

Aquí adoramos en español e inglés (Here we worship in Spanish and English)

St Matthew's at the Elephant is now the home of the Hispanic Mission – and the first fully bilingual parish in Southwark - and we think - in the country.

This follows the institution on 10 July of the Revd Hugo Adan-Fernandez as Vicar of Southwark, Holy Trinity with St Matthew.

Hugo founded the Hispanic Mission two years ago to serve Spanish-speaking Anglicans mainly from South and Central America and has moved from Catford, St Laurence to the Elephant and Castle, where many Spanish speakers live.

He said: "The model of St Matthew's is two congregations in one Parish. We will worship daily in English and daily in Spanish, offering not just occasional services in a foreign language but a full time Spanish-speaking presence.



There will be just one (bilingual) PCC and the whole community will gather together at special events like the patronal festival, Holy Week, etc. But the idea is to keep the identity and

the idiosyncrasy of both congregations.

"Over the past two years, the Hispanic Mission has grown considerably and is now also present in London Diocese. A team of Latino/Hispanic priests

from the two Dioceses meet regularly to coordinate actions and to plan future events.

"The Hispanic Mission has developed a strong link with The Episcopal Church in the USA. Last year they

invited us to visit their Latino communities and parishes and the head of the Latino Ministry of the Episcopal Church is coming to Southwark in September. He will meet with the Hispanic Mission's lay leaders but also with the PCC of St Matthew's to help us to understand better what is it to be a bilingual parish.

"At the moment we have links with Portuguese-speaking communities in London Diocese but in the future we would love to have links with other communities across the CofE in a similar situation so we can think and discuss together".

The Rt Revd Graham King who has been Acting Priest-in-Charge at St Matthew's since Neil McKinnon retired, has agreed to stay on to support Hugo in his new role.

For further information contact Hugo via the St Matthew's Parish Office (020 7357 8532).

Bishop Christopher joins NHS 70th Anniversary celebrations at King's College Hospital

Bishop Christopher joined staff, patients, volunteers and invited guests at a special service to celebrate 70 years of the National Health Service on Thursday 5 July.

The service, held in St Luke's Chapel at King's College Hospital on Denmark Hill, was led by the hospital's Chaplaincy Team. Guests were welcomed by the Chief Nurse and Chief Operating Officer, Dr Shelley Dolan, who stressed the

importance of the anniversary. During the service there were readings, poetry, musical pieces and people reflecting on what the NHS means to them.

Members of the hospital community presented artefacts symbolising the professions and skills that contribute to wholeness and healing today.

In his sermon, Bishop Christopher said that "the vision of providing healthcare to all, based on need not on ability to pay, continues to inspire us all and is the bedrock of healthcare in our nation". He gave thanks for multi-disciplinary and multi-

faith Chaplaincy teams that have evolved over the 70 years as well as for the Church's long commitment to national healthcare.

He noted that many hospitals were dedicated to saints and grew out of hospices which were places where pilgrims and other travellers could find hospitality and medical care on their journeys.

The service ended with Bishop Christopher inviting everyone present to rededicate themselves to being healers in the work to which God called them and pronouncing the final blessing.



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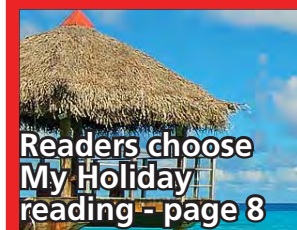
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The joy of reading

Most of us feel the need to escape occasionally from the pressures of daily life. Family, friends, home and work all compete for our time, leaving us little opportunity for relaxation and reflection, even prayer.

Like many people, I have what's called a portfolio career, doing lots of different things. I'm a book reviewer, so reading is an important part of my life; it's also my escape. Books are people I'd like to be or meet, places I'll never visit, stability in a changing world and a joy I want to share.

The power of the written word is demonstrated by the longevity and popularity of nursery rhymes and folk tales. We all have favourite stories we return to, perhaps Bible passages or something from childhood. Books can educate, inspire, entertain and even help us go to sleep. They can provide a link between parents and children and with other people. They cross boundaries and language, so it's no coincidence that most of the major faiths are built around religious texts and books.

Recently a Curate of my acquaintance mentioned the excitement she felt when reading the Bible as a child and the difficulty of recapturing that vividness. But even if you didn't read the Bible when you were young, you probably remember the joy of bedtime stories, the closeness between reader and listener, the emphasis on particular phrases. If you listen to audiobooks, you will know how different the spoken word can be from the written word.

Have you tried reading the Bible or a favourite book aloud? You might be surprised by the freshness it brings to the familiar, and how it rekindles your interest in stories which may no longer have the impact they once had. Perhaps that's why early pilgrims were so often successful; they relied on the spoken word to get their message across.

So why not offer to read to others who find it difficult, at the same time helping to end loneliness and isolation? Every book holds something new. Sharing them can change lives, so if your church doesn't have a Book Club, why not start one?

Sallie Eden



Petertide Ordinations 2018



Ordained as Deacons...

On Saturday 30 June 11 people were ordained as Deacons to serve in the Diocese by Bishop Christopher at Southwark Cathedral.

They will each serve their curacy in the parish indicated.

