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The Bishop of Croydon consecrated in a “spiritually uplifting and joy-filled” service at Southwark Cathedral

The new Bishop of Croydon, the Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett, was consecrated on Friday 24 June, at Southwark Cathedral, in what she described as a “spiritually uplifting and joy-filled” service.

Bishop Rosemarie is the Diocese of Southwark’s first female Bishop and third black Bishop – the first being her fellow Barbadian countryman, the Rt Revd Wilfred Wood, now retired – the second, the Rt Revd Dr Woyin Karowei Dorgu, currently serving as Bishop of Woolwich.

The consecration was attended by family, friends and parishioners, not only from the Diocese of Southwark, but from across the country, including clergy, bishops and local and international dignitaries. Well-wishers flooded social media with messages of congratulations, prayers and encouragement.

The Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun said, “I am thankful

that Bishop Rosemarie Mallett has joined the Episcopal Team as Bishop of Croydon. Bishop Rosemarie brings good local knowledge, having served as Archdeacon of Croydon, as well as a wealth of experience from her years as an academic, parish priest and heading the Diocese’s Justice Peace and the Integrity of Creation department. Her love and compassion for the communities she serves shines through and I look forward to working with her in the years to come.”

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd, Justin Welby, said in a tweet after the service, “The grace and goodness of God was so visible at Rosemarie Mallett’s consecration as Bishop of Croydon at Southwark Cathedral today. Praying for Bishop Rosemarie and the wonderful communities she serves.”

Bishop Rosemarie said, “I feel completely humbled and privileged to be called to serve God as a bishop in his church and to lead his people as we work to build



New Bishop of Croydon with Bishops of Southwark, Woolwich, Kingston and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

the kingdom in the Croydon Episcopal Area which stretches out into East Surrey. I am looking forward to getting to know more of the churches and church schools and para-church projects in the whole Episcopal area, and to offer my support to their mission and ministry.”

In a moving and powerful sermon, the Revd Prebendary Sandra McCalla,

Chaplain to the Bishop of London, said, “Today, you answer this onerous, yet joyful call to serve not just you but the whole body of witnesses, including those who have travelled across seas and continents to come and see what the Lord has done.”

The service was recorded and can be watched here: <https://bit.ly/3arLk19>

The Dean of Southwark announces his retirement

The Dean of Southwark, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, has announced his intention to retire on 4 July 2023 following the 40th anniversary of his ordination as Deacon.

In his letter to the Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, the Dean said, “I wanted to give you a year’s notice of this in order to allow you to begin the process of identifying and appointing my successor and for the new Cathedral Chapter to do the work it will need to do in order to be in a position to welcome a new Dean. It has been the most enormous privilege to serve the people of God and lead the worship of

Almighty God for all these years but especially from this position.”

He continued, “There is a great deal I can do in a year. Be assured, I won’t coast towards retirement. It will be heart-breaking leaving but the time is right and I am sure you will find somebody wonderful to serve this wonderful community.”

Bishop Christopher said, “The Dean of Southwark is much loved. He has brought his considerable gifts to the service of the Cathedral and wider Church with priestly devotion, humour, and a passion for generous and including orthodoxy. As Dean he has built a hospitable and engaged community of prayer at the

Cathedral, and as senior priest of the Diocese he has engaged with different civic bodies in a way that has earned their respect and ensured that the Church of England is seen as a credible partner in different walks of life. Andrew will be greatly missed by colleagues in the Cathedral, the Diocese of Southwark and on General Synod. I have accepted his notice to retire with a sad heart, but Andrew is assured of my prayers and thanks for all that he has done and will continue to do over the coming year until his retirement.”

Andrew became Acting Dean following the death of The Very Revd Colin Slee, in



The Very Revd Andrew Nunn.

November 2010 and was installed as Dean on the Feast of St Agnes, 21 January 2012. He came to the Cathedral in September 1999 as Sub Dean and Precentor and so will have served the Cathedral for 24 years. We look forward to working with Andrew over this coming year and having the opportunity to celebrate with him all that Southwark Cathedral means for the community, Diocese, Church and nation.

A view from The BRIDGE



“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good ... and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.”

This summer edition of The Bridge feels very much like a sabbath edition. It offers us an opportunity to see what God has done and it encourages us to take the chances we have over these weeks to rest.

Genesis 1, repeats the little phrase, “God saw”. It’s fascinating. God didn’t simply do his work of creation and move on, he took time to pause and to see, and to see everything; perhaps as an artist standing back from her canvas. God saw with joy, with pleasure, with hope, and much thankfulness.

The last two years have not been easy for us as a Diocese and for the communities we serve. But as we step back and take time to see, there are so many signs of life and hope, so much that fills us with joy and much thankfulness.

This edition of *The Bridge* is brim full of stories of hope and of life, and that’s only a snapshot of all that God is doing among us. New ministries, lay and ordained. Communities coming together to remember and support one another. Celebrations, evangelism, partnerships and pilgrimages. Strangers welcomed and becoming friends and so much more.

Have a look around.

See what the Lord has done and give God thanks.

And rest ...



In this edition there’s also a thoughtful and practical encouragement to take time to slow down and rest. God rested and so can we.

Our mutual well-being is our shared commitment. We care for each other, we seek the well-being of one another. That’s absolutely at the heart of what it is to walk with one another, to welcome one another and to grow in love and community.

Our well-being is also our own individual responsibility. We care for ourselves. We seek to shape our lives in prayer, in holiness, in goodness and in living and being well. One of the key things we can do is take seriously the sabbath call to rest.

Rest can come in many ways, moments of rest, nights of rest, days of rest. I hope too, that for many of us over these summer months there is an opportunity for a week or two of rest.

May God bless us in our resting, and in so doing may we be strengthened to be a blessing to others.

May God bless those who, through their presence and support, enable us to take time to rest.

May God bless us in noticing those who, through circumstance or concern, cannot easily find rest.

Have a great summer. May our eyes be opened to see all that God has done and our hearts filled with thankfulness. May our minds, hearts and bodies find time for rest and in that resting be renewed and refreshed.

John Kiddle

Read more about finding ways of slowing down on pages 8-10



NEWS IN BRIEF

The Revd Margaret Cave – Honorary Canon

The Revd Margaret Cave was made Honorary Canon at Southwark Cathedral on 3 July. “It is a great privilege to become an Honorary Canon at Southwark Cathedral. I am delighted to remain part of the Southwark Diocesan family and very pleased to have joined the College of Canons. I look forward to a closer relationship with the Cathedral family and being an ambassador for the Cathedral,” she said. Margaret was formerly Team Rector of East Greenwich Team Ministry and joined the Archbishops at Lambeth Palace in April, as Special Adviser, working with the Rt Revd Emma Ineson on strategic and governance changes within the National Church. L-R Andrew Zihni, Margaret Cave, Bishop Christopher and Dean Andrew.



The Southwark Diocesan Conference

The Southwark Diocesan Conference will be taking place on 1-3 September 2022 at Bacon’s College, Rotherhithe.

The full programme has been published and you can view our exciting line-up of keynote speakers and seminar leaders here: bit.ly/3PjQXHu

Canon Missioner Jay Colwill notes that many of our parishes and communities are in a tiring “liminal space” at the moment – neither fully in lock-down or ‘out of COVID’. He hopes that the Conference will help us to reflect upon our changing society and (with God’s help) discern how it can be transformed.

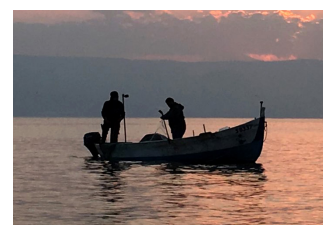
There are still spaces to attend this significant Diocesan event in person. If you would like more details, or would like to register to attend in person or online, please e-mail the planning team at SDC2022@southwark.anglican.org or visit the Southwark Diocesan website: bit.ly/31AnPJE

Cold Buildings, Cool Spaces

As part of the heatwave plan for England, all local authorities are required to set up a register of ‘Cool Spaces’ which are indoor spaces and outdoor areas where people can take respite on hot days. Places of worship are ideally placed to provide cool spaces especially in urban areas so have a look on your local authority website to see if you can register. The main criteria are that you have to provide free access, seating and access to drinking water.

