of The Diocese of Southwark, Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London SE1 1HW Tel: 020 7939 9400 Fax: 020 7939 9468 e-mail: [bridge@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:bridge@southwark.anglican.org)

#### Managing Editor:

Wendy S. Robins  
(Communications  
& Resources)

#### Editor:

Bryan Harris  
(Kent Christian Press)

#### ADVERTISING & DISTRIBUTION

☎: 01474 854503  
E: [kcpress@btinternet.com](mailto:kcpress@btinternet.com)

#### Editorial

#### Advisory Board:

John Kiddle  
(Chair)

Adeline Cole

Sallie Eden

Roxanne Hunte

Wendy S. Robins  
(Secretary)

Dr Jane Steen

Tom Sutcliffe

The **MARCH** edition is due to be printed on

**12 FEBRUARY**

and in your parish from the following Sunday.

Material for that edition must be with Wendy S. Robins at Trinity House by **MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

Space limitations mean that we cannot guarantee to publish everything we receive and material may be edited.

The editorial team will assume that all photographs submitted for publication come to us with the necessary permission for printing. So, please ensure that people are happy for their photographs to be submitted before you do so.

Forms for permission for the use of photographs of children and adults who may be vulnerable can be found at [www.southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-procedures](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-procedures)



Chair: Caroline Clarke

E: [clarkecaroline@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkecaroline@hotmail.com)  
020 7622 0765

For information about training courses to become a spiritual director contact:

Ruth Lampard  
E: [ruthlampard3@gmail.com](mailto:ruthlampard3@gmail.com)  
07870 651240

Finding a spiritual director

Please go to our website

[www.spidir.org.uk](http://www.spidir.org.uk)

Membership Secretary

E: [sallylowe1943@gmail.com](mailto:sallylowe1943@gmail.com)  
01306 884467



# Heritage of St Alfege Church to be revealed thanks to National Lottery

**St Alfege Church in Greenwich has received a confirmed grant (£1,836,800) from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the Heart of Greenwich, Place and People project.**

The project aims to reinforce the church's position as a heritage asset at the heart of Greenwich. This will include

vital repairs to the fabric, improved access and facilities and enhanced landscaping, signage and interpretation.

Working with the University of Greenwich, the Royal Borough of Greenwich and local schools, St Alfege's aim to recruit and train volunteer Heritage Ambassadors and provide a programme of heritage focused activities.

Commenting on the award, Vicar, Chris Moody said: "This has been a culmination of years of planning and we are

absolutely delighted at this generous award. I would like to thank everyone who has made this possible".

Stuart Hobley, Head of HLF London, said: "The Heart of Greenwich project will see Hawksmoor's building restored and the heritage of this well-loved church brought to a wider audience".

If you would like to find out more contact Wendy Foreman on office@st-alfge.org.uk or telephone her on 07773 521906.



Stuart Hobley and Chris Moody (top left) celebrate with some of the church family

## North Lambeth - 'Kicking against the wall'

**Local children and grown-ups gathered early one Saturday in December, in the car park of St Anselm's Church, Kennington, to fire footballs against**

**a wall covered with paint-filled balloons.**

After an hour or so, a great big messy, technicolour artwork had emerged.

The event was called "Kicking Against the Wall", and it was about coming

together to have fun making spontaneous art. But it was also about something deeper.

It was arranged by a local group, the Kennington-Bethlehem link, and hosted by the clergy and people of St Anselm's Church as an artistic

act of commitment to peace and justice around the world, and especially in Palestine.

Luke Steven, North Lambeth Parish Youth and Children's minister, said; "This was a way to symbolically 'kick against' the walls in our world - whether physical, societal, or in our minds and hearts - that divide people and cause hatred and pain.

"Kate Hoey, the local MP, came along to prove her skill with a football, but also to remind those there that the world is not as it should be, and we, through our actions, our relationships, and our prayers, have the responsibility to care and heal, to protest and 'kick against'.

"Very excitingly, the Mayor of Bethlehem has invited a group over in the new year to replicate 'Kicking Against the Wall' - at the Israeli West Bank Barrier wall - with children from a local refugee camp".

The huge canvas of paint and colour now hangs above the altar in St Anselm's as a reminder of the beauty and vibrancy that can come when people pledge themselves to peace.



## Bishops in prison at Christmas



**Southwark Bishops made the now traditional Christmas visits to prisons in the Diocese.**

Bishop Christopher led Christmas services at HM Prison Wandsworth, Bishop Richard was at HMP Brixton, Bishop Karowei was at HMP Belmarsh and Isis YOI and Hon. Asst Bishop Michael Doe was at HMP Thameside.

Bishop Christopher said, "I am grateful that my

Episcopal colleagues and I can go into the prisons and young offenders institutions in the Diocese to take part in Christmas worship and meet with prisoners, officers and chaplaincy teams. Christmas accentuates the isolation of those in prison, away from their families and friends. Please pray for our prison communities throughout the country but especially for those in our Diocese where cuts in staffing have taken a considerable toll in recent years".



**A professional sound and AV installation and hire company serving the south east of England - approved in 3 dioceses with installations in over 250 churches**



**Quality tailor-made loop and sound systems, radio microphones and AV installations for churches and other public buildings.**

**Sound and lighting for exhibitions, conferences and outdoor festivals.**

**Professional recording facilities - in our studios or on location**

Our aims are simple - 'to produce excellent sound using quality equipment and experienced engineers' - in our opinion, the only way to work!

**Call us for a FREE quote**

UK Sub-Distributors for the Martin Audio product range



Unit 6, Sham Farm Business Units, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9JA. Tel: 01892 752246

**www.ldbarnaudio.co.uk**

**Cleanki**  
environmental services

Church Mice...  
Wasps in the West End  
Pigeons over the Pulpit  
Ants in the Aisles  
Squirrels in the Sanctuary  
Rats in the Rectory  
Cockroaches in the Crypt

Let your pest be our problem  
**0800 056 5477**  
info@cleankill.co.uk  
cleankill.co.uk

BPCA  
INVESTORS IN PEOPLE Silver

**AUDITRONIC SERVICES**

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS

We install and maintain public address, induction loop and background music systems, designed to meet your needs

Repairs to existing systems carried out

**020-8770 2173**  
55 Northey Avenue, Cheam, Surrey SM2 7HU



# 10 CHURCH TIMES reasons to subscribe

1.

Informed, independent and fair reporting



2.

Lively debate on current affairs



3.

Not one, not two, not three, but FOUR cartoonists



4.

In-depth exploration of life with a faith perspective



5.

Biblical insights to deepen your faith



6.

Interviews with key figures in the church and public life



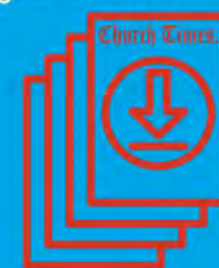
7.

The most comprehensive weekly review of Christian books anywhere



9.

150 years of news and comment in the Church Times digital archive



8.

Professional support for all who work in the church – and an extensive jobs board



10.

A place where your views are heard



**In print**  
**Online**  
**App**  
**Podcast**

## 10 weeks for £10

Try the *Church Times* for yourself: new UK readers can try the paper for 10 weeks for just £10.

You'll receive the paper in the post plus full access to the *Church Times* website, iPhone/iPad app and digital archive.

**Visit [www.churchtimes.co.uk/subscribe](http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/subscribe) or call 01603 785911.**

Offer open to new UK subscribers only. Payment is by direct debit: after ten weeks your subscription will renew at our standard rate of £85 a year. You can cancel at any time. Offer ends 30 March 2018.



# 'Church heroes' honoured in Balham and Tooting awards

**Volunteers from local churches were among those honoured recently in the Community Awards given by the Balham and Tooting Community Association for exceptional service to the community.**

Diane Holmes's award recognised her 40 years as a

Guide and Brownie leader at St Mary and St John the Divine, Balham. Moira Hodgson, also of St Mary's, received a commendation reflecting her work in bringing different groups of Christians together. She is the long serving Chair of Churches Together in Balham and Upper Tooting.

Residents of Western Lodge hostel for homeless men in Trinity Road, Tooting Bec, received an award for their outreach and community service. They run a weekly drop-in café for homeless

people jointly with Holy Trinity, Upper Tooting, offering specialist advice on housing, benefits and health. They also give 'odd job' support to Holy Trinity, including lawn mowing, decorating and helping with 'lifting and shifting' tasks.

The awards were presented at a celebration event compered by the Revd Andrew Davey, Vicar of Holy Trinity and St Augustine, Tooting. Award recipients came from all faiths and backgrounds. Their fields included support

to elderly people with limited English, bereavement support in the Muslim community, outings for the elderly and isolated, overcoming disability to achieve sports prowess, creative activities for those with sight loss, and volunteering by school students.

This was the sixth round of awards since the Balham and Tooting Community Association was established in 2006 to help Balham and Tooting's communities to come together and build trust.



Residents of Western Lodge, with the Revd Mae Christie of All Saints Church, Tooting

## Christmas gift from Streatham 'seniors'



Older people in Streatham churches were determined to find ways of giving as well as receiving. Thus was born the partnership between Streatham Senior Connections and the Norwood and Brixton Foodbank.

### Ann Morisy writes:

Older people from Christ Church, Immanuel and St Andrews, St Leonard's and St Peter's, Streatham Baptist and Methodist Churches collected toys and other gifts for a very special Christmas Fair.

Invitations were distributed by the Foodbank and 40 'senior' volunteers hosted a total of 145 grown-ups and children.

Each guest was given tokens to exchange for gifts – and a visit to Father Christmas. Gifts were wrapped and labelled ready for Christmas Day. Face painting, card making and refreshments were provided, and each family also received a £10 voucher and special gift bag as they left.

Whilst the intention was for an older people's effort, many others came on board. PRS for Music gave generously, as did Purley Baptist Church Lunch Club, Tesco Extra and Sainsbury's. Big Yellow helped with storage and Streatham Home Cooks Project produced the most delectable food. Love Streatham, Streatham WI and Club 55 from Streatham Leisure Centre all contributed to make it a unique all Streatham effort.