Timothy Ajayi
Blackheath, St Michael & All Angels

Raymond Baudon
East Dulwich, St John the Evangelist

Lisa Bewick
Waterloo, St John w St Andrew

Tom Collins
Balham Hill, The Ascension

Cordella Dawson
Woodside, St Luke

Vanessa Elston
South Lambeth, St Anne & All Saints

Alistair Forster
Norbury, St Oswald

Chris Hanning
Blackheath, St John the Evangelist

Jacob Mercer
Bermondsey, St James & St Anne United Benefice

Christopher Rogers
Catford (Southend) & Downham Team Ministry

Darius Weithers
Croydon, St Matthew

• Timothy (Timmy) Ajayi has a degree in Industrial Chemistry and a Masters in International Business & Management. Married with two children, he enjoys travelling, classical music and fine arts.

• Raymond Baudon practised as a solicitor in Edinburgh and then as an assistant in the chaplaincy at King's College London. His interests include travelling and cooking.

• Lisa Bewick taught for 10 years and has been Education Officer at Southwark Cathedral since 2016. She is married and enjoys reading and long walks.

• Tom Collins studied Engineering and worked as a Clinical Scientist. He is married with three sons.

• Cordella Dawson has a Law degree and worked for the Home Office. She enjoys reading, spending time with friends and listening to music. She is married with two sons.

• Vanessa Elston has worked as a secondary school teacher, in community arts, and with churches and mission projects. She is married and has one daughter. Her interests include the arts, walking and camping.

• Alistair Forster taught for 25 years in both state and independent schools. He is married with a grown-up stepson and enjoys walking, cycling and science fiction.

• Chris Hanning has worked in charity-fundraising and in editorial roles. He is married and loves sport, exploring the countryside, reading and playing the piano.

• Jacob Mercer has worked for churches in Cambridge and Wimbledon. Married with a one-year-old son, he enjoys reading, detective dramas and the countryside.

• Christopher Rogers practiced as a barrister for 11 years. His interests include art, music and dance,

• Darius Weithers worked at All Saints, Peckham for seven years and is currently completing an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission. Married with two daughters, he enjoys sport, food, movies and hip-hop.

Ordained as Priests...

On Saturday 7 July 14 people were ordained to the Priesthood having served as a Deacon during the past year. They will each continue to serve their curacy in the parish indicated.

Croydon Area

Ordained Priest by Bishop Christopher at Redhill, St John the Evangelist.

Mark Anderson
Oxted Team Ministry

Stephen Srikantha
Redhill, St John the Evangelist

Kingston Area

Ordained Priest by Bishop Richard at Kingston upon Thames, All Saints.

Robert Faulkner
Clapham, Christ Church & St John the Evangelist

Yunghee Koh
Wimbledon Team Ministry

Nicholas Smith
Tulse Hill, Holy Trinity & St Matthias

Nicholas Wooldridge
Battersea Rise, St Mark

Woolwich Area

Ordained by Bishop Karowei at Lewisham, St Mary.

David Adamson
Southwark, St George the Martyr; Bermondsey, St Hugh (Conventional District) & Southwark, Cathedral Church of St Saviour & St Mary Overy

John Carruthers
Newington, St Paul

Daphne Clifton
Lee, St Mildred

Lindiwe Maseko
Ravensbourne Team Ministry

Steffan Mathias
Lewisham, St Mary the Virgin

Heather Peters
Herne Hill

Sarah Simpson
Lee, The Good Shepherd w St Peter

Andrew Woodward-Russell
East Greenwich Team Ministry
On Saturday 14 July

Philip Kennedy will be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Fulham at Croydon, St Michael & All Angels w St James. **Andrew Fenton** will be ordained Priest by Bishop Christopher assisted by the Bishop of Maidstone at Wandsworth, Holy Trinity.

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A great morning at St Mildred's



It's not every day that Confirmations are preceded by four full immersion baptisms in a purpose-built 'in-chancel' baptistery.

There wasn't a dull moment at the lively All Age service in June when St Mildred's Church, Lee welcomed Bishop Karowei with open arms and a full, warm baptism pool. Assisted by the Revd Daphne Clifton, he baptised four candidates. They were joined by another five for the service of Confirmation and Holy Communion with a further 20 - 30 young people kneeling at the chancel steps watching. All were from St Mildred's.

Bishop Karowei met with all the candidates before the service, listening to their short testimonies, which they also shared during the service.

One of the candidates, Ian Christie, said: "My confirmation was a very spiritual moment and I felt God's hand on my life. It was good to demonstrate publicly that I have handed over my life and will to God's care. Together with the baptisms it gave a great sense of God's grace to all taking part."

Daphne Clifton said: "All in all it was a great morning of encouragement for the Bishop, St Mildred's Church family and the guests who joined us for the service and shared lunch."

A 'Messy' first for the Cheam Team

Saturday 9 June was red-letter day for the three churches in Cheam Parish as they held their first joint Messy Church.

The first was at St Dunstan's, the next will be at St Oswald's in October and the third at St Alban's in February.

At least two dozen people have already committed to being part of the Messy Church Team and many others have offered to help; this time it was with preparation of materials for the craft activities, cake baking and church preparation (largely pew-moving and bunting-hanging!)