London has a Cool Spaces map which went live from 1 June 2022 until 15 September the same period in which the NHS and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) heatwave guidance as set out in the Heatwave Plan for England, is operational. Read more or register here: bit.ly/3cexRUl

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023



Bishop Christopher and Bishop Paul Hendricks, Assistant Bishop in the Archdiocese of Southwark, will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 27 February to 6 March 2023. They will be joined by Dean Andrew Nunn and the Dean of St George’s Cathedral, Michael Branch. Find out here: bit.ly/3RrA53j.

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News from the Diocese

“We emerge scarred, yet stronger”
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Prior to the service, the Dean of Southwark, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn, said, “Each anniversary brings back the memories of that terrible evening five years ago. Southwark Cathedral, with other community leaders and groups, continues to support all those caught up in the events and to continue that process of building trust and hope throughout

our communities. We emerged scarred, yet stronger.”
The service was attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa, the Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Sunil Chopra, members from the Ecumenical and Interfaith communities and survivors, families and friends of those who died.

After the service, the congregation, led by Bishop Christopher, Dean Andrew Nunn and the civic leaders, processed to Cathedral Square for the dedication of the Memorial Plaque.

The names of those who were killed are remembered on the plaque. They are:

- Christine Archibald
- Sebastien Belanger
- Kirsty Boden
- Ignacio Echeverría
- James McMullan
- Alexandre Pigeard
- Xavier Thomas
- Sara Zelenak

The service was live-streamed and recorded. It can be watched here: bit.ly/3cfdbf9



Left to right – The Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Sunil Chopra, The Bishop of Southwark, The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, The Dean of Southwark, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn.

The Revd Jeremy Clark-King appointed as Director of Clergy Formation and Initial Ministerial Education

Bishop Christopher has appointed The Revd Jeremy Clark-King as Director for Clergy Formation and Initial Ministerial Education (IME) in the Diocese of Southwark together with a Residential Canonry at Southwark Cathedral. He is currently Lead for IME 2 – the training of curates – in the Diocese.



This new role brings together Vocations, and the training of curates, with the Director of Ordinands role, which Jeremy will also cover, succeeding the Revd Canon Leanne Roberts. Jeremy said, “There are points in the journey from the initial sense of vocation to three to four years of a curacy and finally to the first appointment that are very critical. Bishop Christopher has been wanting for some time to bring these important stages of the journey together in one team and department.”

Working alongside the Revd Canon Wendy Robins and her team in Discipleship and Lay Ministry, the initial work of Vocations is to help people discern what God is calling them to in living out their ministry as baptised Christians. Those who are called and selected to be Lay Ministers will have their training arranged, and will be supported, by Wendy and her team. Those who are called to Ordination will be supported by Jeremy and his team through their selection process, initial training at a college or course, ordination, and their training in a parish as an assistant.

He continued, “This means that we will be working with people from their initial vocation awareness through to being fully trained parish clergy. We will know them better because we will have been working with them for seven to eight years on their journey.”

Bishop Christopher welcomed the appointment, “Jeremy Clark-King brings many years of experience of working with ordinands and clergy

from their initial calling to missional leadership as parish priests. He has a passion for teaching, learning, formation and development. I am delighted that he will be taking on this exciting new role,” he said.

Jeremy will lead a team of four, the Assistant Director of Ordinands and Assistant Director of Vocations, the Revd Raymond Baudon, working with the Team Administrator, Sue Stewart and the next IME2 Coordinator. “Although we are a team of four, it’s actually a much bigger team,” he explained. “The task is only possible in collaboration with the wider team of Vocations Advisors, Area Directors of Ordinands, Examining Chaplains, Area Directors of IME, and all the training incumbents of which there are currently over seventy,” he continued.

The Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Martin, said, “We have stated our strategic priority to increase curates and enhance our pipeline of ordained frontline parish ministry, seeking leadership that will reflect the diversity of local communities which our parishes serve. Jeremy’s appointment to lead the restructured team – with his extensive experience in different contexts – is an important step towards achieving this.”

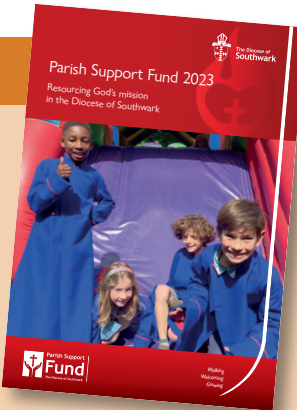
Jeremy has over 30 years of ordained leadership in the Anglican Communion in diverse types of ministry in six dioceses and three countries.

Parish Support Fund launches

Thank you to all our parishes who continue to give generously to the Parish Support Fund (PSF) and sustain mission and ministry across the Diocese. The collection rate at the end of June is 98.8% which is very encouraging in these uncertain times.

The 2023 PSF materials have been emailed to all parishes – please share the stories and videos widely and celebrate the impact of your generosity and God’s blessing. Please submit your 2023 pledge by 15 September.

If you have any queries about the PSF, please contact Gabby Parikh at gabby.parikh@southwark.anglican.org





IN FOCUS...

News from our parishes

Grenfell Tower fire fifth anniversary

A Eucharist of Remembrance and Solidarity.

At Midnight on 13 June, All Saints, West Dulwich commemorated the fifth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Bishop Christopher presided at this moving Eucharist, which he described as, “a powerful witness and statement.”

In his words of welcome, he recalled that on the morning of the fire he was praying with traders of Borough Market, re-opening after the London Bridge terror attack on 3 June.

The Vicar of All Saints, the Revd Dr Alan Everett, was then the Vicar of the Grenfell Tower parish. At 3am, he turned on the lights and opened the doors of St Clement's church, which quickly became a sanctuary.

In his homily, Revd Alan spoke of the fire as “an almost biblical moment of revelation. Multiple failures by national and local government, as well as local

businesses, demonstrated a disregard for the poorest and most vulnerable in our society,” he said.

As they continue to wait for justice, survivors and others in North Kensington feel increasingly impotent and despairing.

But the fire has also shown the best of humanity:

“In the photos of the beautiful faces of those who died. In the dignity and grace of those who survived. In the courage of firefighters. In the support of those who gathered round after the fire. In the diligence of the teams who assembled evidence from each floor of the ruined tower. And in so many other ways,” Revd Alan said.

He contrasted, “the shadow heart of our politics of inequality”, with the green Grenfell heart of compassion, which, “appear before us as a biblically resonant choice: one leading us to death, literally, and the other to life.”

Compelling visual displays around the church told the story of Grenfell and can be viewed on *Instagram: alaneverett.art*.

Despite the challenging hour, the Eucharist was attended by members of the congregation and parish, by ecumenical and civic representatives, including Helen Hayes, MP for Lambeth, the Deputy Mayor of Lambeth, Cllr Sarbaz Barzaji and other councillors, and many local firefighters.

After the intercessions, the congregation lit candles beneath a burnt cross at the east end of All Saints. This cross was itself



Candle procession during the service.

made from roof timbers after the church was consumed by fire in 2000.

Ruth Holton, the Director of Music at All Saints, composed a communion anthem for the occasion, using words from Revd Alan's Grenfell poem, first published in *The Guardian* in September 2017. The Eucharist was supported by a small choir from All Saints, which sang beautifully.

In an Act of Remembrance, Helen Hayes MP read the names and ages of those who died, and the floors on which they lived. These details reminded those present that many families lived in Grenfell Tower.

Eighteen children died. Those on the top floors had been in an especially desperate position.

Revd Alan's sermon concluded that we are called to lament, to cry for justice, and to commit to hope for “a new type

of politics... a new sense of community” and “greater compassion and wisdom in our leaders’.

The Eucharist was live-streamed and can be seen on the All Saints YouTube channel: bit.ly/3B5fAnp.



Helen Hayes, MP reading the names of the 72 who died.

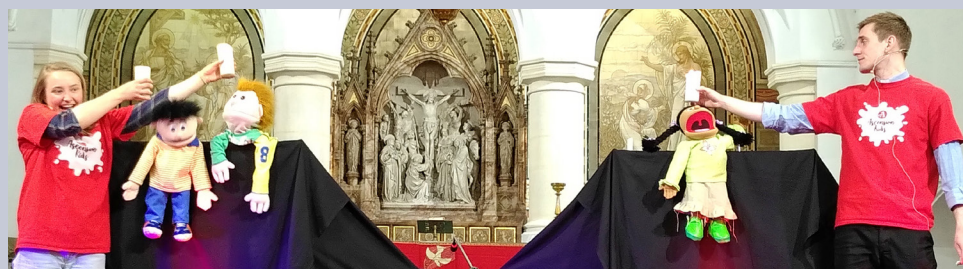


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Ascension Balham's Bubble Church to expand across the Diocese with help of Innovation Funding

The ‘Bubble Church’ at Ascension in Balham, launched under lockdown in October 2020, takes its name from the socially distanced ‘bubbles’ in which parents and children gathered for the new church, has received help from a £250,000 Innovation Funding grant from the Church of England. The grant will be used to expand the Bubble Church formula to five other churches in the Diocese.