Ann Morisy is Development Officer for the London-based Project for Seniors and Life-long Ministry (PSALM).

## New Bishop of London is former Southwark priest

Bishop Christopher has welcomed the appointment of the Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally as Bishop of London. He said; "Her ministry for many years in Southwark will make for an excellent working relationship between the two Dioceses. I hope to be as supportive for her in her new role as the previous Bishop of London was for me when I came to Southwark and I assure Sarah of my prayers".

Sarah Mullally was chief nursing officer for England from 1999 to 2004. She was made a dame in 2005. After training for ordination at the South East Institute of Theological Education she served her curacy in the Battersea Fields benefice, and was Team Rector of Sutton from 2006 – 2012.



## ST. MARY'S CONVENT WANTAGE

St Mary's Convent offers a variety of facilities and flexible accommodation for Group Quiet Days and Group Retreats. Also, Conference facilities and private stays. Everyone is welcome at the Eucharist and Daily office in St Mary Magdalene's Chapel.

### For further details please contact:

St Mary's Convent, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 9AU  
Tel: 01235 763141  
Email: [guestwing@csmv.co.uk](mailto:guestwing@csmv.co.uk)  
[www.csmv.co.uk](http://www.csmv.co.uk)

## OPPORTUNITIES

**St John's** West Wickham **YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES ENABLER**  
(FULL TIME, 37.5 HOURS PER WEEK)

We are hoping to appoint a Young People & Families Enabler who will:

**Develop vision** for the future of our work with young people and their families that will provide a clear pathway for growth in faith;

**Co-ordinate, encourage and equip** our volunteers who support this work – to harness their energy and bring coherence to their activity;

**Creatively explore** new outreach, which builds on existing links and opportunities we enjoy with the local community.

The successful applicant will have a love for young people and their families, and a deep desire to be part of God's plans to see the next generation take up the mantle of faith.

*We aim to interview candidates by Easter*

Please visit our website ([www.stjohnsww.com](http://www.stjohnsww.com)) to download the paperwork associated with this post, or contact our church office on : 0208 462 6571 / [parishadmin@stjohnsww.com](mailto:parishadmin@stjohnsww.com)

## christians against poverty **CAP** New Malden & Kingston CAP Debt Centre need a Debt Centre Manager

- a paid part-time position
- 16 hours per week.

Applicants must have a passion for the poor and for evangelism, plus good administrative skills, and be able to support CAP's Statement of Faith and core values.

Full details from Phil Hutchinson - [philipcap48@yahoo.com](mailto:philipcap48@yahoo.com)

Closing date Friday 23rd February

## Organist and Director of Music

**St John the Evangelist Church, Upper Norwood**

For information pack please email: [sjunoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sjunoffice@gmail.com)

Application deadline: 12th February 2018  
Audition and Interview: 24th February 2018  
Remuneration: £7,000-£9,000 (pro rata)





# THE EGG THAT SHARES THE EASTER STORY

**Original** (RRP £3.99)  
The 2018 design includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a bag of Swiss Chunky Buttons (25g) and a milk chocolate egg (125g) with a lovely creamy taste. 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

**Dark** (RRP £5.50)  
Includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a chocolate egg made from dark Belgian chocolate (165g) and 3 dark chocolate squares (3 x 5g). Delicious, smooth and fruity. 71% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

**Special Edition** (RRP £9.99)  
Inside this specially crafted edition you will find a simple guide to Easter, an olive wood holding cross keyring from the Holy Land, an orange milk chocolate bar (80g), and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200g). 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

**New Design Easter Story**  
A 24 page Easter story-activity book illustrated by Martina Peluso is included in the Original and Dark eggs.

## Original (RRP £3.99)

The 2018 design includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a bag of Swiss Chunky Buttons (25g) and a milk chocolate egg (125g) with a lovely creamy taste. 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

## Dark (RRP £5.50)

Includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a chocolate egg made from dark Belgian chocolate (165g) and 3 dark chocolate squares (3 x 5g). Delicious, smooth and fruity. 71% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

## Special Edition (RRP £9.99)

Inside this specially crafted edition you will find a simple guide to Easter, an olive wood holding cross keyring from the Holy Land, an orange milk chocolate bar (80g), and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200g). 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

## A chance to share the good news

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. To date, we have sold more than one million eggs with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools.

## Gifts for individuals and groups

There are five types of Real Easter Eggs available in 2018, all with new content. The Original, Dark and Special Edition Eggs are designed to be a personal gift for people of all ages. For people looking to buy for Children's Easter events, Messy Church or for outreach give-aways, we have our Egg Hunt and Sharing Boxes. You can read more about these online.

## How your church can be involved

To allow us to continue to make The Real Easter Egg, we need people to switch and buy. We need a champion (maybe you) to spread the word, collect orders and buy directly from us. You can download resources or buy from us today by visiting our website [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) Don't forget, delivery is free if you spend more than £45 (that's just 12 eggs) and order by 6th March 2018.

## Sharing Box (RRP £30)

Contains 30 high quality midi Fairtrade Belgian chocolate eggs and 30 cross shaped Easter story-activity booklets. Foil reads 'Christ is Risen'. 600g (20g x 30 midi eggs). 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

## Egg Hunt Box (RRP £5)

Have fun with enclosed Easter story and activities, then hide and hunt the eggs. Includes a 12 page cross shaped Easter story-activity booklet, and six Fairtrade Belgian milk chocolate eggs with a lovely creamy taste. 120g (20g x 6) 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

Sharing Box



Egg Hunt Box

## HOW TO ORDER

**FREE DELIVERY**  
if ordered by 6th March\*

**Pay online by card** The simplest way to pay is to visit our online shop at: [www.realeasteregg.co.uk/shop](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/shop)

**Payment by cheque** Complete the form below and return to: The Meaningful Chocolate Company, 11a Eagle Brow, Lymm, WA13 0LP. Cheques payable to: 'The Meaningful Chocolate Company Ltd'.

Delivery address:

Title: First name: Surname:  
Tel. No. (daytime) E-mail:

	No. of Eggs	Total
<b>Original Real Easter Egg (150g)</b> (£3.99 each must be ordered in multiples of 6) £23.94		
<b>Special Edition Real Easter Egg (280g)</b> Can be ordered in singles, each egg £9.99		
<b>Dark Real Easter Egg (180g)</b> (£5.50 each must be ordered in multiples of 6) £33.00		
Postage & Packaging See terms and conditions below	<b>FREE*</b> or £4.95	
<b>Grand Total</b>		

**\*FREE DELIVERY** on orders over £45 and received by 6th March

NOTE: Sharing and Hunt boxes can only be ordered online



Buy now or download  
the resource pack from  
[www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)



# Mental Health Matters - It could be you!

A conference, 'Mental Health Matters - It Could be You', was held on 13 January.

**Nelly Misenga reports:**

The objective was to explore ways in which churches can promote mental wellbeing and provide early support for the mental health needs of their congregations by breaking stigma, creating space to talk about mental health and supporting each other.

The conference was organised by the Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) department of the Diocese, St Faith's church, North Dulwich and South London and Maudsley NHS (SLaM). The venue was St Hugh's Church, Crosby Row, Southwark.

The day was opened by a talk and prayer by Bishop Karowei. Introductions were led by the Revd Susan Height, Vicar of St Faith's and Area Dean of Dulwich and Nelly Misenga, Development Officer at Together Southwark, part of the JPIC department, who shared about the background of the event after attending a



Above: (r-l) - Canon Rosemarie Mallett (JPIC Director), Juney Muhammad, Carmine de Rosa, Canon Andrew Wilson, Nelly Misenga and Revd Susan Height.

SLaM course on Spiritual and Pastoral Care in Mental Health. Keynote addresses were given by Canon Andrew Wilson - a retired mental health chaplain - on Mental Health in Anglican Context and Juney Muhammad - Director of Spiritual and Pastoral Care in Mental Health at SLaM - on Spiritual and Pastoral care in Mental Health.

There were opportunities for attendees to contribute and interact with each other, especially during workshop time. There were five workshops: 'Mental Wellbeing - Spiritual and Pastoral Care in the Parish' led by the Revd Susan Height; 'Connecting Mental Health & Spirituality'

led by Juney Muhammad; 'Journeying Alongside - The Skill of Being Present to Others in their Distress', led by Canon Andrew Wilson; 'Small is Beautiful - The History of the Being Alongside Forest Hill Drop-In Centre', led by Nick Cotton and Gail Cotton, Psychotherapist/Counsellor, co-founders of the centre and 'The Power of Acceptance and Working with Men', led by Carmine de Rosa, former Recovery Facilitator at SLaM.

It was a day of exchange of experiences where everyone had at least something to offer with regard to their experiences of the way poor mental health has affected the lives of people they have known in their personal life or in their church communities. In this regard some participants started already thinking about organising social activities more regularly for church members to get used to talking to each other more.

The JPIC department are happy for churches who would like more information on the issues discussed or to get assistance in holding local events on mental health and wellbeing to get in touch on 020 7939 9400.



An open-air tree service took place on 26 November at St Mark's Church Surbiton celebrating the planting of two trees in the front churchyard. The trees were provided under the Trees for Sacred Places environmental project. The service was attended by many families and children

# Blessing London's Bridge and River

On Sunday 14 January representatives of Southwark Cathedral and St Magnus the Martyr in the Diocese of London met on London Bridge to bless the River Thames. The two churches have shared responsibility for the care of the Bridge since 1207.

Bishop Richard, the Dean, Andrew Nunn, members of the Cathedral clergy and congregation and the Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Charlie Smith, processed to the middle of the Bridge, to be greeted by the Rector of St Magnus. Prayers were offered for all who use the bridge and the river. The Dean read out the names of those who lost their lives in the London Bridge & Borough Market attacks on 3 June before holding a short silence.

Bishop Richard and the Rector of St Magnus, the Revd Philip Warner, then followed the Orthodox custom of throwing a cross into the river which, taking place on Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, acts as a symbol of Christ's baptism.