The theme was predominantly 'fishy'; Jesus' miracles of calming the storm and filling the disciples' empty

nets. At least 200 paper fish of all shapes and sizes were 'hidden' and the children found them and hurled or dropped them into a net at the appropriate time. They also wrote prayers on fish which decorated a stunning fabric collage depicting the calm and then a removable 'storm' was draped into place over it intermittently during the worship. Fish-shaped biscuits were decorated, as were fairy cakes, paper plate fish were coloured in, photo frames were decorated with fish motifs and floral arrangements were



made with fish peeping out from the shells and the sea-lavender waves. Another major attraction was an obstacle course complete with special night-time glasses - blindfold and camouflage face paint an optional extra!

During the worship Felicity Norris, the Team's Mission priest, encouraged the children to climb aboard a 'virtual' boat which was then rocked by a ferocious storm.

Music maker, Louise Lowe played crashing, stormy music

and contrasting, calming music.

After the activity and prayers, there was a picnic style tea party in the church where the children could eat the biscuits and cakes they'd decorated and some crisps and sandwiches too. The adults were offered a welcome cuppa and plenty of the leftovers!

In all there were about 100 people - children, parents / carers and Messy Church helpers - who came to join in the fun and worship.



'Get Together' celebrates priest's 40th anniversary

As part of the nationwide 'Great Get Together' celebrations on June 23/24, the congregation of Christ Church West Wimbledon 'got together' to celebrate with their Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Michael Burns, the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

At the Parish Eucharist the preacher was Bishop Christopher Herbert, former Bishop of St Albans, who had attended Michael's ordination in Hereford Cathedral in June 1978. A garden party followed with food, drink, children's entertainment, jazz and a flypast by a Lancaster bomber.



Members of the public enjoyed tea and cake at Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday 27 June as part of the Mothers' Union's Summer of Hope appeal. (Photo: Georgie Scott)

Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2019

Suggestions are invited for projects to be considered for inclusion in the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call for 2019. We are looking for projects to support both within the Diocese and overseas. Please send your suggestions in the first instance to Wendy Robins, Director of Communications & Resources, at Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London SE1 1HW by Monday 30 July.

Could you host a Café Concert?

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DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

Diocesan Synod met at St John, Waterloo on Wednesday 4 July for the last time this Triennium, the three-year period for which Synod members serve.

Steve Harris reports:

The Venerable Alastair Cutting opened the meeting by introducing a visiting group from Manicaland who were here to observe how the Diocese works and take back ideas on how to adapt our methods and processes to their needs. After introducing themselves, one of the guests led Synod in prayer.

Bishop Christopher said in response how blessed we were with our links with Zimbabwe. He talked of the recent visit by a party from Croydon Area to Central Zimbabwe for the consecration of the new Bishop, as well as his own trip to Zimbabwe in June (see pages 6-7). Reminding Synod that very important elections

would soon be happening in Zimbabwe, Bishop Christopher led a moment of silent prayer.

The notices were given, including a welcome to visitors – including the new Chair of the Board of Finance, Alan Saunders – and newly elected people attending their first meeting.

Presidential Address

Bishop Christopher opened by noting that this was the end of a very significant Triennium, the first under the new arrangements from the Fit for Purpose Review that combined key committees and councils under the scrutiny of the Diocesan Council of Trustees and enabling officers to take forward executive action under the guidance of the Diocesan Secretary, Ruth Martin. Bishop Christopher said that the Diocese owed her a debt of gratitude for her rigour and energy. As well as these structural changes, he noted that there had been a

deeper change in culture with a growth in openness and an increased readiness to put the needs of the Diocese above individual agendas.

The Bishop then spoke about values and vision, going on to talk about our unity in diversity and how this diversity

– hard won, and never stable or finished – was precious and central to what we were called to be. He emphasised that to work out one's own tradition as part of a wider unity within the broad stream of Anglicanism was not being diminished or giving something up but allowing one to become more fully who one really was. Central to this unity, he suggested, was the practice of speaking well of one another and he asked everyone to rededicate themselves to this.

He added that the Diocese would be greatly helped by the very good work being done around Lay Leadership and Lay Ministry and that Synod would be receiving the report of the Lay Leadership and Lay Ministry Advisory Group. This report is the start of a long, forward-looking process of culture change, which Bishop Christopher said that he was committed to seeing through. He described it as a broadening and deepening of the culture change seen in the Diocese during the past three years.

He ended with a call for Lay and Ordained to go forward together in joyful partnerships with Christ at the centre.

Annual Report & Financial Statements

Adrian Greenwood, interim Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance & Chair of the House of Laity, presented the accounts for 2017. He said that this was the first time that Synod had received the full accounts in a new glossy format, befitting a £23m charity. He thanked Diocesan staff and all the people who had contributed to the mission and ministry of the Diocese through the Parish Support Fund.

He said it was an excellent report with excellent results, but that although the Diocese had walked a long way we must not be complacent. Adrian

formally moved the adoption of the accounts and they were carried unanimously by Synod.

Diocesan Board of Education report

Bishop Jonathan, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, introduced Mike McKeaveney, the Board's Assistant Director presenting the Board's biannual report in the absence of Colin Powell, the Director, who was on study leave.