This new worshipping community for young families, using puppets and song to



help tell Bible stories and talk about the Christian faith, has seen the number of children baptised grow threefold from an average of five, to 10 last year and 15 due to take place this year.

Vicar, Marcus Gibbs, said: “There are lots of young families in Balham, most of whom have no connection with church, and Bubble Church was our experiment to see if we could connect with them. It

uses a simple formula and allows everyone regardless of their knowledge of the Christian faith to join and learn together. We thank God for the success of Bubble Church and hope that we may see this successfully adopted in other churches.”

Innovation Funding is aimed at helping parishes explore new ways of sharing the Christian message alongside tried and tested approaches. Dioceses encouraged to apply for funding for projects lasting up to three years that could act as blueprints for future mission and growth across the country.

Putney church opens community centre to ‘spark’ young—old relationships



The launch of Sparkle at St Stephens, East Putney.

After two years of Pandemic-enforced isolation, a new intergenerational community centre, called *Sparkle*, was opened on 9 June at St Michael, Southfields and St Stephen, Wandsworth, by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jeremy Ambache.

Sparkle's aim is to bring young and older members of the community together. At the launch younger guests were invited to find a ‘Grandfriend’, do hand prints on the wall and make paper aeroplanes together and launch them. The ribbon, cut by the Mayor, was held by the oldest, aged 96, and youngest, aged two.

Sparkle runs weekly intergenerational sessions in St Stephen’s church hall, Putney. Activities, include both age groups singing, reading, craft-making, gardening, digital and exercise. The children are from Little Fingers Nursery and Brandelhow Primary School. Free lunch is provided.

Sparkle founder, Emma Chisholm, said: “I strongly felt that after the pandemic, which isolated everyone, that it would be amazing to facilitate somewhere we could bring the generations together. Our mission, as a church, is to see people transformed in Christ and bring hope for everyone. Part of that is about seeking justice and mercy for those in need in our local community, and further afield.”

She continued, “There is increased age segregation in the borough. In the past mixing among the generations was common. Families lived together or were close by.”

In London, only 5% of under 18’s live near someone over 65. Emma said, “This can drive a wedge between the generations, causing societal problems such as intolerance and ageism. Intergenerational work is a win-win. The benefits for older people include reducing loneliness, improving cognitive functioning, mobility and well-being. Younger people improve their communication skills, confidence and empathy.”

“*Sparkle* is a place where we want relationships to ‘spark’ and bring light and joy to young and old. Everyone is valuable because everyone has something to give, as well as receive. For the older generations that could mean giving their time to read with a child, teaching a child about their culture or sharing their knowledge of how to do something. For our little ones, this could mean sharing a song, playing a game, giving a smile to someone who might be feeling sad or sharing all that energy they have!”

Sparkle is open from 10.30am–2.30pm every Thursday in St Stephen’s Church Hall, Manfred Road, East Putney. Pre-registration required. For further information email emma@stmikes-ststeves.org.uk or phone 020 8877 3003.

Prayers and support for families in East Jerusalem

On 26 June, All Saints, West Dulwich welcomed Bishop Christopher to celebrate the Eucharist and attend a fundraising lunch in aid of the Spafford Children’s Center, organised by the UK Friends of the Center.

During the service, Trustee, Sara Bristow, spoke about its origins as an orphanage in 1925 and how it has survived overwhelming challenges, adapting its services to the changing needs of children and families in and around Jerusalem. Its focus is on early child development programmes, remedial education, and psycho-social support, all designed to transform lives, bringing hope and self-confidence to children and families living in difficult socio-economic conditions.

A drinks reception with Palestinian snacks was held for members of the congregation and others. This was a chance to talk to trustees about the Center, socialise, and buy merchandise to raise funds. Over 65 people attended the delicious mezze lunch of Palestinian dishes taken from the books by well-known Palestinian chef, Joudie Kalla.

Khaled Fandi, represented the Palestinian Mission to the UK. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the Ambassador, HE Dr Husam Zomlot, and the Palestinian people, for the important work the Spafford Children’s Center continues to do nearly 100 years since its foundation.



L-R: Khaled Fandi, representative of the Palestinian Mission to the UK, Bishop Christopher, Sa’id Shehadeh and Lady Djemila Cope, trustees of the UK Friends of Spafford.

Bishop Christopher spoke about his support of the Spafford Center, for Embrace the Middle East and the Balfour Project. He talked powerfully about his belief that the inequalities between the two communities in Palestine and Israel need to be addressed, particularly the inequality of power. He thought there was now a majority in the British Parliament for the recognition of Palestine as a state.

The Spafford Children’s Center is independent of any government or religious organisation and relies on support from generous individuals and institutions. <https://spaffordcenter.org/>

Blooming Church and Town

The children of Christ Church, Purley were invited by Purley in Bloom, a local community group, to the unveiling of 10 wildlife brass rubbings in the Rotary Field just ahead of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend.

A few months earlier, Christ Church Kids were invited to vote on which fauna and flora should be included in the rubbing posts which would grace the rubbing posts in the town centre park.

Before Sunday Christ Church Kids Church began, a number of the children were thrilled to run between one post and another around the field until all 10 plaques had been tried out. “Whoa... it’s a pipistrelle bat!” one said excitedly as the rubbing was revealed. Christ Church Curate, the Revd Lisa Fairman-Brown said, “We love the way the community is coming together to restore and re-imagine a brighter Purley, as a fun



and bright place to live, work and be. We love to see echoes of God’s Kingdom breaking in all around our neighbourhood.”

A few days earlier, another team spent a busy evening turning a bare space in the church car park into a cross of summer bedding plants. Sophie Clarke of Purley in Bloom commented, “Many of the flowering plants are favourites among pollinators and others were chosen for their high carbon absorption, being next to the road this is very important.”



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Woolwich Pilgrimage to Coventry Cathedral shines a light on Racial Justice and Reconciliation

The Revd Patrick Eggleston, Area Dean for Plumstead Deanery and a member of the Woolwich Racial Justice Committee (formerly Woolwich MEACC), writes:

Coventry Cathedral was the destination for almost 100 pilgrims from churches across the Woolwich Episcopal Area on 11 June.

The pilgrimage was organised by Woolwich MEACC (now the Woolwich Racial Justice Committee) and was originally due to have taken place in 2020, but like many things, had been postponed due to the pandemic.

The delay, however, meant that the rearranged visit was very timely, coming as it did shortly before the consecration of the Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett as the next Bishop of Croydon on 24 June. Rosemarie has, of course, been central to the work of MEACC over many years. And she also has a close connection with Coventry having grown up there. And to honour that connection, Bishop Rosemarie has chosen as her episcopal pectoral cross a design based on the Cross of Nails at Coventry Cathedral.

The Cross of Nails is a symbol of reconciliation and Coventry Cathedral is itself a centre of reconciliation, built in the aftermath of the Second World War when the original cathedral was destroyed by enemy bombing. So, it felt very timely to be travelling there against the background of the war in Ukraine and to be praying for peace and reconciliation while looking out on the ruins of the old cathedral from the nave of the new one.

As mentioned earlier, the name of Woolwich MEACC is changing to the Woolwich Racial Justice Committee, and Diocesan MEACC and the other area MEACCs in Kingston and Croydon Episcopal Areas are doing likewise. As the Diocese embraces the *Anti-Racism Charter*, it is good now to have a name that more accurately reflects the work and objectives of these bodies. And it is good too to acknowledge Bishop Rosemarie's central role in the charter coming into being.



Coventry Pilgrims.

One Roof, Many Stories – Radical Inclusive Histories



Rosella Salandra and daughter alongside the protest artwork.

The oldest church in Blackheath opened its doors on 25 June to explore the radical history of the Church of the Ascension in a project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and listed as part of the Lewisham Borough of Culture calendar.