## Sheltered accommodation available at the Whitgift Almshouses - Croydon

### Are you:

- Over 60 and in need of accommodation to live independently but with 24hr on-call support?
- Looking to be part of a thriving and inclusive community?
- A communicant member of the Church of England and presently live in the parishes of Croydon, Lambeth or the county of Kent?

If yes, then the Whitgift Almshouses, North End, can offer you a haven of tranquillity and security where self-contained flats are clustered around a beautiful quadrangle. Residents have access to their own Chapel, Common Room, fully equipped laundry and a weekly programme of social activities.

**Interested?**

Call us on 020 8256 1596

Email [enquiries@whitgiftcare.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@whitgiftcare.co.uk)

Visit [whitgiftcare.co.uk](http://whitgiftcare.co.uk)

Proud to be part of



Whitgift Almshouses, North End, Croydon, CR9 1SS





# Hearts on Fire with a Vision for growth

*Walking* with Jesus and getting to know Jesus better as we journey on

*Welcoming* all, embracing our diversity and seeking new ways of being Church

*Growing* in numbers, generosity, faith and discipleship as we grow God's Kingdom

# The Southv

The Bishops of Southwark Diocese called for Epiphanytide to be a time of thanksgiving

- for the way in which the Parish Support Fund has been embedded in the Diocese
- as a time when we try to ensure that our parishes are fully aware of the Southwark Vision 2017-2025 and
- that the work of the parishes is motivated by this Vision.

The themes of the Vision are designed to help shape all that we do together as people of faith.

The opening paragraph tells us the basis for the Vision. It says:

*'Our vision is founded on mutual commitment from all who make up the Diocesan family to walk together in the pilgrimage of faith, supporting, encouraging and resourcing each other in our common task.'*

The Southwark Vision finds its beginnings in the Archbishop's Charge which was given to Bishop Christopher in 2011.

As a pilgrim people together, the Diocese has been on a journey of discernment since the Bishop was given the Charge, in order to develop a shared vision of our work and life together.

The Southwark Vision 2017-2025 document brought together the themes and agreed outcomes described in the Strategy for Ministry which was adopted by Diocesan Synod in November 2015 and which can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://bit.ly/SouthwarkVision>

*Strategy for Ministry sets out how we remain focused on that vision and mission, through ongoing cultural change as a Diocese.*



*We are committed to becoming a Diocese which is:*

- **Adaptive** - seeing a culture of risk-taking, permission-giving and experimentation becoming embedded in the life of the Diocese
- **Diverse** - with visibly increased diversity in every part of Diocesan life
- **Accountable** - with communication demonstrated through increased sense of engagement from parishes with Diocesan central structures
- **Devolved** - especially in building up Deaneries and encouraging them to become viable centres for mission and ministry, but also in encouraging collaboration, team work, and leaders who can enable and form individuals and communities
- **Strategic** - looking ahead, discerning new opportunities which align with our vision and mission
- **Realistic** - aligning resources to serve vision and mission.

The themes from this have been drawn together with the Hearts on Fire Vision for Mission, with its commitment to the five marks of mission and the strategic goals which were adopted by Diocesan Synod in March 2016.

*Hearts on Fire restates our commitment to mission, grounded in prayer that the growth of the Kingdom of God may be at the heart of all we do.*



Loving God  
Walking with Jesus  
Led by the Spirit  
Luke 24:13-35

*In particular we will:*

- serve our Communities
- share our faith with great joy and gladness
- be the Church; a people with hearts on fire, Loving God, Walking with Jesus and Led by the Spirit.

## A fruitful future

*Strategy for Ministry* and *Hearts on Fire* have led us to a Vision in which we share a Fruitful Future based on shared goals and objectives which aim at helping us to grow God's Kingdom here in South London and SE Surrey.

We share a vision for the future in which we will see:

- growing churches, new worshipping communities and new Christians
- deepening discipleship: engaged, prayerful and informed Christians
- growth in vocations to existing and new ministries
- generous giving and prayer supporting all we do
- justice and peace built up, and violence challenged, in our local and global community
- a shared commitment to the integrity of creation
- a church for all which reflects our diverse community in membership and leadership.

The Southwark Vision will be primarily worked out in the shared life, mission, ministry and service of all the baptised, clergy and lay, together.

This is one of the reasons why, in line with the Charge given to the Bishop, we have been working at making our Deaneries more effective hubs for mission and ministry, as well as seeking to see how best to equip the many talented lay people within our churches to live out their faith from Monday to Saturday.

It is so important that we recognise the gifts of

all God's people and utilise them in the best ways that we can in order to share the Good News of God in Christ with as many of those around us as possible.

That's why the Lay Leadership and Ministry Group is so important and you will be able to read more about that next month.

## The Parish Support Fund (PSF)

This scheme for enabling parishes to give towards supporting the

ministry and mission in the Diocese was introduced in 2015.

It resulted from a review of the Fairer Shares Scheme which was asked for by Strategy for Ministry, and first used to collect the pledges from the parishes in 2016.

It has been a remarkable success with 99.9% of what was pledged being collected in the first year and 99.1% so far in the second.

The PSF exemplifies our mutual support in the



Diocese most obviously through the sharing across the Diocese of the financial responsibility for our life and mission.

Through its principles of generosity and accountability it enables all members of the Diocese to have confidence that resources are being generously given and effectively used.

## Outcomes and Actions

There is so much going on in the Diocese, and so much contained in the documents which have been drawn upon to produce the Southwark Vision 2017-2025, that it is important to think in manageable terms about what we can realistically hope to achieve by 2025.

The 2015 Strategy for Ministry Report identified a number of outcomes which we wish to see if the Diocese is to deliver on its vision and mission

The Hearts on Fire document emphasised our commitment to the Five Marks of Mission.

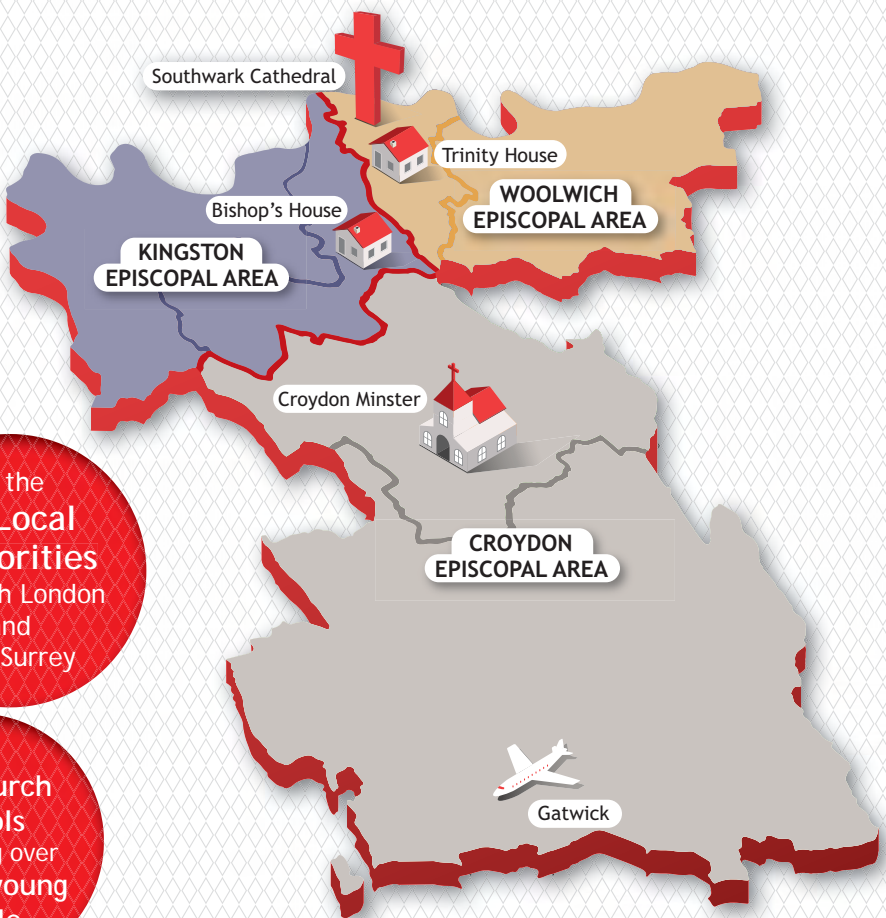
## The Diocese of Southwark serves...

2.8 million people

through 356 places of worship - a Church of England presence in every community

in the 16 Local Authorities of South London and East Surrey

and 106 church schools educating over 37,000 young people





# Mark Vision

## Walking Welcoming Growing



### The Five Marks of Mission

These are an important statement on mission which expresses the Anglican Communion's common commitment to, and understanding of, God's holistic/integral mission.

The First Mark of Mission, identified at ACC-6 (the sixth meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984) with personal evangelism, is really a summary of what all mission is about, because it is based on Jesus' own summary of his mission (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18, Luke 7:22; cf. John 3:14-17).

Instead of being just one (albeit the first) of five distinct activities, this should be the key statement about everything we do in mission.

### The Five Marks of Mission are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

*(Bonds of Affection-1984 ACC-6 p49, Mission in a Broken World-1990 ACC-8 p101 - Taken from the Anglican Communion Website 16 January 2018)*

### Outcomes and Objectives

Some outcomes which have been developed as a result of Strategy for Ministry and Hearts on Fire, such as Mission Action Planning, are already being worked on and achieved.

The Mission Action Planning process is a key means for ensuring that the Diocese as a whole is working towards our vision and mission.

Parishes and other communities which produce Mission Action Plans are asked to do so in the light of this, and specifically to reference how their MAP will reflect all of the five Marks of Mission. MAPs, in turn, resource those working across the Diocese as a whole with a richer vision of the potential areas for support and outreach.

### Objectives

Other outcomes will become the focus of later objectives. But, it is important to focus our energies on an achievable number of these outcomes.