Mike said that it was an honour for him to speak to Synod as he had only been with the Board since September. After the presentation and a brief period of questions and answers, Bishop Jonathan moved that Synod affirm the work of the Board as a vital part of the mission of the Diocese. The motion was carried unanimously.

Lay Leadership & Lay Ministry Advisory Group (LL&LMAG)

Synod then heard a presentation on Lay Leadership and Lay Ministry in the Diocese before being asked to receive and note the Advisory Group's report and commend it to Bishop Christopher.

The Venerable Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark, spoke first about how encouraged she was by the report, and that there was a clear correlation between churches that were growing and those that were finding opportunities to embrace lay people.

Dr Nick Shepherd, Programme Director for *Setting God's People Free*, talked of the work that Southwark has been doing for some time around lay leadership and ministry, before handing over to Anne Deering, Chair of LL&LMAG, to speak to the report itself.



Anne explained that the brief had been to affirm lay people in the Diocese and grow their role. She talked about the work that had been done so far and what was to come.

Jane Steen moved the motion standing in her name and after a period of debate it was carried unanimously. Bishop Christopher then spoke briefly about how the next stage was to be implemented.

Deaneries Advisory Group

The next piece of Synod business was to receive the report of the Deaneries Advisory Group. Adrian Greenwood presented the report and traced its origins to Bishop Christopher's charge to breathe the new life into Deaneries, which is now part of the Southwark Vision.



He said that his first decision was to create a framework for Deaneries that was as light touch as possible, given that they were different not only in their locations but also in their working practices. Ultimately, however, it was about all of us working together for the Mission of God.

After a period of debate the report was received and noted and commended to Bishop Christopher by a convincing majority.

Elections to Deanery Synod & Diocesan Council of Trustees

The Diocesan Secretary then gave a brief presentation about the upcoming elections to Diocesan Synod, to serve for three years from 1 August 2018, and to the Diocesan Council of Trustees. After written questions had been dealt with, Synod closed with Compline – during which Bishop Christopher blessed the Revd Alistair McCulloch, the new Bishop's Adviser for Healthcare Chaplaincy – followed by an opportunity to talk to the Zimbabwean guests and celebrate the end of Synod's Triennium.



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Martin and Judith Baddeley at his Farewell Service in Southwark Cathedral (The Bridge, December 2000).

The Venerable Martin Baddeley (1936 – 2018)

The Venerable Martin Baddeley died in Mowbray House, Malvern on Thursday 28 June. He had been unwell for the past couple of years.

He was Principal of the Southwark Ordination Course from 1980-1994, Co-Principal of SEITE from 1994-1996, and from 1996 until his retirement in 2000 he was Archdeacon of Reigate.

The funeral will take place on 25 July at 2.15 pm at St Martin's Church, Worcester.

Iftar at St Anselm's

On 10 June the sun set on Kennington at 9.16pm.

For local Muslims it was during Ramadan and the sunset marked the beginning of a new day and time for 'Iftar', the evening feast that breaks the day's fast.

But on this particular day Muslims gathered for their Iftar meal in a Christian church – St Anselm's, North Lambeth Parish – and shared it with people of all faiths and none from the church and local community.

This cross-cultural event came about from the close partnership and friendship between St Anselm's Church and the Kennington Tandoori, who generously provided all the food.

Shuaib Yusaf, the chairman of Croydon Mosque, opened the meal by reading a verse from the Quran that encourages tolerance and respect for different religious practices and ways of life. The meal which followed was itself a symbol of that tolerance and respect.

The Team Rector, Canon Angus Aagaard, said that "this was a really important evening. Of the hundred-odd local people there we had Muslims, Christians and people of no faith; we had rich and poor; business people; members of Parliament and children. It showed that when you have people from all these different backgrounds then compassion, welcome, and hospitality are all possible. Diversity doesn't have to be a source of trouble. It can



be a source of great delight, and we saw that really clearly this evening."



On Sunday 24 June Southwark Cathedral welcomed a new Honorary Canon and two new Honorary Lay Canons. The Revd Chris Moody, Vicar of St Alfege Greenwich, Nicole Burgum, Warden of Readers, and Adrian Greenwood, Chair of the House of Laity, were Instituted and Installed by Bishop Christopher and the Dean during Choral Evensong. All three serve in parishes in the Woolwich Episcopal Area and they were supported by Bishop Karowei, their Area Bishop.

It's been a busy few weeks at St Agnes, Kennington Park. *Keith Potter reports:* On 24 May Bishop Christopher preached at the Mass celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church after the damage suffered to the old building in WW2. Then on Sunday 3 June we processed the Sacrament onto the Brandon Estate for Benediction in our annual tradition for the Feast of Corpus et Sanguis Christi. We left Church after Mass with 70 people and returned with 85!



'Exploring Christian Spirituality'

This course at The London Centre for Spiritual Direction is aimed at helping people to reflect on their own spiritual journey; learn about different ways of praying; develop their own spirituality;

introduce them to the art of Spiritual Direction; integrate spirituality and life; learn about some of the great traditions of Christian Spirituality; and to reflect on biblical themes and life in the Spirit.