The Revd Anne Bennett said, "Visitors came to discover the story of a founder member of the Gay Christian Movement in the seventies, and how that movement transformed into today's One Body One Faith organisation which campaigns for LGBTQIA+ inclusion in the church."

Visitors also learned about the local Suffragettes, in particular, Rosa May Billinghurst, a wheelchair user whose family worshipped at the church and sheltered Suffragettes in their home.

The Ascension was active in the Movement for the Ordination of Women and was the first parish church to formally request that women be ordained. The Revd Elsie Baker was one of the very first women ordained priest in the Church of England. The exhibition also traced stories of refugees and people seeking sanctuary for three centuries in Blackheath and explored how that work continues today through its participation in the Lewisham Churches for Asylum Seekers (LEWCAS) foodbank and the ESOL class that the church delivers.

Continuing a long line of protest and free thinking in the Blackheath area with figures such as John Ball and Watt Tyler, it showed how this church has been at the forefront of the struggle for human rights, the anti-apartheid movement and social inclusion, and "it examined the role of protest in the church and sometimes against the church, when they thought the Vicar was too radical!" said Anne.

Visitors had the chance to create their own protest artwork with the help of Artmongers mural artists and to share their oral histories with a history student from Goldsmiths College.

Southwark and Newington Deanery youth experience Iona



A group of 20 young people from churches in Southwark and Newington Deanery joined the Iona Community Week at the Abbey from 28 May to 4 June.

Here was some of their feedback from the pilgrimage:

"What an adventure: two train journeys and then two ferry trips."

"Amazing staying in Iona Abbey and meeting people from all over the world."

"Is it always sunny all week in the that part of Scotland?"

"The sea and beaches were incredible, and just a short walk."



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See the earth as if from space – Gaia comes to Southwark Cathedral

Southwark Cathedral will be exhibiting artist, Luke Jerram’s spectacular and hugely popular artwork, Gaia. It will be installed at the Cathedral from 11 October – 30 October.

Measuring seven metres in diameter, Gaia features detailed imagery of the Earth’s surface compiled by the Visible Earth series at NASA. The artwork provides the opportunity to see our planet floating in three-dimensions. A specially made surround sound composition by BAFTA award-winning Composer, Dan Jones, is played alongside the sculpture.

The Dean of Southwark, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, said, “We are excited as we prepare for the installation of Gaia in the Cathedral. Focusing on the beauty of our planet and the wondrous nature of God’s good creation will help us move forward as we seek to play our part in addressing the challenge of climate change. God made all things good; it is we who have caused the damage.”

Artist, Luke Jerram, said, “I hope visitors to Gaia get to see the Earth as if from space; an incredibly beautiful and precious place. An ecosystem we urgently need to look after – our only home. Halfway through the Earth’s six mass extinction, we urgently need to wake up, and change our behaviour. We need to quickly make the changes necessary, to prevent run away Climate Change.”

Southwark Cathedral will announce in late summer further details about how visitors can come and see Gaia and take part in associated activities. Our events programme will explore our relationship with our planet, climate change and the Church of England’s journey to being Net Carbon Zero. The Church of England’s fifth mark of mission “To strive to

safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth” will also be explored.

Chair of Friends of Southwark Cathedral, Clare Johnson, said, “The Friends of Southwark Cathedral exists both to care for the Cathedral and to support its mission and so we are delighted to be working together to welcome Luke Jerram’s ‘Gaia’ installation this October. As the Cathedral steps up its ambitions to become carbon neutral by 2030, it is hoped the installation will give people from all walks of life the opportunity to contemplate our world from a different perspective, and to renew their appreciation of our beautiful and fragile ‘pendant world’ as we look to move to a more sustainable way of living.”

Details of Gaia’s opening hours and events will be announced via Southwark Cathedral’s website, newsletter and social media.

“I hope visitors to Gaia get to see the Earth as if from space; an incredibly beautiful and precious place.”

Gaia will be open for visitors during the day and on selected evenings. A high demand is anticipated. A high demand to see the exhibit we are operating an entry only by ticket system. Entry during the day is free but tickets must be booked in advance. More details here: bit.ly/3chrWyp

Volunteers are needed to volunteer at the Gaia exhibit. Please see page 15 for more information.



Luke Jerram’s spectacular artwork, Gaia.



DISCIPLESHIP & MINISTRY

Well-being

Take time to slow down this summer

The summer is here and with it will come some hopefully well deserved rest for us all.

The last few years have been a challenge. Lockdown and the pandemic meant that we couldn't go away for our holidays, let alone see friends and loved ones near and far. We found creative ways of taking a break at home. Many discovered or rekindled new and old hobbies – gardening, baking, decorating, painting, knitting all became very popular.

Despite all this activity and creativity, the pandemic took a toll on our well-being to a lesser and greater extent. The hour of exercise outside was a welcome relief and was not taken for granted with many continuing to walk regularly long after restrictions have lifted. With restrictions lifted, people have taken the opportunity to book that long-awaited holiday, visits to the theatre, museums, festivals, conferences and pilgrimages. The Diocesan website is also full of events and activities over the summer that you may be interested in. Find out more here: bit.ly/3P9PtzF

Walks in the park have become very popular too. Liz Waldy and Mathilde No attend Christ Church, Brixton Road. They started walking together during lockdown. Liz used this time for meditation too. "During lockdown, when I was doing my daily walks, I signed up to 'Ways of Walking' which was an online programme of twelve themes to help you focus on something while walking.

What I loved about it was that it was about slow walking – three miles per hour - walking as meditation, with a different focus each week for example, reflecting on how you are connected to the earth, the trees and everything and everyone around you, but also themes like 'walking as a right'. I loved that it wasn't about walking in beautiful wide-open spaces but also in cities and parks. Jonathan Stalls, who set it up, is based in Denver and often his videos showed him walking alongside the traffic," said Liz, who is also churchwarden.

In one video Jonathan encourages the listener to think about the experiences



Mathilde No (left) and Liz Waldy on their themed Ways of Walking.

of walkers who might be struggling with their sight, or be rolling in a wheelchair. "So when my friend from church, Mathilde, said that she was thinking of walking more during Lent we arranged a time to walk on Ash Wednesday and I sent her some links to the videos. We walked down Brixton Road to Kennington Park and that was the first walk of many. It had never occurred to me what a scary experience that would be for someone who is registered blind as cyclists carry on through red lights, and paving slabs stick up in your way," said Liz.

"Normally, I don't like walking," explained Mathilde, "At first, it was a challenge for me. We started walking every Wednesday and then it became an adventure. I can't walk on the street because I am visually impaired. We walked around the park. It was a good feeling to not think about anything and to just feel good. I wasn't thinking about other things. There was a freedom of the spirit," she continued. Lent became a springboard to what Mathilde eventually started doing daily,

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"Ten minutes became an hour and a half. I felt that if I didn't go walking I would feel bad," she said.

Walking has become a routine for Mathilde who uses her white stick to help her. She has also observed regulars in the park during her walk. "I'm sure they must also think the same about me when they see me," she said. Her advice to anyone considering walking, is simple, "Make it a goal and achieve it. Walking is lovely for well-being and feeling good immediately."



Liz's Top Tips for Summer Walking

* **Slow down, in Ways of Walking** they talk about 'life at 3mph', most of the time I am walking with a purpose because I am going shopping, or heading somewhere. Its nice sometimes just to wander, aimlessly and a bit slower than usual, its not a competition.

* **Make friends with your local park.** Friends who visit from other cities always comment how lucky we are in London to have so many parks. Going regularly to the same place helps, I think, taking your time means you get to know it in a different way.

* **Take your camera or smart phone.** When you take your time you notice things differently, if something strikes you then you can take a quick photo. I have often looked back at the photos I have taken and sometimes used them as a focus for prayer

* **For more inspiration you can listen to similar walking meditations or podcasts like Ways of Walking:** bit.ly/3uGtGqZv

The Archdeacon of Wandsworth, the Venerable John Kiddle, shared his thoughts and advice on ways to spend this summer, “The summer break is a great opportunity to change pace. It is impossible for anyone to sustain consistently a steady run, let alone a sprint, over an extended period of time. We begin to feel the effects in ourselves and observe the impact of our interactions with others. It is vital to have seasons, not just moments, when we slow down. The summer months offer us just such a period. They are a gift; a God given opportunity to slow down.