So we have set the following objectives for the Diocese for the years to 2025:

- to grow our average weekly attendance by 5% by 2025, partly through having each church develop a high-quality Mission Action Plan (MAP) which includes a course for evangelism and discipleship
- to increase the number of worshipping communities by 2025, with a primary

### Walking

*"I enjoyed the chance to travel with fellow Christians visiting places whose names are familiar from the Bible. We got to meet the local people and worshipped with the Christian community in Nazareth which was a great privilege. The pilgrimage was a chance to make new friends and enjoy a different culture whilst following in the footsteps of Jesus."*

A participant in the Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 2016

focus on areas of population growth through investment in Fresh Expressions (fxC) in the areas where the data suggests the existing congregations are increasingly unrepresentative of the resident community and therefore unlikely to be successful in reaching them without intentional intervention

- to grow a financial resource base that allows investment in growth for the future. Key measures include: annual financial surplus, working financial reserves equivalent to six months operating costs by 2020, 1% of Diocesan turnover annually dedicated to major Diocesan ministry and mission projects beginning in 2016, rising to 2% by 2020
- to grow the number of ordained and lay vocations by 50% by 2020, by enabling and discerning ordained ministers; by expanding opportunities for licensed

### Welcoming

St Margaret, Lee have worked in partnership with Action for Refugees in Lewisham to support recently arrived refugee families from Syria.

They helped run 'English for speakers of foreign languages' classes, and worked to help families feel integrated.

Jo McCrone writes: *'Our prayer is that through this area of outreach we will continue to offer hope and good news to many in our community in need of a welcome.'*

and commissioned lay leadership; by affirming and growing other forms of lay ministry (e.g. worship leaders, family & youth leaders, spiritual directors); to offer relevant and enriching training, and create networks of support and celebration which reflect the diversity of the Diocese, our commitment to evangelism and discipleship, and delivers fully integrated and pioneering church growth and fresh expressions

Many of these outcomes and actions are to do with growth both in number and spiritually. In order to grow, we need to be alongside

### Growing

St Mary the Virgin in Lewisham took growing literally - creating a Therapeutic Garden in part of their churchyard, which BBC Gardeners' World came to film.

Marion Watson, a Reader at St Mary's, wrote about how a partnership with the nearby Ladywell Unit (part of the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust) enables them to 'reach out to and support those recovering from mental health issues'.

people and welcome them, but we also need to journey together as pilgrim people and to walk with Jesus, learning about and deepening our faith as we go. Hence the phrase Walking, Welcoming, Growing.

Our outcomes and actions are all related to growing our church in number, in discipleship, in the depth of our faith and knowledge of Jesus so that we can be present in our communities sharing God's love and care with those around us.

That's why the Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Department is so important because they are helping parishes across the Diocese think about how they respond to the needs of migrants and the

homeless and those affected by violence or poverty as well as considering how best we can encourage those in our churches and the wider community to deal with environmental issues. It is in this work that we can show our commitment to God's world and God's people.

### Help us to share the Vision

In order to help to make the Southwark Vision something that we can share easily in bite sized chunks, we have developed materials to help.

There are posters (in both A3 and A4 sizes), a postcard, and an Epiphanytide prayer.

These are the first materials that we have sent out and we will ensure that there are more materials as the outworking of our Vision leads us into ever new and vibrant ways of communicating the ambitious targets and plans that we have for the coming years.

We hope that you and your parish will wish to become involved with the work of the Diocese, especially as together we work out how best to bring about the fruitful future that we want to see here in South London and East Surrey.

*Walking with Jesus and getting to know Jesus better as we journey on*  
*Welcoming all, embracing our diversity and seeking new ways of being Church*  
*Growing in numbers, generosity, faith and discipleship as we grow God's Kingdom*



### TAKING CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

An environment policy for Southwark Diocese

*'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.'*  
 Psalm 24.1

## Caring for the environment

*'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'... (the 5th mark of mission)*

Our commitment to the environment is expressed through the policy adopted by Diocesan Synod in 2013.

The policy 'Taking Care of God's creation' can be found on the Diocesan website here: <http://bit.ly/2G5ygEi>

It begins with Biblical principles saying:

'We recognise the biblical vision that the environment, in which all humanity and all other creatures live:

- comes to us as a gift from God the Father,
- is held together in Christ the Redeemer
- and is given life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are:

- motivated by this faith
- inspired by hope in God's purpose for creation
- committed to expressing, in transformative action, our love for God, for our neighbours here and overseas, now and in the future, and for the world.

We acknowledge the responsibility God has given us:

- to care for, conserve and replenish God's earth
- for the well-being of all creatures
- for the flourishing of all humanity.

We acknowledge our part in the brokenness of creation, and that we are called to share in God's work of healing'.

It goes on to say:

'We recognise that many people and churches are already engaged in different ways in protecting and conserving the environment.

Nevertheless, we encourage each church member, parish, board, church school, office and committee in the Diocese, Episcopal Area and Deanery:

- to make care for God's creation an integral part of their worship, life and work
- to celebrate the gift of creation especially at Creation Time (Sundays in September)
- to make a regular review of progress in broadening respect for creation, in reducing our carbon footprint, and in working for a more sustainable economy within planetary boundaries
- to work where possible in cooperation with others in churches and civil society to strive for a more just and sustainable world
- to recognise the rights of all people including future generations, and to ensure the responsible use and sharing of the rich resources of God's earth.

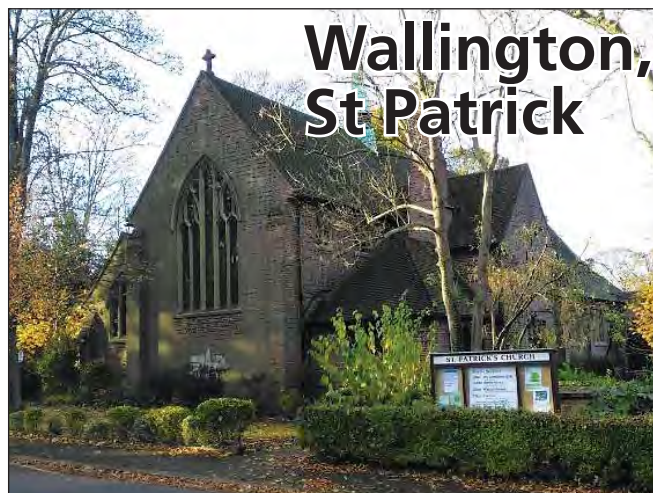
(From: *Taking Care of God's Creation* 2013)





# Bryan Harris's

# PARISH PROFILE



**Wallington,  
St Patrick**

**It doesn't happen often but when I arrived (early) at St Patrick's, Wallington, the car park was already full and people were queueing up to get in.**

Mind you that was partly because there was a lot of meeting, greeting and catching up going on just inside!

But that's the kind of church it is – they describe themselves as a friendly, lively evangelical Anglican church and they certainly live up to that description.

St Patrick's is one of three evangelical CofE congregations within a few square miles – Holy Trinity is the original and 'planted' both St Patrick's and Springfield Church. Indeed, despite being planted 100 years ago (on St Patrick's Day, hence the church name) and having a 1930s built church, St Patrick's remained a District Church in Holy Trinity parish until 2012.

So when David King arrived in 2010 it was as 'curate in charge' – by coincidence, the post his late father Canon Philip King had occupied in the 1960s, both having also been curates at Holy Trinity, Redhill. In 2012, once the lengthy legal formalities had been completed, St Patrick's became a separate parish with David as its first Vicar.

St Patrick's clearly sees itself as an evangelical church with a local focus. As such, it seeks to keep a breadth of appeal, through its broad spectrum of services. There are services twice a month at 8am and then every week at 10.30am, 4pm and 6.20pm.

There is a communion service each Sunday – at 8am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays (Book of Common Prayer); at 10.30am on the 2nd Sunday and at 4pm on the 4th (Common Worship based); then at 6.20 practically anything goes with LifeTime



**The Revd David King**

- an informal café-style service. On a typical Sunday St Patrick's draws upwards of 250 people – up to 200 in the morning, 60 in the afternoon and 40 in the evening.

The common factor is an emphasis on Bible-based teaching – with the same theme and sermon across the morning and afternoon service, but a different service at the evening. However, as

David King told me: "We are unashamedly evangelical but strive to maintain a breadth of worship to meet the needs of a wide range of people. The Christian faith is a Gospel of grace – and we try to be open to all people, wherever they are from and wherever they are at".

To minister to the growing church, St Patrick's has four paid staff – the Vicar, David King, two parish-paid assistant ministers and an administrator. There are two Readers and a Pastoral Assistant. There is also a lot of involvement by other lay members of the church family many of whom bring their professional expertise to help meet the needs and progress the plans of the church.

I joined them for the 10.30am service on a second Sunday along with 160+ adults and 30 youngsters. The young people started in the main service for the first hymn, family news and prayer. They then went out to their age-related groups behind placards held up by the leaders! One group, "Frog" (11-14) had already shared breakfast together before the service.

The worship followed the CW Order One (albeit not all of it and not always in the usual order). Music was a mix of traditional hymns, accompanied by an organ, and worship songs led by a music group. There were no hymn books or service sheets (everything was shown on giant TV screens) but practically everyone took the proffered Bible and referred to it during the readings and the expository sermon. The service was led by lay Reader, Toni Clark and David King preached and celebrated.

A few years ago the 10.30 service outgrew the space available – "...God blessed us with numerical growth and I think used the decision to bring the children in at the beginning of the service, which seemed to attract more young families", said David King. So the afternoon service was started – not just to cope with growth but also to make 'church' available to people who can't make Sunday morning.

The service is basically the same but more informal and simplified. "Children and young people are an important part of St Patrick's," said David. "And in the afternoon they feel a real 'ownership', more involved and staying with the family for longer – only going to separate groups for teaching towards the end of the service. And after the service everyone then gets back together – to share a substantial tea".

The evening 'Lifetime' service is even less formal – with a different (less Common Worship) format, a café style layout, home-made cakes and real coffee. It has proved particularly attractive to younger people – and offers a youth club for teenagers afterwards.