Run by John-Francis Friendship APS and Nicola Mason, it will take place on Mondays (2pm - 4.45pm) from 15 October 2018 to 8

April 2019 and will be non-academic and open to people of all faith traditions who are interested in exploring Christian Spirituality.

Details of the course are available from The London Centre for Spiritual Direction, Church of St Edmund the King, Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9EA. Tel: 020 7621 1392, e-mail: info@lcsd.org.uk

Brides and Blooms in Oxted Church



The first flower festival for many years took place at St Mary's Church, Oxted from 8 – 10 June.

The theme was Brides & Blooms with bridal gowns on display dating from the 1940s and every decade since. They were all loaned by ladies of the parish. Alongside the dresses were flower arrangements in a rainbow of colours all in celebration of a past wedding.

Hundreds of visitors enjoyed the displays, met friends, reminisced about their own special day, listened to the musical interludes and sampled the homemade cakes.

Southwark priest is new Dean of St George's College, Jerusalem

The Revd Richard Sewell, Rector of the Barnes Team Ministry, has been appointed Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem.

The College is part of the Diocese of Jerusalem and is located within the same grounds as St George's Cathedral. It is a community of education, hospitality, pilgrimage and reconciliation for the Anglican Communion. The Dean is also a residentiary canon of St George's Cathedral.

Richard said: "I feel very privileged to have been selected and excited by the possibilities of developing the work of the College as an educational

and spiritual resource for the Anglican Communion."

Bishop Richard said: "Whilst we are sad to lose Richard from the Kingston Episcopal Area I am delighted that he has been appointed and look forward to working with him as he develops the College and its place in the Anglican Communion".

Richard Sewell has served all his ordained ministry in the Diocese of Southwark. Prior to ordination he worked for USPG in mission education and related closely to partner churches in Pakistan and Bangladesh. For the past six years he has chaired the

Kingston Area Link with the Diocese of Matabeleland.

Photo: Richard and Julie Ann Sewell outside St George's College



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Bishops visit Zimbabwe Link Dioceses

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Bishop Christopher, Bishop Karowei and his wife, Mosun, and Director of Communications and Bishop's Press Officer, Canon Wendy Robins, visited Zimbabwe in mid-June to attend the Bernard Mizeki Festival.

The opportunity was also taken to introduce Bishop Karowei to Woolwich Area's Link Diocese - and to look at Lent Call linked projects in Central Zimbabwe, Matabeleland and Manicaland.



Bishop Karowei meets a young worshipper



At the Bernard Mizeki Festival Eucharist

Wendy Robins reports:

As Bishop Karowei greeted the people in the Cathedral Church of St John in Mutare, it was immediately clear that an African Bishop from the Diocese of Southwark was going to go down well in Manicaland.

Despite the fact that this was the first time that Bishop Karowei had ever been to an African country - apart from Nigeria, where he was born - he spoke to the deepest desires and understandings of his audience. Put simply, he engaged with them at a very real level and they loved it.

The local people also enjoyed meeting and spending time with Bishop Karowei's wife. This was Bishop Karowei and Mosun's first visit to the Woolwich Area's Link Diocese, Manicaland.

Happily they have since had an opportunity to deepen the relationships they built there, as the Woolwich Episcopal Area received visiting clergy and lay people from Zimbabwe early in

July (see *'The view from here', below*).

Bishop Christopher had accompanied Bishop Karowei and Mosun on this first visit in order to introduce them to the people of the Diocese before journeying on to Central Zimbabwe and Matabeleland Dioceses.

Sadly, on this visit Bishop Christopher did not make it to Masvingo Diocese as the day after the Bernard Mizeki Festival, with which the Bishops' visit started, Bishop Godfrey left the country to attend a meeting in Zambia.

Bishop Christopher visits our Link Diocese most years and in doing so gets to see the many developments which are happening around the country. Visiting and re-visiting the big projects and the people is a great way to discover what is working well and how things are going for the Church and for Zimbabwe as a whole.

Always surprising

But no matter how many times one has visited there are always new and surprising things to see - the tiny rondavel that houses a church right out in the bush near the Victoria Falls for one.

Here, a family has offered a building for the small number of people in the area who want to worship in an Anglican setting but find it too hard to get to the chapel at the Victoria Falls Hotel or the Church of the Resurrection near there.

When we pulled into this tiny place, who would have guessed that we would find Rueben the lay minister, the Mothers' Union leader and their family all there and providing a place for worship? It was incredible.

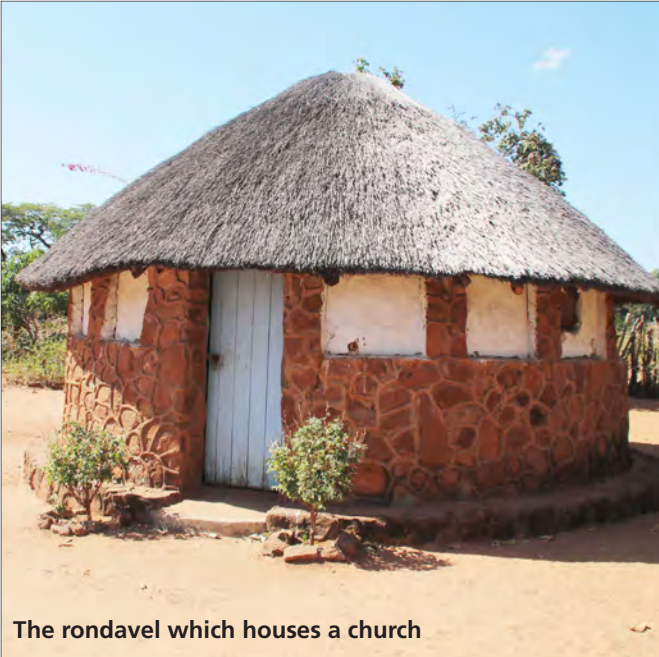
Even more incredible was finding out that Bishop Cleophas had discovered, on his first visit to this church miles from anywhere, that the

minister's wife Greta was his own mother's first cousin!