Slowing down might mean a much less crowded diary. It might mean taking more time for leisure, for a walk or a trip out. It will mean having more time to see family and friends. It will mean an opportunity to read, to reflect or to be creative. It might simply mean taking more time to enjoy meals with others.

“When you consciously chose to breathe more slowly, counting as you breathe in and then out, you almost immediately notice a change in your body and your mind.”

So, when we consciously chose to do something that helps us slow down, we begin to feel the difference, and notice the changes.

Recently, on a day off, I went the relatively short train journey from Clapham Junction to Box Hill and Westhumble station. As I walked out of the station and onto the footpath up to Box Hill, I felt an overwhelming sense of joy and unburdening. A God given moment, sustaining and uplifting. That was a day of slowing down that illustrated for me what the gift of a season of slowing down can offer.

Of course, we are not able to take the whole of the summer months as leave. Even in July and August the life of the parish or chaplaincy continues and there are things to do, but in most situations there should be less meetings and less demands. I do hope that you find that to be true in your situation. I do hope that you find that you can take the opportunity that these summer months offer to slow down, to change pace and to feel the difference. May they be a gift of joy and release, may you find refreshment, fun and inspiration.

And, if you are able to take a couple of weeks of leave over the summer, may that be restful and wonderful. Sometimes we don’t just need to slow down, but to stop.”



The Venerable John Kiddle.

The Revd Betsy Blatchley, Pioneer Minister in the Arts in Nine Elms shares her thoughts on ways to relax and unwind over the summer weeks.

The last couple of difficult years have reminded many of us just how important it is to look after our well-being – and that of our family and friends.

At Nine Elms Arts Ministry we have recently launched Creative Soul – a project offering free arts well-being activities, aimed at nurturing the body, mind and soul. Whether or not we are able to get away for a holiday, the

summer is a great time to try and enjoy the things that bring us joy and nurture our well-being.

You could check whether your local church, arts centre or local council has some free or low-cost creative activities and try something new!

We are blessed with so many free art galleries and museums in and around the Diocese (Tate Modern being my favourite). Why not set aside a few hours to visit, take a slow stroll around (or if you have children see what free summer fun they are offering). Or why not buy a cheap watercolour palette

and head to your local park and have some fun painting the colours you see – you don’t have to be able to draw, go abstract – it’s incredibly relaxing!

Singing is also great for making you feel good – create your own summer playlist and sing your heart out at home.

For me, being near water always helps my well-being – there are often good offers on trains to all the great coastal spots nearby if you book ahead, maybe you could pack up a picnic and treat yourself to a day breathing in the sea air (choose one of the less well-known spots to avoid the crowds). Or we have

the Thames on our doorstep, choose a stretch you have never been to before and take a slow stroll – taking time to notice as much detail as you can (maybe you will be inspired to write a poem or jot down a few words about what you saw).

However hectic your summer, try and take some time to enjoy the simple things, get creative and boost your joy levels – you deserve it.

Find out all about the Nine Elms Arts Ministry here: bit.ly/3PnSz2F



A Creative Soul Café event.

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Festivals

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The Summer is a great time to unwind at festivals, concerts and the theatre. Lay Training Officer, Peter Graystone recommends Greenbelt.

"I would recommend that people recharge over the summer by attending a festival. The one I recommend is the Greenbelt Festival, which I have been going to for 25 years. This year it is in Boughton House, Kettering from Friday 26 to Monday 29 August.

Greenbelt is a festival that focusses on Faith, Justice and the Arts. It is attended by all ages from babies to eighties, and has won awards for its access provision. There are speakers, music, Bible studies, theatre,

literature, comedy, campaigns, a children's programme and on Sunday morning everything stops for a huge and moving communion service. Lots of people camp (but I'm afraid that nowadays I stay in a B&B off-site)."

Find out more here: <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

Other Christian festivals include New Wine (23-28 July and 29 July to 3 August) [new-wine.org/events/united22/](https://www.new-wine.org/events/united22/); Creation Fest (29 July to 1 August) <https://creationfest.org.uk/>;



Peter Graystone.

and the Keswick Convention (16 July to 5 August) [vk. keswickministries.org/](https://www.keswickministries.org/)

The Diocese of Southwark achieves Bronze Eco Diocese Award

The Diocese of Southwark has been awarded the Bronze Eco Diocese Award. The award is the result of several years of dedicated work by nearly 150 churches and Diocesan staff who have engaged with the scheme which is run by Eco Church, an A Rocha project.

Bishop Christopher welcomed the news and expressed gratitude to Southwark parishes for this achievement, "Churches across the Diocese are, in their churchyards, building greener spaces for all the community to share in the biodiversity of the natural world. They are running awareness groups, bring and share events, installing solar panels and praying for the created world. These efforts have been recognised by this A Rocha award, without which the Diocese would not have won the Bronze Award, the sixteenth Diocese to do so out of forty-two," he said.

The Bishop of Kingston, the Rt Revd Dr Richard Cheetham, who has chaired the Diocesan Environment Working Groups, said, "This award and being on the Eco Diocese journey is a clear sign that environment issues are now firmly centre

stage in our understanding and practice of the Church's mission and ministry. Our actions in this vital area are firmly grounded in our Christian understanding of God's love and care for all creation. I'm deeply grateful to the many people in the Diocese who have worked to get us to this point. As we all know there's a lot still to be done, but we are firmly committed to the journey."

In a letter to Bishop Christopher and Bishop Richard, the CEO of A Rocha UK, Andy Atkins, said, "The Eco Diocese award is, we know, the culmination of months or sometimes years of hard work encouraging local churches to become Eco Churches as well as underpinning more of the Diocesan machinery (structure, policies, practices) with the missional remit of creation care. So, well done to you and your team."

He continued, "It's very encouraging to hear that you have been engaging with young people on climate justice as this is such a key issue for them and one on which we know they want to see more leadership from the Church."

Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Martin, said, "The Eco Diocese framework is about far more than church and Diocesan buildings. It encompasses the way that we live out our mission as stewards of

God's creation, in the training we offer to our clergy and licensed Lay Ministers, promoting and celebrating Climate Sunday and Creationtide, and celebrating the environmental achievements of churches and groups in the Diocese. I am very pleased that Southwark has achieved this milestone in our environmental journey."

Bishop Christopher shared the news with Diocesan Synod yesterday evening, meeting at the newly built parish church of St Peter, Battersea.

The journey so far:



Bishop Christopher informs Diocesan Synod of Eco Bronze Award achievement.

- July 2019 Diocesan Synod approves Eco Diocese ambition with a target of 2025
- The Diocese of Southwark is 16th out of 42 Dioceses in the Church of England to win this award



- No Diocese has yet won a Silver award
- In the Diocese of Southwark, 147 churches are currently taking part in the scheme (40% of all churches in the Diocese)
- As of 25 May, 51 churches in the Diocese of Southwark have received an award:
 - 36 churches are at Bronze
 - 15 churches are at Silver
- Only 4 churches have received BOTH a bronze and silver award
- 11 jumped straight to silver award status
- We have no Gold awards yet
- Southwark Cathedral is soon to receive its Bronze award.



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Get involved...



A Rocha's Eco Church action plan: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

Read our blog about the church's role in climate justice here: bit.ly/3PljmMY

Find environmental resources on our Diocesan website: bit.ly/3P5OE1b



IN FOCUS...

Diocesan Synod

Diocesan Synod

It was an exceptionally warm summer's evening when Diocesan Synod gathered at St Peter's, Battersea on 13 July – an evening of both celebration and significant business coming before representatives from across the Diocese.

Bishop Christopher opened proceedings and welcomed members, giving a particular welcome to the Revd Lotwina Farodoye, the newly elected Chair of the House of Clergy who would be in the chair for the first time for some items of business. Bishop Christopher also welcomed the Revd Jeremy Clark-King, newly appointed as Director of Clergy Formation and Initial Ministerial Education (IME), (see page 3) and guests Anna Khan and Chris Elliott from Welcare who would be providing a presentation.

Bishop Christopher also announced the death of the Revd Ian Farquar, Vicar of St Laurence, Catford. "He was an amazingly kind and gentle person," said Bishop Christopher who led the meeting in prayer and prayers for Ian, his wife Helena and their children.

Bishop Christopher, in his opening remarks, announced the news that the Diocese had been awarded the A Rocha UK Eco Diocese Bronze status, becoming the 16th Diocese to receive this recognition of our work on the Fifth Mark of Mission. He congratulated the team and thanked Bishop Richard for the leadership he has given to this important initiative.