But being 'Church' is not just about Sunday worship and at St Patrick's – as well as the four children's groups that meet during Sunday services – there are midweek children's groups and parent and toddler groups. A youth group meets during the morning service and a second after the evening service – and St Patrick's supports a wide range of uniformed organisations with about 160 children in the eight scouts and guides groups – about 30 of whom join the regular parade service. Several of the leaders are church members.

There are a dozen or so Home Groups – David describes them as 'the core unit of our church family'. They focus on Bible study, supporting one another and reaching out to others. They include men's and women's breakfast groups; a mums group with a creche for the children and two specially for teenagers.

For older people, there's a weekly lunch club and then every month there is, among other things, an afternoon fellowship (with a speaker, plus tea and cakes) and a social group aimed at those who find weekend a lonely time. Although staffed by church members and their friends, these are all open to the whole community.



Social activities provide the opportunity to draw the church family closer together and to draw in 'outsiders' and St Patrick's is a very 'social' church. "People really seem to like each other," said David. All-age social activities have ranged from an Olympic challenge fun day in 2012 to Hog Roasts, trips to the seaside, barn dances and Open Gardens.

Many of those activities have taken place in St Patrick's church hall – just across the car park – and currently there is a planned £2.5 million building project aimed at increasing the mission opportunities it presents.

The current hall will be demolished and replaced by a new centre linked to the church itself with a new, higher profile entrance to the church. A large proportion of the total cost has already been raised and subject to Diocesan and local authority approvals, it is hoped that construction will begin next year.

"Our Sunday worship – with the preaching of the Word at its heart – exists to equip us to be 'church' throughout the week," said David. "That includes helping those in need outside the church family".

Whilst Wallington is ostensibly a fairly affluent area, there are pockets of deprivation in and around –

and so as part of its ministry to the community, St Patrick's is developing an increasingly strong connection with Christians Against Poverty, already running Money courses and Life skills courses and looking to become a CAP debt centre. There is also a strong link with world mission including support for several missionary organisations and sending people out from St Patrick's to serve.

So what are the challenges?

"We need to build the confidence of every church member to be openly different, to share Jesus with people they meet and to invite them into the church family," said David.

"With that confidence we can reach out further to serve the community and to bring more people into a life transformed by Jesus.

"In order to facilitate this, the church has moved from running Christianity Explored once per year, to once per term, with a strong follow up structure".

"I think a challenge for us as a church is to be more reliant on God – and less on our own abilities," said David. "We have some tremendously gifted and talented people here, but the mission before us is so much greater than our ability to meet it, and so we have a growing awareness of our desperate need for God".

## Children and youth work at St Patrick's



St Patrick's is a strong supporter of worldwide mission including the annual Samaritan's Purse shoe-box appeal.





# It's your call... where is God calling you?

**Raewynne Whiteley writes**

**One of my earliest memories is of Sunday school class when I was about three.**

We crouched down, facing the wall, and sang,  
*Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,  
Like a little candle burning in the night;  
In this world of darkness, so let us shine,  
You in your small corner, and I in mine.*

As we sang the last line, we put our fingers up as candles, and slowly turned around and stood facing out into the room.

That call to shine with the light of Christ is the call of every Christian.

How we live that out takes many different forms: caring for family, in our work, in service in our church and in the wider community.

But for some of us, God's call takes the particular form of ordained ministry as a deacon or priest.



For some, that call comes very early in their lives, when as children they love playing church, and that passion continues and grows. For some, they have never thought about it until their vicar said to them, "I think you should consider ordained ministry".

## Drawn to ministry

For me, it began when as a teenager, I was offered opportunities to serve within my local church and at school, teaching Sunday School, playing music, and leading bible studies. At the same time, I found myself drawn to

people in full-time ministry, from Lutheran nuns to Scripture Union workers, and everything in between.

It wasn't until I went to University and through the training courses offered by my parish discovered a gift for preaching and love of liturgy, that I had a clear sense of call to ordained ministry.

You might have had similar experiences, or be wondering if God is calling you to ordained ministry.

## Exploring

Over 2-4 March, the Diocesan vocations department will be offering a weekend conference at Wychcroft, 'It's your call' exploring ordained vocation.

We will explore questions such as:

- How do I know if I have a vocation to ordained ministry?
- What does ordained ministry look like? Is it just like what my vicar does?
- What does the training involve? Do I have to go away?
- What about finances? Family?

To attend you will need the support of your incumbent or chaplain. So if you are interested, please talk with them, and then get in touch with me.

Of course, ordained ministry is by no means the only way God calls people to serve him: many have vocations to lay ministry and leadership. There will be another conference over the weekend of 16-18 November, where we explore lay vocations in more depth.

## Quiet Day

In the meantime, there is a forthcoming Vocations Quiet Day at Wychcroft, our Diocesan Retreat Centre, which is open to anyone who might like some time apart to reflect how God might be calling them and how they might respond. Register for that by contacting me.

I am delighted to have been called to serve in Southwark, and look forward to exploring the Diocese and getting to know people here – and exploring vocation with you.

The Revd Raewynne Whiteley joined the Diocese in January as Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Missioner replacing the Revd Louise Ellis.



**A team of historic carving students, staff and alumni from City & Guilds of London Art School are helping replace eroded Victorian carvings on the east side of Southwark Cathedral with bosses they created in summer 2017.**

Contact: [raewynne.whiteley@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:raewynne.whiteley@southwark.anglican.org)



## Choose the UK's most trusted home insurer and we'll donate

# £130

## to your church

To celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to your church for every new home insurance policy taken out.\*

To find out how you can take advantage of this offer call us on **0800 783 0130** or go to **[www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130)**

\*Terms and conditions apply and can be viewed on the offer website page above.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc (EIO) Reg. No.24869 is registered in England at Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ, UK and is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority

When it feels **irreplaceable**, trust





# KINGDOM COFFEE

**CHECK US OUT!!!**  
**OUR PRICES ARE THE LOWEST IN THE MARKET PLACE!**

BE



&



OUR CONSCIENCE, QUALITY, SERVICE AND LOW PRICES HAVE MADE US THE LARGEST TRUSTED SUPPLIER TO THE CHURCH MARKET

## FAIRTRADE TEAS



FAIRTRADE EVERYDAY  
 ONE-CUP TEA  
 FOIL PACKED IN 50'S  
 FOR FRESHNESS  
**ONLY £21.95**  
 FOR 1100 TEABAGS



**HELPING TO PROTECT OUR BLUE PLANET!!!**  
 BIODEGRADABLE AND COMPOSTABLE DISPOSABLES

DOUBLE WALL  
 100% COMPOSTABLE  
 PAPER COFFEE CUPS  
**ONLY £33.40**  
 FOR 500 CUPS

**LOWEST**  
**£33.40+vat**  
**500 cups**  
**PROMISE**

SINGLE WALL  
 100% BIODEGRADABLE  
 PAPER ENVIROCUP  
**ONLY £41.95**  
 FOR 1000 CUPS



FAIRTRADE FILTER COFFEE  
**@ LOW, LOW PRICES**  
 & BEST QUALITY FILTER BREWERS  
 AND PERCOLATORS



BRAVOR  
 PERCOLATOR  
**ONLY £145+vat**  
**MAKES 75 CUPS**  
**IN 30 MINUTES**



BRAVOR  
 POUR & SERVE  
 FILTER MACHINE  
**ONLY £145+vat**

MARCO  
 FILTER BREWER  
**ONLY £144+vat**

FLASK  
 @ £35+vat



**IT'S NEW!!!**  
**UNBEATABLE FLAVOUR AND PRICE!**  
 TASTES LIKE OUR NATION'S FAVOURITE  
 INSTANT COFFEE BUT IT'S FAIRTRADE



**ONLY £13.95**  
 500g tub



**ONLY £6.50**  
 per 300g bag



**ONLY £11.50**  
 500g tub



**ONLY £5.89**  
 per 300g bag



**FAIRTRADE SUGAR STICKS**  
**KINGDOM BRANDED**  
 WHITE OR BROWN  
**ONLY £8.85**  
 FOR 1000 STICKS



**SIMPLY SWITCH NOW AND START SAVING LIKE 1000s OF CHURCHES THROUGHOUT UK**

FREE DELIVERY - NEXT WORKING DAY  
 ACCOUNT CUSTOMERS WELCOME



**SIMPLY CALL US! 01189 86 87 86**

ORDER ONLINE @ [WWW.KINGDOMCOFFEE.CO.UK](http://WWW.KINGDOMCOFFEE.CO.UK)

SECURED BY:



# SAVE £'s

**LOW, LOW PRICES  
 FOR CHURCH  
 HOSPITALITY**



# St Bede's gets RE seal of approval...

**A unique school in Surrey received a 'seal of approval' recently when inspectors from Southwark's Anglican and Roman Catholic**

**Dioceses judged the 'distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Bede's as a church school' as 'outstanding'.**

The Redhill based institution was formed in 1976 following the merger of two schools – St Joseph's (Catholic) and Bishop Simpson (Anglican). In the 1990s the school extended its partnership to include local free churches as part of a

unique ecumenical project. The overall education provision was judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted in February 2017.

The recent section 48 inspection was carried out using a bespoke framework that had been agreed by the school's partner dioceses. The final report states that 'pastoral

care is excellent', 'worship is inclusive of all', 'pupils grow into mature and compassionate young people', and that 'RE is central to the life of the school and permeates every facet of its life'.

Headteacher Stephen Crabtree explained. "We are extremely grateful for the

support of local parishes and churches as we seek to provide a rounded education to all the young people in our care".

The photo (below left) shows the school's two chaplains – Angela Clark and Jenny Penn with Year 9 pupils



## ...and Nutfield School gets REQM Gold award

**Nutfield Church Primary School has achieved the prestigious Gold Award for the national RE Quality Mark. The REQM recognises high quality learning in religious education.**

The Headteacher, Miss Woods said: "The assessor spent time in the school interviewing staff, speaking to the children from across the year groups, looking in books and at much of the RE related work the school is doing.

"He completed the assessment by speaking with me about the range of learning he had seen and discussing the work that we have undertaken in developing our curriculum to ensure that we continue



our journey in teaching about not only Christianity but also many other world faiths. We are absolutely delighted to say that we were awarded the Gold award!