Elsewhere, visiting Lupane gave us a chance to see a traditional village. So many of these can be found along the roads as we hurtle from place to place that it was great to see one close up and to learn a little about how people live and survive in this more rural setting.

We mostly see projects and large churches and we often stay with people in what they call high-density - or urban - areas. As a result, it is hard to get a sense of how a great many of the population live.

It is not an easy life for villagers: they need either to collect water from a nearby borehole or to have their own borehole and tank in the village and cooking is either in traditional huts or in the open air.



The rondavel which houses a church

Parliamentary questions

After this visit, while Bishop Karowei was at the Cathedral, Bishop Christopher preached at St Augustine, Penhalonga. It was good to be with the students at the school and, after the service, Bishop Erick asked him to tell the students a little about the House of Lords and his work in it. Zimbabwe has a 'two-house' system too so it was good for the children to be able to learn about something similar and to ask the Bishop questions.

From there, Bishop Christopher journeyed back to St John's Cathedral and greeted the people, before setting off for Gweru where he met the new Bishop of Central Zimbabwe, Bishop Ignatius, and his wife Flora.

Central Zimbabwe

In his previous role as Archdeacon, the new bishop was much involved in the Link with the Croydon Episcopal area; he was also an advocate of 'Budget Support', Croydon's

new method of Link funding, whereby it provides support directly to Central Zimbabwe through its budget.

Flora, meanwhile, has been very involved in the Mothers' Union, having worked with Elizabeth Mukuwanda, the wife of the previous Bishop of Central Zimbabwe, when she was Regional President. Flora will take over as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union and is looking forward to working with the many MU members in her Diocese.

Bishop Ignatius has many plans for the Diocese as he takes over and moves it forward. He spoke of these in his address at his Consecration, which can be downloaded from the Link Diocese website at <http://croydonzimbabwewlink.org.uk/front-page/news/>.

While they were together, Bishop Christopher interviewed Bishop Ignatius and the film of this can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EALci07mnRQ>

Bishop Christopher also took the opportunity to make



Cooking facilities in traditional huts

another visit to the Harben Park agricultural project and it was good to see developments there, especially the tomato greenhouse.

Matabeleland

Moving on from Central Zimbabwe, he journeyed to Matabeleland where we saw St Aidan's farm, which is also helping people to learn how to farm in the hope that this can be shared with others in their villages.

You can read more about the Bishop's travels in June on our Hearts on Fire blog at <http://southwarkcofe.tumblr.com/post/175166518995/the-work-of-the-church-here-is-vital>

Hope and pray for the days ahead

As we were getting ready to leave Zimbabwe a bomb went off in Bulawayo which slightly injured vice-president Kembo Mohadi and his wife. We were concerned that this had happened but especially that it had happened in Bulawayo, which was one of the areas associated with the *Gukurahundi* massacres by Robert Mugabe's elite Fifth Brigade in the early 1980s.

Did this mean, we asked ourselves, that the upcoming general election might not be free and fair and violence-free? Truthfully at this stage it is hard to tell. But what we do know is that for all the country's difficulties the Church is in good heart and hopeful that the election, which is scheduled for 30 July, may deliver a result with which people can work.

The opposition now has a credible interim leader to follow in Nelson Chamisa and is beginning to show signs of good organisation and policies.



Flora and Bishop Ignatius Makumbe enjoy a joke with Bishop Christopher

It may be too soon for them this time around but already moves are being made to re-admit Zimbabwe to the Commonwealth and there are also signs of business investment from overseas.

It is good, too, in this regard that the current government is saying that they believe that the bomb may have been placed by supporters of Grace Mugabe rather than disgruntled people and politicians from Bulawayo.

Wherever we went people were battling the odds. There were electricity outages, pumps that did not pump water and simply too little of everything. But people, especially the people of Zimbabwe, are resilient.

Pray for them in this important month and throughout the year as they hope for their future.



Tomatoes growing at the Harben Park project

The view from here...



Link visits go both ways and, in early July, 11 colleagues from Manicaland came to Southwark to see our Diocese up close.

They hoped to learn valuable lessons to take home about Southwark's ways of working and, in the words of the Venerable Jackson Kuwani, "to be a better Diocese than we are now".

After a busy 10 days, we caught up with the visitors on their last afternoon to ask how the trip had gone.

What had they been doing? "Walking!"