Synod members were reminded that the current Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF), Alan Saunders was to step down following this session of Diocesan Synod. Sir David Beamish (current Vice-Chair of the DBF) had been elected as the new Chair and Sarah Docx as the new Vice-Chair at the Board's AGM in May.

The Chair passed to Adrian Greenwood who began by encouraging members to consider who might be suggested for the several vacancies for the laity positions on the Diocesan Council of Trustees and encouraged members of Synod to consider standing for election when nominations forms were circulated.

The Chair of the House of Laity, Adrian Greenwood, then asked the House of Laity to approve some appointments to synod and the DCT, reflecting the changes of DBF chair, the aim being to continue to ensure that the relationship of the DCT to Synod worked well. Firstly, he proposed the appointment of the new Vice-Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance (DCT), Sarah Docx, as a co-opted member of the Diocesan Synod. This ensures that Diocesan Synod representation is clearly embedded within the Diocesan governance structures. The motion moved that:

"the House of Laity are asked to agree the co-option of Sarah Docx to the Diocesan Synod."

The motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Adrian Greenwood, then asked the House of Laity to formally appoint Alan Saunders, who would be stepping down as Chair of the DBF, as his term of office ends, to remain on the Diocesan Council of Trustees, as he was to be Chair of the Investment Committee. As is convention, and in line with the Diocesan Governance Framework, it is important that the Chair of the Investment Committee also is also a member of the Diocesan Council of Trustees. The motion moved that:

"the House of Laity are asked to formally appoint Alan Saunders to the Diocesan Council of Trustees, with immediate effect."

The motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Lotwina Farodoye then took over the Chair and invited Bishop Christopher to give his presidential Address.

In his Presidential Address Bishop Christopher spoke of the blessings of this Peter tide through the consecration of Rosemarie Mallett to service as the Bishop of Croydon and in the days that followed, the ordinations of the deacons and priests. "This is undoubtedly a cause for great rejoicing," he said. "It is inspiring to see so many people beginning new phases of ministry and I look forward to how the Lord will shape them in the coming years," he continued. There was applause for Bishop Rosemarie.

Bishop Christopher went on to talk about the Season of Lay Ministries and the huge part played by a wide range of ministries in churches including welcomers and those offering hospitality but also how it has "allowed us all to think about new ministries more recently recognised for which training is now available. This is helping us to make sure that those who already undertake certain roles such as working with our children and young people, or growing a new fresh expression of church – are recognised for what they do and are trained well." Read Bishop Christopher's full Presidential Address here: bit.ly/3IM5Dg9

Bishop Christopher closed his Presidential Address by inviting members to pray together the prayer written for the Diocesan Season of Lay Ministries by the Dean.

Lotwina then asked Anna Khan, CEO, and Chris Elliott, Chair of Trustees, for Welcare (welcare.org/) to give their presentation and update on the work of the charity. Welcare works with children and families across South London and East Surrey. To help parents and carers use their strengths and skills to nurture happy and confident children. Anna said, "70% of children and families referred to Welcare are victims of domestic violence or have a legacy of abuse."

Bishop Christopher then chaired a significant part of the proceedings in the evening with the formal presentation to synod members of the 2021 Annual Report and Accounts (available here: bit.ly/3uVliUE). The Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Alan Saunders, gave a PowerPoint presentation summarising the key features and financial outcomes of the Annual Report and Financial Statements that had been approved by the Diocesan Board of Finance (DCT) at its AGM in May.

The presentation included financial highlights from 2021, details and breakdowns of income and expenditure and extended analysis from the previous 10 years, which showed that the Diocese was committed and succeeding in ensuring financial resilience and well-being. Synod unanimously received the Annual report.

The financial update of 2022 included revised financial forecasts and an update



Bishop Christopher delivers his Presidential address to Synod.

on the Parish Support Fund (PSF). Income was on target with agreed pledges largely being met in full, costs were being controlled within the budget with an already a lower than budgeted deficit forecast. Alan Saunders commented that the Diocese finances were open, transparent, with strong management and robust systems and structures. There was confidence in the Diocese's long-term resilience and solvency. In conclusion, he said, "I hope as I leave you that you will feel reassured of the financial resilience of the Diocese." Bishop Christopher thanked Alan for his service as Chair of the DBF and led the applause for Alan. He also welcomed Sir David Beamish as the new Chair of the DBF.

Adrian Greenwood, who is himself a long standing member of General Synod, took the chair to invite the Revd Canon Tim Goode to give a presentation and update on the proceedings of the July 2022 Group of Sessions of the General Synod. Archdeacon Alastair Cutting and Rebecca Chapman (both General Synod members) also contributed to the presentation.

Of particular note for the Group of Sessions were debates on Carbon Net Zero, changes to the Crown Nominations Commission affecting the See of Canterbury, significant finance items as the National Church prepares for the triennial funding from 2023. There were also items around developments in Safeguarding policy and practice and Affirming and Including Disabled People in the Whole Life of the Church.

Synod members began worship with the Revd Lotwina Farodoye leading her prayer requests through explaining what she would be doing *This Time Tomorrow*, (bit.ly/3yOGVHF), which was followed by Compline.



Alan Saunders presenting the Annual Report and Financial Statements at Synod July 2022.



New Chair of the House of Clergy the Revd Lotwina Farodoye.



IN FOCUS...

Vocations

Deacons ordained in joyful service at Southwark Cathedral



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Newly ordained Deacons in the Diocese of Southwark.

On Saturday, 25 June, in a joyful service at Southwark Cathedral, 16 Deacons were ordained by the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, supported by the Area Bishops, including the Bishop of Croydon, the Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett, who was consecrated on the previous day.

Later on Saturday, a seventeenth curate was licensed by Bishop Christopher on Zoom as a lay minister and will be ordained Deacon in September. A large Cathedral congregation, consisting of the families and friends of those ordained, as well as members of the parishes where they will be serving as curates, promised the Bishop that they would continually pray for them and uphold and encourage them in their ministry.

The Ordination Retreat was led by the Dean and President of the Seminary of the Southwest, USA, The Very Revd Dr Cynthia Briggs Kittredge ThD, Canon Theologian. In her sermon at the Ordination, Dr Kittredge said, "You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world. Victims of tyranny live without homes, without food, without dignity and love. You will remind the Church of Jesus Christ to feed, house and heal them. You will remind the Church that they need Hope, Faith and Love. And you will take on tyranny with service."

Ordained deacons

Georgia Ashwell
St John with St Andrew, Waterloo

Molly Budd
St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Addington

Tatiana Gutteridge-Kalveks
St Alfege, Greenwich

Robert (Rob) Hindmarch
St John the Divine, Felbridge

Jennifer (Jen) Houghton
St Andrew, Ham

Stephen Jullien
Christ Church, Brixton Road, to serve also at Holy Trinity with St Matthew, Southwark

Dr Joanna (Jo) Lewis Burgess
St Luke, Camberwell

Sam Parker
St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common

Sarah-Louise Schofield
Holy Trinity, Redhill

Joel Soares
St Peter, Brockley

Felix Stevenson
Holy Trinity, Clapham

Edward (Ed) Veale
Holy Trinity, Clapham

Benjamin (Ben) Vertannes
St Peter, Streatham

Anne (Annie) Wanjohi
St John the Divine with St James the Apostle, Kennington

Matthew (Matt) Watts
Mortlake with East Sheen Team Ministry

Claire Whitmore
Holy Trinity, Roehampton



Bishop Christopher and colleagues who supported the retreat with Ordinands on the Eve of Ordination at Wychcroft.

"It was a joy to have time one to one with each of our gifted new Deacons during their retreat."

Bishop Christopher said, "It was a joy to have time one to one with each of our gifted new Deacons during their retreat. In the Service of Ordination I said the moving words to them to 'remember always, with thanksgiving, that the people among whom you will minister are made in God's image and likeness. In serving them you are serving Christ himself, before whom you will be called to account'. I commend them all, and the parishes in which they are serving, to your prayers."

* Melissa (Mel) Wynn (Springfield Church, Wallington) will be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Croydon, the Rt Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett in September 2022 at Springfield Church, Wallington.

Priests ordained

Twenty two people were ordained to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Southwark this Petertide, having served as a Deacon during the past year.