"We are the first school to be awarded this classification in the area. I would like to

congratulate the whole team on their considerable efforts to ensure that our RE curriculum is of the very highest standard.

"Well done teachers and well done too to the brilliant children who showed off their knowledge, talents and insights so well!"

**"The one who sings prays twice" - deepening our spirituality through music**

**The Revd Andrew Zihni**

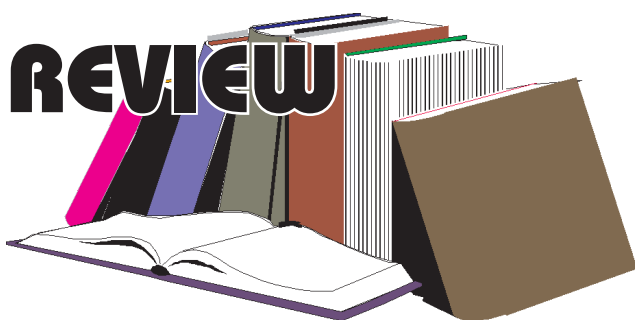
I have never forgotten my first experience of live opera. My eighteenth birthday present from my family was a trip to Munich, a city I had always yearned to visit; but what was really exciting were the tickets for the new production of Richard Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier* at the Bavarian State Opera. Carlos Kleiber was at the podium.

The principal singers were Dame Felicity Lott, Anne Sofie von Otter, and Barbara Bonney. Who could possibly have asked for a more scintillating night?

Yet this was far more than just an evening of beautiful music in splendid, neo-classical surroundings. Something pierced deep into the soul: as the three main characters sang like angels in that extraordinary trio "*hab mir's gelobt*" towards the end of Act III, in an instant it seemed that all that I had ever read about love, loss and sacrifice suddenly made sense – not just in some cerebral way, but as a genuine spiritual encounter. It felt like a rite of passage in that winter evening at the opera.

Much has been written, by theologians and philosophers over the centuries, about the dynamic way in which music can connect mind and soul. So I was fascinated to read over the summer June Boyce-Tillman's most recent book - *Experiencing Music: Restoring the Spiritual* (Peter

## REVIEW



### Experiencing Music: Restoring the Spiritual by the Revd Prof June Boyce-Tillman

Lang, 2016 - ISBN 978-3034319522).

Professor Boyce-Tillman seeks to show how music can generate "multiple meanings" as it engages all the faculties of those making and hearing the music.

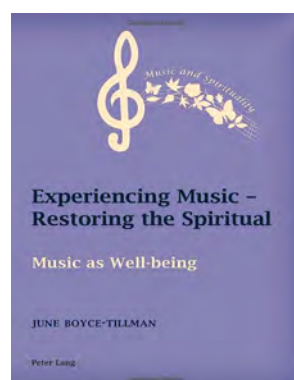
She argues that this "makes [music] an ideal tool for constructing meaning by asking questions, for remembering the past, and setting up fresh imaginings of the future".

She then illustrates this with a learned range of very in-depth and detailed examples from religion, mythology, literature, world cultures, and psychology, to reach the conclusion that "if we embrace the complexity and richness of the musical experience, we may rediscover the soul of Western culture and reunite it with the material world". All this makes sense of that powerful experience in Munich, and the way in which, since then, I have loved opera as a means of giving voice to theological principles.

This ability of music to be the bridge between body and soul validates Professor Boyce-Tillman's concern at the beginning of the book

that the arts have become secularised and demoted to mere entertainment. Within the context of the Church, there seems to be a key pointer here to the role of music in our mission to the world.

It is interesting how, for example, the Anglican choral foundation in our cathedrals, or worship music within the charismatic tradition, have been significant draws for people into the Church, as they seek to find expression and meaning for the sense of the spiritual deep in each of us - and thereby to understand who and what we are as part of God's loving plan in Christ. St Augustine rightly discerned that to sing is to pray twice!



## How long, O Lord, How long?



On 21 December the *Times* Newspaper shared on page 1 a photograph of the choir of St Paul's Cathedral, the premier Cathedral of the Anglican Communion, 15 boys in all.

14 white and 1 of mixed race. How long, O Lord, how long? A vivid display of unintentional racism.

**Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron  
London SW2 3RS**

## No organist? Problem solved!

### Hymnal Plus is the ultimate worship music solution.

This portable music box stores and plays over 2880 traditional hymns and popular worship songs - all at the touch of a button!

Easily create play lists, control the tempo, change the key and even choose your instrumentation.

With over 7300 hymn book entries indexed to 10 favourite hymn books (upgradeable), the great sound of Hymnal Plus has made it the choice of churches across the UK.



£1999 inc VAT

**HymnalPlus®**

For more information:

call: Freephone: 0800 043 0503

visit: [www.hymntechnology.com](http://www.hymntechnology.com)



enhancing church interiors  
**Ronald Emmett** fine furniture  
[www.ronaldemmettfurniture.com](http://www.ronaldemmettfurniture.com)  
01308 868025

### CHURCH PEWS

#### UNCOMFORTABLE?

WHY NOT TRY SAFEFOAM'S TOP QUALITY UPHOLSTERED FOAM PEW CUSHIONS?

Safeoam, Green Lane, Riley Green, Houghton, Preston PR5 0SN  
[www.safeoam.co.uk](http://www.safeoam.co.uk) Freephone 0800 015 44 33  
Free Sample Pack of foam & fabrics sent by first class mail  
When phoning please quote SB0218



# Let us pray

## February

This year could easily be dominated by the conclusion of four years of commemoration of the First World War.

We began back in 2014 with that amazing installation in the moat around the Tower of London entitled 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' with a poppy for every life lost.

Since then, in parishes and schools throughout the Diocese, we have been remembering those, from our own communities, who paid the ultimate price in a war meant to end all wars.

But whilst war was waging other things were happening that have had, and still have, huge implications and which can be in our prayers.

The right to vote is something that, unfortunately, many people take for granted. But the truth is that it is only 100 years that women in this country were given the vote and at that stage only women who were over the age of 30, who owned property and were graduates from British universities.

It was ten years later, so 90 years ago, that the right to vote was extended to all women over 21, regardless of wealth or education.

St Paul, in his First Letter to Timothy, gives instructions

about prayer and begins like this: *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.* (1 Timothy 2.1-2)

We should take society seriously and we should take politics seriously and know

that God calls us both to pray and participate, for the good of all, and to use rights so hard won on our behalf.

**Lord, bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good. Amen.**

(From Common Worship)



The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark

Please follow me on Twitter as I offer a prayer each morning so that you can join me in Morning Prayer. Go to @deansouthwark

## Funding repairs to historic churches

**If you need to do repairs to your Church building but don't know where to find the money; come to the 'Fundraising for your Historic Church' workshop on Saturday 3 February.**

The workshop will be held at St Mary Magdalene with St Martin, Addiscombe which is a short tram ride or a 15 minute walk from East Croydon station.

You will hear from funders from Heritage Lottery Fund and National Churches Trust as well as from the Historic Churches Support Officer for the Diocese of Worcester who has lived to tell the tale of his

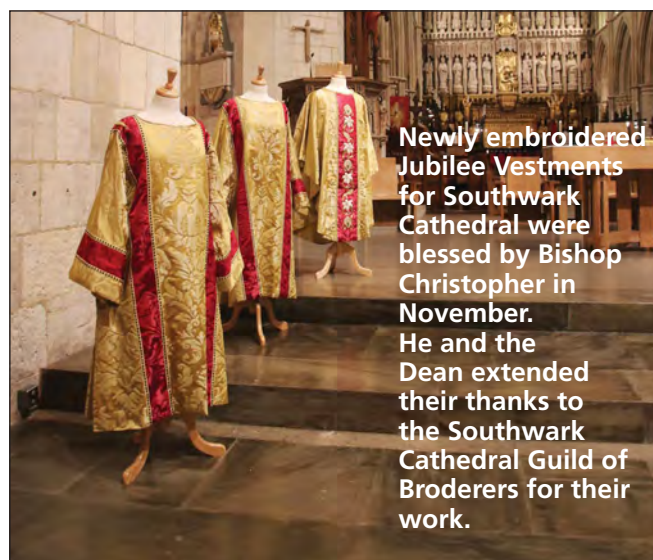
own major re-ordering project. You will also learn about making successful funding applications.

Southwark's Historic Churches Support Officer, Keri Dearmer, is organising this event to help you to raise money for anything from a broken downpipe to a whole new roof.

Keri has been in post since June 2016 and you can contact her if you need help with identifying maintenance

issues and how to deal with them; help to interpret your Quinquennial Inspection report; help to find funds and apply to funders for works to your historic church; help to co-ordinate a major project; or anything else to do with caring for and maintaining your historic church.

You can contact her via email: [keri.dearmer@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:keri.dearmer@southwark.anglican.org), phone: 0202 7939 9443 or mobile: 07591 205 726.



**Newly embroidered Jubilee Vestments for Southwark Cathedral were blessed by Bishop Christopher in November. He and the Dean extended their thanks to the Southwark Cathedral Guild of Broderers for their work.**

## Metalsmith and woodworker

Conscientious and reliable, Ian Marshall provides new work and maintenance for a number of churches. To join his list of satisfied customers. Call: 020 8850 7851 or 077 6666 2747

## St Columba's House

Retreat and Conference Centre

Maybury Hill, Woking, Surrey, GU22 8AB



**10 Meeting Rooms  
31 Beds  
Chapel and Oratory**

01483 766498  
[www.stcolumbushouse.org.uk](http://www.stcolumbushouse.org.uk)  
[admin@stcolumbushouse.org.uk](mailto:admin@stcolumbushouse.org.uk)

Registered charity in England and Wales No. 240675

## Time for a break

### Dartmouth Devon

Delightful ground floor flat with glorious views across river Dart. Sleeps 4: double ensuite, twin with bathroom, all mod cons.