Joking aside, our guests travelled far and wide during their time in Woolwich. Two of them - Olivia Muchayaya and Benhilda Mautsa - are teachers and so trips to schools featured heavily on the itinerary: they visited Boucher Primary School in Bermondsey; Trinity School, a secondary in Lewisham; and a new school in Greenwich Peninsula that is still under construction.

"We learned a lot," said Benhilda. "How the schools are different from ours, the advanced technologies. We were quite amazed. We are hoping we will be able to catch up one of these days."

Even if the technology doesn't turn up soon, there are ideas they can implement at once. "At Trinity School I liked the way that members of staff interacted with students," Benhilda said. "They choose a member of staff to talk about

their life, from where they started up to the present day, and I thought that was good. If I copy that it will motivate our students."

The party was particularly impressed by the headteacher at the Greenwich Peninsula school.

"She was very hardworking, the type of a person who cannot go to sleep because of her work," said Olivia. "She goes the extra mile, even more than that. She was saying she did it more out of passion than just out of being employed. We really appreciated that."

Arthur Mupunga, who is a banker back home in Manicaland and churchwarden of St John's Cathedral, Mutare, agreed. "We learned how determined the person is leading the project that it be a success," he said. "And we have seen that it is indeed a success, which is a lesson we'll take away: if we want to get things done, that's how to do it."

The Year 6 leavers' service in Southwark Cathedral also offered inspiration to our guests. "There are some students in our Diocese who have never met the Bishop. They don't even know his name," said Benhilda. "If they get the chance to gather together, maybe in a service and maybe talk to him, that would be good. So, we're going to request that from the Bishop. If it is difficult to gather the students, they could perhaps meet at district level."

Benhilda also noted some issues around safeguarding that she will be discussing back home. "I liked how you protect the children. Back home we would have taken loads of photos and then posted them on social media regardless of what the consequences were. But we were unable to take any photos [at the Leavers' Service], and I think this is a good thing that we need to learn from."

Dr Wilson Marikopo was also able to see how his professional

counterparts in the UK worked when one of the party, Tendai Mandiringa, fell ill and was admitted to Lewisham Hospital. More cheerfully, he got to see the workings of a UK hospital from the other side by visiting Great Ormond Street with one of Woolwich Area's churchwardens who also happens to be a consultant at the hospital.

"It was quite an eye-opener," he said. "It's an amazing set-up. I was also shown the chapel, which is quite wonderful. We also have a chapel in our hospital but it's quite different!"

Synod a highlight

Diocesan Synod was another highlight for our guests. The Venerable Patrick Mabhuu was delighted to have been invited, feeling it was a mark of respect. "What's of importance to me is that during our visit the Diocese accepted us into some things I would call very important and maybe even sacred things," he said. "Like

allowing us to be part of your Synod. That touched me so much, because if we didn't have that link you could have said, 'no, you can wait for us outside, and we'll do our business.'"

The biggest surprise for our guests was how smoothly it went. As the Venerable Eniros Hwata, Archdeacon and Vicar General of the Diocese, said, "I am used to a Synod which is not well organised and a lot of noise."

Yet Arthur felt that people had the opportunity to share their views without fear or favour, and that paperwork was given to people well in time, so that when the day came, "everyone was aware of what to expect and what to discuss". It was focused and transparent, he said: "I think the reason we didn't have a lot of challenges and issues is that everything was put on paper and it was very clear."

Eniros Hwata was equally impressed, feeling that these

lessons could be taken back to parishes in Manicaland. "Thank you," he concluded. "It was very encouraging to me to attend such a Synod."

Once business was over, there was time for fellowship. Each of the visitors was being hosted by people from the Diocese, who took them to worship in their local church on Sunday.

For the Venerable Jackson Kuwani, who was staying at St Paul's, Lorrimore Square, this was a delight:

"Having the privilege of being at a diverse congregation on Sunday, I am really convinced that we are one people. Because what I saw there was just amazing."

"I think it's the most colourful congregation I've ever seen in my whole life. I said to myself, 'this is a true Pentecost we're seeing here.'"

And it didn't end with the service: "We had a barbecue later," he added. "I wish I could have that every day."

It's not about the food but the congregation is full of energy and the people love one another. Just sharing that moment with them was amazing. I think our Diocesan Link shows us that we are one big family."

Finding fellowship

Olivia also enjoyed the fellowship at her host church, St Edward, Mottingham. "It is the link parish with one of the schools in Mutas district where I work, St James Tsongo, so they were showing me the little gifts they got from St James Tsongo, and they even joined me singing a Shona hymn."

Patrick Mabhuu, too, appreciated the fellowship he found at St Michael, East Wickham. "When I got into the church there were pictures of my parish, and me and my congregants too, so it meant a lot to me. This is not just talk, we are really in partnership and we have a relationship which is God-blessed."

He added: "When we have a link with someone, the link might remain something in the air if you don't visit one another and see each other physically. So, this visit has made our link a reality."

Overall, the message from our Zimbabwean colleagues was of thanksgiving - for the ideas, for the relationship between the two Dioceses, for the trips to see Canterbury, St Paul's and Middle Temple, and most of all for the time and effort of their hosts.

Patrick Mabhuu spoke for everyone when he said: "I want to thank our hosts, people who sacrificed their time to be with us and saw that we had everything we needed."