Croydon Area

Bishop Rosemarie ordained the following at Croydon Minster. She was joined by the Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate and the Revd Alistair McCulloch, Area Director of Ordinands and Retreat Leader, who preached:

- Daniel Burton**
All Saints, Carshalton

Wallington. Harry will continue to serve in the same parish.
- Dr Francesca Perlman Mitchell**
Cheam Team Ministry

Luke Demetri was ordained Priest on 9 July at 3pm by the Bishop of Fulham, the Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, at St Michael & All Angels with St James, Croydon. Luke will continue to serve in the same parish.
- Helga Zunde-Baker**
All Saints, Hackbridge & Beddington Corner

Harry Frost was ordained Priest on 3 July by the Bishop of Maidstone, the Rt Revd Rod Thomas, at Holy Trinity,



Croydon Area.



Croydon Area, Harry Frost.



Croydon Area, Luke Demetri.

Kingston Area

The following were ordained Priest by Bishop Christopher, on Saturday 2 July at All Saints, Kingston upon Thames. Bishop Richard was joined by the Venerable Simon Gates, Archdeacon of Lambeth; the Venerable John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth; the Revd Jeremy Clark-King, Diocesan IME2 Lead for Curate Training and Development and the Rt Revd Rob Gillion, Bishop for the Arts and Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Streatham, who preached:

- Simon Asquith Merton**
Priory Team Ministry

Leigh Engeham
St Anne & All Saints, South Lambeth
- Dr Charles (Charlie) Bell**
St John the Divine with St James the Apostle, Kennington

Capt Nicholas Lebey CA
Tolworth, Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
- Timothy (Tim) Brunt**
Christ Church, Streatham

Carolyn Madanat
St Paul, Kingston Hill
- Louisa (Lou) Davies**
St Michael & All Angels with St Stephen, Wandsworth

Jack O'Grady
All Saints with Holy Trinity, Wandsworth



Kingston Area

- Charlotte (Charlie) Smith**
Richmond Team Ministry
- Luke Whiteman**
Christ Church, Gipsy Hill

The service can be watched here: bit.ly/3uLPZvo

* **Jane Andrews** (Putney Team Ministry) and **Dr Sylvia Collins-Mayo** (Mortlake with East Sheen Team Ministry) will be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Kingston, the Rt Revd Richard Cheetham on 21 September at 7.30pm at All Saints, Putney.

Woolwich Area

Bishop Karwei ordained the following at St Mary the Virgin, Lewisham. He was joined by the Venerable Alastair Cutting, Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich; the Venerable Jonathan Sedgwick, Archdeacon of Southwark; the Revd Raymond Baudon, Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Deputy Director of Vocations and the Revd Liz Newman, Rector of Charlton (United Benefice), who preached.

- Paul Adlington**
The Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee

Katie Kelly
St Edward the Confessor, Mottingham
- Henry Akingbemisilu**
Thamesmead Team Ministry

Max Marsh
St Mary the Virgin, Lewisham
- Gemma Birt**
St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich

Susan Wright
Parish of Herne Hill
- Christopher (Chris) Gaul**
St Peter, Brockley

The service can be watched here: bit.ly/3NVI4nr. Photos from the Woolwich ordination can be found here: bit.ly/3uGKVbR



Woolwich Area.

Happy and Glorious Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Street parties, special services and celebrations were held over the Platinum Jubilee weekend and Bank Holiday in June to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen’s 70 years on the throne.

A Choral Evensong was held at Southwark Cathedral. In his sermon, Bishop Christopher said, “True service – like that which the Queen has offered after the model of Christ – allows other people to flourish. It creates space for them by allowing their gifts to come to fullness alongside your own.”



Left: Bishop Christopher with two of three of the young at the Platinum Jubilee choral evensong at Southwark Cathedral. Below: Odette Penwarden at the Cathedral. Right: Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee service at St Catherine Hatcham.



St Mark’s Norwood celebration.



Jubilee tea and sing-along at St Michael’s Barnes.



LET US PRAY...
JULY/AUGUST

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn

Dean of Southwark

(follow @deansouthwark to see the Dean’s daily morning prayers on Twitter)

It is a bit of a momentous July for me. I hope you will forgive me if I write a bit about myself but, as this new month begins, it feels like a big moment. You see, at the end of July I celebrate my 65th birthday! Now I’m not saying this because I want lots of presents or cards – please don’t do that – although I would appreciate the gift of lots and lots of prayers. But it’s just that it feels like one of those milestone moments in life. Being 13 – can you remember – and suddenly becoming an awkward teenager overnight was one moment.

Then we had a big family party when I became 21 – those were the days when 21 rather than 18 was the moment of ‘coming of age’. Being 40 was interesting, it felt like a stage in life, as did 50. But 65, well, that is a whole new thing.

The thing is that my grandparents and my parents all knew that that was the moment of retirement, of the presentation clock from work and the arrival of the State Pension. Sixty-five was what you would work towards and I suppose that was my expectation when I was ordained 39 years ago this month.



But times have changed as has the pensionable age. People’s working lives are much less predictable but then so is the way in which we live with our age. However, as you may already have heard I have announced that I will be retiring this time next year! Momentous!

But I don’t feel that different from the boy who turned 13 – wiser maybe, a few more aches, certainly fatter! But inside I

feel as young and excited and interested and optimistic as I have ever done. My parents and certainly my grandparents seemed old when they hit 65 – that is not how I feel, and that is not what I see in others around me. But I am looking forward to what the future holds.

Scripture says of Christ that he is the same ‘yesterday and today and for ever’ (Hebrews 13.8) There is a timelessness about God, the ‘ancient of days’ but ‘new every morning’. I may be older, but they are just numbers, it’s the attitude we bring to life and the faith we bring to life, that keeps us forever young.

**God of every age,
renew us every morning
and keep us as fresh and
hopeful as your creation,
which is for ever good.
Amen.**



Please send details of your next events for SEPTEMBER ONWARDS to Trinity House **BY MONDAY 22 AUGUST**

July

21 JULY & EVERY THURSDAY

- * **VAUXHALL** – Free breakfast at St Peter, Vauxhall, Kennington Lane, SE11 5HY. Every Thursday at 9.30-11am. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAYS 24 & 31 JULY

- * **FARLEIGH** – Compline by Candlelight on Sundays at 8pm: 24 July: Bishop David Atkinson (Arthur Peacocke, priest and scientist) 31 July: Revd Colonel Peter Hewlett-Smith (St Teresa of Avila, Spanish nun, mystic writer, Doctor of the Church). St Mary church, Court Road CR6 9PX.

August

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

- * **ZOOM** – ‘What is Envoy’ Church Army one hour FREE session at 10am, 12.30pm or 7.30pm for anybody aged 18+ who wants to make evangelism their way of life. Find out more or register here: bit.ly/3o8KDaa

6 AUGUST– 31 AUGUST

- * **SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL** – Richard Woods’ The Small House art installation. Public viewing days 6–31 August 2022, 9.00am-5.00pm. Free.

September

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

- * **ONLINE** – Church Army Discovery Evening. Explore mission and evangelism with the Church Army and find out what they do. 7–9:30pm. Free. Book here: bit.ly/3yE68V0

8–21 SEPTEMBER

- * **LONDON OPEN HOUSE 2022** – If your building is listed, it gives you the opportunity to show it off, and to invite in people who do not usually cross the threshold. Register here: bit.ly/3uwLBQQ

13 SEPTEMBER 2022

- * **ONLINE** – St Augustine’s, College of Theology has extended their free online biblical language programme (Hebrew and Greek). The course runs from 13 September 2022 – 7 March 2023, Tuesdays 7-8pm, Zoom. Find more details here: bit.ly/3bXePC0

17–25 SEPTEMBER 2022

- * **PILGRIMAGE** – McCabe Pilgrimages has organised a nine-day pilgrimage to Tur Abdin, Eastern Turkey led by Bishop Christopher & Mar Polycarpus, Syriac Orthodox Archbishop of the Netherlands. The cost is £2,195 p/p sharing a twin/double room with ensuite bathroom. Reserve or for more details: bit.ly/3lStxW2

If you wish to include details of your upcoming events, please email bridge@southwark.anglican.org

Diocesan Warden of Readers, Ray Wheeler, reports from the meeting of the Lay Council

The last meeting of the Lay Council took place on 27 June at Trinity House. Bishop Christopher chaired the meeting via Zoom from Bishop’s House. The main item to note was the Season of Lay Ministries taking place from the 17 June to 10 July. A number of people had been invited to speak about Lay Ministry at various churches in the Diocese.

The Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry & Continuing Ministerial Development, Wendy Robins, and her deputy, Revd Raewynne Whiteley, presented the final draft of the Handbook for Lay Ministries which is to be a combined resource for all lay ministries sharing commonality, for example, safeguarding and operations as well as individual areas of ministry. Besides a web-resource the handbook will be produced with easily removed pages for any future changes.

The Council emphasised that the Anti-Racism Charter must be promoted across all aspects of lay ministry.

Members were pleased to note that Communications would produce and

distribute 15 copies each of *The Bridge* in hard copy to all parishes.

Adrian Greenwood spoke to “Modelling Good partnership – Offering – Calling – Serving” his report of the annual Conference of Diocesan Lay Chairs 2022).

Peter Graystone gave an update from the Department of Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Development highlighting the continued success of the Bishop’s Certificate with a pattern of two live groups and two online groups. The lay learning brochure offered a wide range of training opportunities including the popular “Ground Floor Guides”. Great news that 12 Readers are to be licensed in October with three new SPAs and one Lay Pioneer to be commissioned together at the Cathedral on 9 October.

Finally, the Lay Council sadly said goodbye to Raewynne Whitely as this was her last meeting before her departure from the Diocese to take up her new role as Wollaston Theological College, Perth, Western Australia.

Southwark Cathedral

Gaia event volunteers 11–30 October 2022

Luke Jerram’s ‘Gaia’ exhibition will be coming to Southwark Cathedral in October 2022

We are looking for volunteer Event Assistants to help with this exciting exhibition.

No previous experience is required but applicants must possess the following skills/attributes:

- a passion for environmental issues
- friendly, reliable and enthusiastic volunteers
- good communication skills
- interest in history, the arts, working with people
- sympathetic to the aims and mission of the Cathedral/Christian faith.

Training relevant to the role will be provided.

This exhibition will take place between 11–30 October 2022; from Tuesday to Sunday. Volunteers will be required to do 3-hourly shifts.

For further information or to request an application form and role description please contact the Volunteers Officer, Michelle Ford, email: michelle.ford@southwark.anglican.org

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DISCIPLESHIP & MINISTRY

Refugee Week

Marking Refugee Week with 'Stories of Welcome'

The Diocese of Southwark teamed up with the Diocese of London and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster to celebrate the welcome that London churches of all denominations offer to refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers, with a programme to mark Refugee Week (20–27 June).

The 'Stories of Welcome' launch event, held at Farm Street Church, celebrated the work that churches and volunteers do to welcome refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers and introduced resources for churches to engage with. Maimuna Jowa, originally from the Gambia gave a powerful testimony about her life in the asylum system for the last 10 years.

In his keynote address, Bishop Christopher said, "Every single story speaks of hearts that are open to the poor, the lonely and the vulnerable; hearts that rejoice in helping and welcoming, and hearts which are refreshed and renewed by loving service and unexpected blessings of friendship and connection. Every time we welcome someone into our country, our church communities, our homes and our lives – we are welcoming Christ."

In the week prior, Bishop Christopher had signed a letter, along with fellow Bishops

in the House of Lords, calling on the Government to end the policy of deporting asylum seekers to Rwanda. He said, "I thank God that the flight last week was cancelled – as yet no-one has been transported – but the Government remains determined to pursue this course of action. As my fellow Bishops and I wrote in that letter, 'our Christian heritage should inspire us to treat asylum seekers with compassion, fairness and justice, as we have for centuries... they are the vulnerable that the Old Testament calls us to value... we cannot outsource our ethical responsibilities... Departures are not the way'. And this is not about Rwanda."

See and read more



Watch the 'Stories of Welcome' videos and read the resources here: bit.ly/3ykA8VP



L-R: The Rt Revd Paul McAleenan, Auxilliary Bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster, The Rt Revd Dr Joanne Woodway Grenfell, Bishop of Stepney, Maimuna Jowa and Bishop Christopher.

On Wednesday 22 June The Venerable Simon Gates, Archdeacon of Lambeth, hosted a webinar with the Revd Mark Nam, founder of the Teahouse, an organisation which supports and empowers Chinese-heritage clergy in the UK.

Mark gave a thought-provoking and challenging talk, using contemporary science fiction films such as 'Blade Runner' and 'Cloud Atlas' to illustrate how East Asians experience racism in a different way from other global majority cultures in the west. He drew on four tropes: that east Asians are seen as a threat, often it is oriental cities which are used to illustrate a dystopian future; that there is a myth that they are 'a model minority' settling in so well there is no need to pay any attention, with a resulting bamboo ceiling hindering any progress; that east Asians are so different they are perpetual foreigners down to third and fourth generations; that in the end they are expendable. He illustrated this by the fact there is no memorial in the UK to the

100,000 and more Chinese who died in the First World War doing dangerous and vital work behind British lines in France and Belgium.

Here in Southwark the *Stories of Welcome* celebrated in Refugee Week included St Dunstan's Primary School in Cheam, who have enjoyed getting to know new classmates from Hong Kong who have arrived in the UK over the last year.

From that story: 'Their more established classmates have evidently enjoyed the way that their 'new friends have expanded their horizons, teaching them new games, words and introducing them to Chinese cookies, moon cakes and movie characters. The newcomers have won their admiration; "They have been very brave about coming to a new place", "I like how they are really enthusiastic... and aren't afraid to ask questions... and tell us about their culture".'

Mark and The Teahouse can be found on Twitter: [@marknam](https://twitter.com/marknam) [@TheTeaHouse_UK](https://twitter.com/TheTeaHouse_UK)

Multiply 2022 X Church Planting Conference

The Revd David Cundill, the Diocese of Southwark's Pioneer Development Officer writes about the Multiply 2022 X Church planting conference which took place at St Mark, Kennington on 23 June.

The Diocese of Southwark hosted one of 12 hubs meeting across the country for the fifth annual church planting conference of the Centre for Church Multiplication (CCX). Church leaders gathered at Kennington, St Mark to learn from a wide range of fresh expressions and church planting practitioners and reflect on emerging practices in mission. One of the advantages of hosting a hub was that we were able to tailor it to the needs of Southwark Diocese.

Canon Will Cookson and the Revd Hugo Adán hosted the conference along with the CCX host Revd Helen Shannon, which was delivered by a combination of video seminars provided by CCX, local stories and seminars led by local pioneers.

Three video seminars by author, planter and missiologist Ed Stetzer explored

the themes of: Joining in God's Mission; A 'post-Covid' missiology; and Raising up leaders for the mission of God. Time for interaction and response helped attendees consider these in relation to their own context.

CCX also initiated discussion through three video conversations on: a vision for church planting, lay planting, race and culture in the church.

There were stories of pioneering from Ali Angus, Lay pioneer, St Leonard's Eco Church – bit.ly/3OSZdhj; David Atkinson, Estates pioneering on the Roundshaw Estate; and Marcus Gibbs, Ascension Balham's highly successful Bubble Church – bit.ly/3P85q99.

A range of optional seminars from across the pioneer spectrum and a range of traditions were offered: Eco Church (Sharon Moughtin and Ali Angus), ministering across cultures (Hugo Adán), reaching new housing (Jane Petrie), Evangelism and Social Justice (Jago Wynne), pioneering on urban estates (David Atkinson), Church Grafting

(originally meant to be Revd Ben Jones from St Peter, Brockley but sadly he broke his foot! It was taken over by his ordinand Dom and Will Cookson).

There were useful times for people to meet each other, network and share stories over both coffee and over lunch.

The day definitely reflected the range of pioneering through church planting and fresh expressions that can be found across the Diocese, taught us new things, and helped us connect with others that could help us on the journey of growing new congregations and a healthy mixed ecology of church where we each live, work or play.

The day concluded with a bible reflection and prayer led by Revd Hugo and then anointing of oil of all who were attending, which was a profound experience for us all.

We are grateful to all who contributed on the day and especially to Revd Steve



Ali Angus, Lay pioneer, St Leonard's Eco Church.

Coulson and all at, St Mark, Kennington for their excellent hospitality. CCX have released a number of the video seminars from that day on their website for those who are interested: <https://ccx.org.uk/content/multiply2022/>

We are hoping that we can have a Southwark mixed ecology day this November where we can share some of the good things happening in Southwark and encourage and support more parishes to be involved in pioneering, new worshipping communities and fresh expressions.