Tel: 020 7223 5473

### Casa Oleander

Luxury 3 Bedroom Villa

Sleeps 6/8, near Carvoeiro, Portugal. Own pool, all Mod Cons, Golf, Tennis, Free Wifi. Tel: 02380 265 683 [brialdon50@gmail.com](mailto:brialdon50@gmail.com) [www.casa-oleander.co.uk](http://www.casa-oleander.co.uk)

## Travel Insurance

Arranged for Southwark Bridge readers  
Real and friendly people... not machines!

Our insurance has a customer 24-hour helpline, full medical cover with most pre-existing medical conditions accepted and, most importantly, an air ambulance get you home service.

**STOP PRESS - JANUARY SALE EXTENDED**

£20 off any annual policy & £10 off any single trip policy

Long stay winter specials up to £40 off per policy

**LONG STAY, SINGLE TRIP, AND CRUISE COVER**

available for holidays departing up to 31/12/2019

Annual multi-trip cover (max. age 85)

Single trip cover (NO max. age)

Conditions apply  
Please call for details -

**0116 272 0500**

Authorised & regulated by the FCA

## The Parish Support Fund and Southwark Vision - 2018 meetings

**The Bishops have invited all the parishes to join in a time of thanksgiving this Epiphanytide for God's blessings to us and for the generosity shown through the Parish Support Fund.**

It is very encouraging that in our second year of paying pledges the pledge collection rate remains very high. At the end of October 2017 it was over 99% and rising!

This has enabled us to fund the mission and ministry of our parishes and as a result there are many exciting initiatives taking place across the Diocese, in our parishes, schools and wider communities.

For the third year parishes have generously increased their pledges and at the moment we have over £16.2m pledged with a few more to be confirmed. This year a flotilla of smaller parishes have made significant contributions to the increase in the Diocesan total.

Once again, we are holding a series of meetings about



the Parish Support Fund to share and celebrate the good news stories from around the Diocese.

In addition, during Epiphanytide 2018 Southwark Vision will be introduced to the people of our parishes and we would like to use these PSF meetings to become more familiar with our Diocesan aims and objectives for the coming years and explore how the PSF can help fund this Vision.

We value hearing about your experience of the Parish Support Fund so that we can work together to generously support our Diocesan family. Incumbents, PCC Secretaries, Treasurers, Churchwardens and anyone else interested are very welcome to attend.

If you can't attend the meeting in your Archdeaconry, you will be welcome on any of the other dates. This year we have

added some daytime sessions, for those for whom this may be a more convenient time of day to meet.

All evening meetings start at 7.30pm (with refreshments from 7.00pm) and will finish by 9.00pm, daytime meetings will follow a similar pattern, being one and a half hours long with refreshments beforehand.

Parishes will again receive information on the PSF in April and plenty of support is available to help parishes with the process of agreeing their pledges - so do ask via your Archdeacon or their PA if you would like help.

To give us some idea of numbers, it would be helpful if could you let us know if you are attending by email to [psf@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:psf@southwark.anglican.org) or by phone to the Parish Giving Communications Officer, Gabby Parikh on 020 7939 9438.

Date/time	Archdeaconry	Venue
<b>Thurs 1 Feb</b>	<b>Lewisham &amp; Greenwich</b> (10 for 10.30am - 12) <b>Reigate</b> (7 for 7.30pm - 9pm)	St Laurence, Catford, Bromley Road, London SE6 2TS Holy Trinity, Redhill Carlton Road, RH1 2BS
<b>Wed 7 Feb</b>	<b>Lambeth</b> (7pm for 7.30pm - 9pm)	St Michael, Stockwell Park Road, SW9 0DA
<b>Mon 12 Feb</b>	<b>Croydon</b> (7 for 7.30pm - 9pm)	St Michael & All Angels Croydon, Poplar Walk CR0 1UA
<b>Thurs 1 March</b>	<b>Reigate</b> (11 for 11.30am - 1pm)	St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green, Church Way, RH8 9EA
<b>Mon 5 March</b>	<b>Croydon</b> (10 for 10.30am - 12)	Croydon Area Office, St Matthew's House, 100 George Street, Croydon, CR0 1PJ
<b>Tues 6 March</b>	<b>Southwark</b> (7 for 7.30pm - 9pm)	All Saints, Peckham, Blenheim Grove, Peckham, SE15 4QS
<b>Thurs 8 March</b>	<b>Wandsworth</b> (7 for 7.30pm - 9pm)	St Mark, Battersea Rise Battersea Rise, SW11 1EJ
<b>Mon 12 March</b>	<b>Lewisham &amp; Greenwich</b> (7 for 7.30pm - 9pm)	St James, Kidbrooke Kidbrooke Park Road, SE3 0DU





# WHAT'S ON

Please send details of your events for **MARCH ONWARDS** to Trinity House  
**BY MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

## Ongoing

- \* **BEDDINGTON** - Quiet @St Mary's - 3rd Thursday of each month 11am - 2pm. Various tools for quiet including labyrinth
- \* **BOROUGH** - St George the Martyr Community Cafe and TimeBank every Thursday 2pm to 4.30 pm. Meet people, get advice, help one another
- \* **CROYDON** - Lunchtime Recital series at Croydon Minster. Every Friday at 1.10pm, from 6 October to 1 December. Bring a packed lunch. Donations to Minster Funds
- \* **ELTHAM** - Sing with a full orchestra. Hymns, light classics and popular

standards last Sunday each month except Aug and Dec. 3pm Eltham Park Methodist Church

† **HACKBRIDGE** - Taizé at All Saints at 7pm First Sunday every month

\* **KEW** - Homemade cakes and teas 3-5pm on Sundays at St Anne's Church. **Suspended - until May (building works)**

\* **WARLINGHAM** - Water Aid lunches in St Ambrose Church Hall, 12-1pm first Wednesday

† **ZIMBABWE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY** at St Mary, Newton - Shona Mass, Second Sunday of month at 2pm. Mothers' Union last Saturday 2pm

## February

### Lunchtime Music at St. Matthew's, Redhill FEBRUARY

- Thursdays at 1.10 pm
- 1 Chamber Music Recital (Claire Dunn - Clarinet) & friends
  - 8 Bassoon Recital (Daniel Emson-Jukes)
  - 15 The Windmill Clarinet Quartet
  - 22 Violin Recital (Lara Caister w Alan Brown, Piano)
- Free entry, a donation of £3 per person to cover costs is welcome.

### Saturday 3 February

- ♫ **BATTERSEA** - Jazz concert - Joe Stilgoe Trio, St Luke's Church 7.30pm (pre-concert interview at 6.30pm). In association with Homestart Wandsworth. Tickets £18 (Concs £14) from [www.slms.org.uk](http://www.slms.org.uk)

### Saturday 3 February

- ♫ **WALLINGTON** - Paul Bell in Concert at St Patrick's Church 7.30pm - A singer and songwriter, Paul is a seasoned live performer gigging across the UK in pubs, coffee shops, churches and on festival stages. Free Admission

### Wednesday 7 February

- ♫ **CATERHAM** - Munch with Music at St John's Church. Double Duos - music from the Golden Age of Shows from the 20s to the 50s. Admission Free - Donations welcome. Tea/Coffee from 12.15pm, Performance 12.45 - 1.30pm. Bring your own "Munch"

### Saturday 10 February

- ♫ **STREATHAM** - Come Sing Evensong at St Peter's Church. Singers workshop from 2pm; Evensong at 4.30pm. Music inc. Parry's 'Blest Pair of Sirens', Howell's Collegium Regale Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis and Bogoroditse Devo by Rachmaninoff. £5 registration for singers at [www.evensong2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.evensong2018.eventbrite.com)

### Lunchtime Concerts at Croydon Minster FEBRUARY

- Fridays at 1.10pm
- 2 Students from Old Palace of John Whitgift School
  - 9 Students from Whitgift School
  - 16 Danilo Mascetti (Piano)
  - 23 Students from Whitgift School
- Free event - donations requested.

### Sunday 11 February

- ♫ **DULWICH** - Organ Recital by Riccardo Bonci at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich College - 7.45pm. Admission free

### Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 February

- \* **DEPTFORD** - 60th Anniversary Celebrations of the re-opening of St Nicholas church after WW II. **Saturday 17** : Open church from 10 am with exhibitions, illustrated talks, tour of the church and refreshments. **Sunday 18** : 10:30 am Service of Celebration followed by a Bring-and-share lunch

## March

### Lunchtime Music at St. Matthew's, Redhill MARCH Thursdays at 1.10 pm

- 1 Piano Recital (Theresa Yu)
  - 8 Recital - Hannah Hever (Carinet) w Javier Morillas (Viola) & Tereza Stachova (Piano)
  - 15 River City Saxs - "Four Centuries for Four Saxs"
  - 22 Chalumeaux Clarinet Quartet
- Free entry, a donation of £3 per person to cover costs is welcome.

### Friday 2 March

- † **NEW CROSS** - Women's World Day of Prayer Service 7.30pm, St James' Church. The theme of this year's Women's World Day of Prayer is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' The service being used is from Suriname

### Saturday 3 March

- ♫ **CROYDON** - Come and Sing Handel's Four Coronation Anthems. Choral workshop and informal evening performance at St Matthew's Church with the Croydon Bach Choir. 10am until 6pm. Pre-registration and payment is essential at <http://www.croydonbachchoir.org/events/>

### Tuesday 6 March

- ☛ **KEW** - 'Climate Change and A Faithful Christian Response' a conversation between Bp David Atkinson & Fr Nicholas King, SJ (Churches Together in Kew event) at The Barn Church, Atwood Avenue. 7.45pm - 9.15pm

### Lunchtime Concerts at Croydon Minster Fridays at 1.10pm

#### MARCH

- 2 Michelle Candotti (Piano)
  - 9 Alexa Campiglia (Cello), Ezgi Sarikciog (Violin), Daniel Ruizhur (Piano)
  - 16 Students from Whitgift School
  - 23 Monasterium - new young professional vocal ensemble
- Free event - donations requested.

### Saturday 10 March

- ♫ **REIGATE** - 'Musical Reflections' by the Reigate and Redhill Choral Society. 7.30pm at St Mary's Church

### Sunday 11 March

- ♫ **DULWICH** - Organ Recital by Richard Hobson at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich College - 7.45pm. Admission free
- ♫ **DULWICH** - Concordia Chamber Choir Spring Concert - 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Lovelace Road. Poulenc's Gloria & 4 Motets and works by Debussy, Messiaen & Stravinsky. Tickets £12 at the door, or £11 in advance from [www.concordiachamberchoir.co.uk](http://www.concordiachamberchoir.co.uk). (Concs available

### Saturday 17 March

- ☛ **BIRMINGHAM** - USPG Conference - Rethinking Mission: Living in a Religiously Diverse World 9.30am - 3pm, Birmingham Cathedral. Speaker, group discussion and a plenary session. £10 (concs £5) inc. lunch. Registration via <http://bit.ly/2FWATs3>

- ♫ **SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL** - Verdi Requiem sung by Eltham Choral Society, West Barnes Singers and Wimbledon Youth Choir with orchestra and soloists. 7.30pm. Tickets: £20, £15, £12 & £10. From [www.elthamchoral.org.uk](http://www.elthamchoral.org.uk), [www.westbarnessingers.co.uk](http://www.westbarnessingers.co.uk) or on the door.

- ♫ **NEW CROSS** - Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius presented by Lewisham Choral Society. 7:30 pm in Goldsmiths Great Hall. Info/ tickets from [www.lewishamchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.lewishamchoralsociety.org.uk)

- \* **SANDERSTEAD** - Exhibition and Sale of Pictures by Local Artists in aid of the Children's Society. 10am - 4.30pm URC Hall, Sanderstead Hill. 20% of all profits go towards the Society.



# #LIVELENT LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

*#LiveLent* - Let Your Light Shine takes you on a six week discipleship journey through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness.

For each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day there is a short reading, a pause for reflection and prayer, and an idea for a simple action that will enable the light of Jesus to shine through our everyday lives.

*#LiveLent* - Let Your Light Shine is written in simple and accessible language by the Venerable John Kiddle, (Archdeacon of Wandsworth and author of the best-selling *#GodWithUs*) and includes a welcome from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

- You can receive the daily reflections by texting Lent to 88802 or following *#LiveLent* on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, where they will be posted daily.
- An App for Android and iOS will be available late January) including all daily reflections material
- A weekly 5-session Lent course is also available as part a range of downloadable materials to support parishes including social media graphics to share on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
- A 112p full-colour printed book *#LiveLent: Let Your Light Shine* is available from Church House Publishing ([www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/live-lent](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/live-lent)) at £2.99 each, with bulk discounts for parishes on packs of 10.

*#LiveLent* has been created in association with Thy Kingdom Come, the global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

[www.churchofengland.org/lent](http://www.churchofengland.org/lent)

Homemade cakes and preserves stall, tea and coffee and raffle

### Wednesday 21 March

- ☛ **WESTMINSTER** - Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group 4 to 5 pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace. Discussion of Amoris laetitia - The Joy of Love, Pope Francis's encyclical on the family

### Friday 23 March & Sunday 25 March

- ♫ **WATERLOO** - Verdi's Luisa Miller sung by Mildsummer Opera soloists, chorus and orchestra at St John's Church. Friday at 7pm and Sunday at 5pm. Tickets: Friday £27 & £25 (concs); Sunday £27. Children £10. Advanced booking 020 7652 0070 or [wegottickets.com](http://wegottickets.com)

### Friday 23 to Sunday 25 March

- \* **HASTINGS** - Sanderstead Team Away-weekend of fellowship and Bible teaching at Ashburnham Place. Cost approx. £260 en-suite double room or £100 for standard single room including meals. Contact the Revd Jeremy Groombridge email: [grmbj@aol.com](mailto:grmbj@aol.com) or tel: 020 8668 7795

### Saturday 24 March

- ♫ **CROYDON** - Croydon Bach Choir Spring Concert at St Mary Magdalene Church, 7.30pm. Dvořák's Mass in D and Gounod's St Cecilia Mass. Tickets £12 (children £5) from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/croydonbachchoir](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/croydonbachchoir)

## April/May

### Wednesday 18 April

- ☛ **WESTMINSTER** - Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group 4 to 5 pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace. Speaker - Dr Helen Costigane (Heythrop College)

### Sunday 22 April

- ♫ **GREENWICH** - Sunday Afternoon Classics in the Chapel of the Old Royal Naval College 3.30pm. Redhill and Reigate Choral Society. Inc. highlights from the 10 March concert 'Musical Reflections'

### Sunday 13 May

- ♫ **DULWICH** - Organ Recital by Marilyn Harper at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich College - 7.45pm. (Dulwich Festival Recital)



*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*  
(Luke 4: 18-19)

# The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2018

Supporting projects in the Diocese of Southwark, the Holy Land and in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe

## Bishop Christopher writes:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

Since 1986, successive Bishops of Southwark have called the parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation during Lent, through the Lent Call.

Over the years, this has raised nearly £1,000,000 which has been shared with more than 150 projects. In 2017 we were able to give grants totalling over £80,000 to our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and to projects that work with people in our Diocese.

I am grateful to all our Churches and Schools for their generous gifts and fundraising. It is good that we share what we have in this way.

This year the projects we are supporting seek to bring help to those in need in the Holy Land as a result of the years of conflict and to our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe as they work for a better tomorrow - and to care for those in need in our own Diocese across a wide spectrum of issues such as homelessness, mental health and domestic violence. Alongside giving to these projects I hope that you will pray for the people concerned and the needs these projects address.

With my thanks and prayers for our partnership in the service of the Kingdom.

*Christopher Southwark*



## In The Holy Land

Amid the sacred, peaceful and beautiful places a story has been unfolding which is one of sadness and need. The projects and places which the Lent Call will support in the Holy Land this year are part of the response to that need.

### Al Ahli Arab Hospital

Throughout the Holy Land, many people are unable to travel freely to work or to visit family and friends or to receive the medical care or education that they need.

That is why a hospital such as Al Ahli in Gaza is so important. Despite the difficulties which surround it, the hospital offers some of the best healthcare in the region to all, regardless of faith, class or gender.



### Al Shurooq School

The Al Shurooq School for the blind and visually impaired was founded in 1981 in Jerusalem teaching the children braille and giving them access to braille reading materials. The aim of the school is to enable the pupils to become full and useful members of society.

In 2009 the school moved into a purpose built school in Bethlehem and two years ago expanded its work to help children with multiple difficulties too. Educational play also helps all the children especially those with multiple disabilities. Lent Call will help to provide multi-sensory experiences in classrooms, helping many more children to thrive.

### Jeel Al Amal Home & School

A home for 72 boys from the Palestinian territories who are orphaned or unable to live with their families full time. The school attached to Jeel Al Amal is unique in the area in that it takes children from age 5 to 12 and is for both boys and girls up to Grade 6. Girls are housed in a separate house.

With no governmental funding, in some months Jeel Al Amal has been unable to pay the bills. That is where the Bishop's Lent Call and other charities will help.

## In Southwark Diocese

### Bede House

Bede is a local community charity. Since 1938 it has worked from its base in Southwark to support local people in creating better lives for themselves, their families and communities. Bede runs four key services: Learning Disabilities, Youth Work, Starfish Domestic Violence Project and Community Engagement.

### Croydon APCMH

The Croydon branch of the Association for Pastoral Care in Mental Health aims to help all those who come to them

to realise their full potential and improve the quality of their lives. APCMH is based at St Mildred's Community Centre in Addiscombe and is open to people of all faiths and none.

### The Spires Centre

Streatham based Spires helps people who are homeless or have insecure accommodation and who face issues like long-term unemployment, poor mental or physical health, addiction or substance misuse,



or are imprisoned by sex work. All clients have access to hot food, showers and clothes; literacy, numeracy and other courses and classes to increase well-being and reduce anxiety. Many clients go on to employment and further education.

## In Zimbabwe

In difficult and confusing times it is often the young who suffer most. Our donations will help to enable students throughout Zimbabwe to be resourced to receive the best possible education to help their future and the future of Zimbabwe.

### Central Zimbabwe

The Diocese has twelve schools – including several taken over from the state. There is concern about the condition of some of the schools. Much has been achieved in the last five years but more still needs to be done.

### Manicaland

Many young people are still unable to go on to university because they do not have the money to do so and

many schools face challenges through inadequate infrastructure and resources.

### Masvingo

The Diocese now looks after fourteen schools. Much of the infrastructure is dilapidated and needs attention. There is a shortage of classrooms, furniture and supplies - and staff accommodation. Eight schools were also involved in supplementary feeding for children in 2016 and 2017.

### Matabeleland

The Diocesan schools offer a first class education but



sometimes schools struggle because families cannot afford to pay the fees. St Gabriel's Centre makes uniforms and sells them to pupils as cheaply as possible.

The Diocese has also bought a property to be a boarding house for girls attending Anglican schools in Bulawayo and to generate income.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Lent Call materials have been sent to parishes and schools.

They can also be found on the Diocesan website [www.southwark.anglican.org/lentcall](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/lentcall)

As well as information about the projects you will also find worship sheets for use in schools and Sunday Schools. Greetings cards are available again from Trinity House. They offer images from our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and are blank for you to use in whatever way you wish.

Do follow our twitter feed (@southwarkcofe) as we will be adding extra material about the projects each week. There will also be a Lent Call blog and a blog of the Pilgrimage that Bishop Christopher and the Dean of Southwark will lead to the Holy Land in February featuring two of the Lent Call projects.

## GIVING

As well as giving at your church or school, it is possible to give to the Lent Call by text and online (<http://bit.ly/LentCall18>) as well as by cheque, which should be sent to John Jackson at Trinity House.



Loving God  
Walking with Jesus  
Led by the Spirit  
*Luke 24:13-35*

[www.southwark.anglican.org/lentcall](http://www.southwark.anglican.org/lentcall)

The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Fund.  
Registered Charity No 1075122