"It was not only the food, it was going around with us and having money for transport from the Diocese. We appreciate that so much."

"Without you our visit would have been something else."



Bridge readers choose... My holiday reading

Anne Deering

I am a passionate reader of fiction but find non-fiction very hard work! So, I have set myself a summer challenge to finish several books that I have started and then abandoned in a pile beside my bed.

I am half way through *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande – a fascinating exploration of the developed world's medicalisation of old age, which has really made me rethink how we care for my 97 year-old mother. Next up is *A Brief History of Time* by Stephen Hawking, which has been on my list for so long now I feel genuinely guilty that I haven't finished it yet! (Thankfully my 19 year-old scientist son is on hand to help.) Finally I want to finish *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Explain Everything About*

the World, a very readable book by Tim Marshall that is genuinely eye-opening about how physical geography impacts the politics of nations.

Of course I will need some fiction to look forward to and am just about to start Rose Tremain's *The Gustav Sonata*, having heard her talk about the book at Wimbledon Bookfest.

I recently discovered the novelist Celeste Ng and loved her two debut novels exploring life as a teenager, *Everything I Never Told You* and *Little Fires Everywhere* – which I finished at one sitting!

As a mother of teenagers, it is disturbing to think about how little we parents may know of what is really going on in their lives, and an important reminder to keep open the channels of



communication - however challenging! I have just finished watching *13 Reasons Why* series 2 with my 17 year old daughter, a drama following the lives of teenagers in a US high school after the suicide of one of the students. We found it difficult to watch but it certainly opened up some important conversations about the challenges and pressures of growing up in this digital society of ours.

Deidre Munro

For me holidays are for reading – for leisure, for pleasure (rather than because I have to) - whilst not forgetting the walks, pub lunches, museums etc.

I remember an unbelievably hot Crete with Margaret Atwood's *The Robber Bride*, sitting in the shade by the hotel pool, dipping in every now and then to cool off.

Or *Middlemarch* read in Italian hotel rooms between church visits and pre-supper drinks.

My most relaxing holiday (to date) was spent in our regular retreat in Suffolk with the 'Beast from the East' beating at the windows, cosying up with a pile of books... Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, a beautifully written take on

how the world might be if ... but I'll leave you to find out what.

And Dorothy L Sayers - detective fiction from the golden age - writing beautifully of a dead body or two and a mystery to be solved. Not just who? But why? Escapism at its highest.

I have been reading Iain Sinclair's books for years. His essays about London's 'psycho-geography' are my favourites. I worked in the East End for decades and much of what he writes about is familiar. I don't have to agree with him even as I am enjoying his brilliant writing. *The Last London* was a (requested) Christmas present and my last holiday read – brilliant as usual!

There is the pleasure of finding on rented cottage



shelves authors I'd never thought of reading - William Trevor's *Reading Turgenev* or Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes*. And having time to read classics like A G Macdonell's *England their England*.

I love to have several books on the go at the same time for my holidays - the next pile is building in preparation for the autumn break.

"Holidays are for reading – for leisure, for pleasure..."



Alan Saunders

We have just come back from a week on a Greek island. I enjoy travel books but as I have been enjoying the delights of Greece for more than 40 years, I have rather run out of books to read on the subject. Lawrence Durrell, Patrick Leigh Fermor and the great novelist Nikos Kazantzakis (*Zorba the Greek*) have all been devoured long ago so what to do?

Like most of us, I suspect, I took more books than I could hope to read. The one I really got stuck into was about the women of Paris during the war years, *Les Parisiennes* by Anne Sebba, a well-known biographer who lives not far from me in Richmond.

The story is engrossing and depicts the choices and sacrifices women had to make, whether rich or poor, through the histories of scores of women, some still alive. It was a choice for many of stay or flee; resist or collaborate - or tolerate and get by as best as possible.

Above all, of course, it is about the Jewish population and their terrible experience. Life and death decisions had to be made to survive in many cases.

I could also recommend *The Riviera Set* by Mary S Lovell, about a house called Chateau de L'Horizon, built by a remarkable American actress Maxine Elliot, on the Côte d'Azur between the wars and where everybody from the jet set of the time came to stay.

The most frequent visitor was Winston Churchill who came to paint and to write. That whole world was smashed by the war - and life moved on.

In October, we hope to visit Iran, visas and President Trump permitting. I haven't got my holiday reading sorted yet. Any ideas?

Canon Michael Rawson

Pilgrimage has been in the DNA of Southwark for hundreds of years. Chaucer's pilgrims set off on their journey to Canterbury from just off Borough High Street and we have been welcoming and sending off pilgrims ever since.

In the past 20 years the number of people walking the medieval pilgrim ways across the world has increased exponentially. Each has a unique and different story to tell and at the beginning of their journey some might not be able to articulate their reason for walking. It is the purposeful walking that matters above all else.

In *The Crossway*, Guy Stagg tells the very human and humbling story of his journey living with mental ill health and how he walked a pilgrimage in his desire for healing. He walked from Canterbury to Rome, relying on the generosity and hospitality of complete strangers and in spite of many ups and downs he found peace through the journey. In his complete reliance on the kindness of others he discovered a new and intense gratitude for life. From Rome he continued to Jerusalem, covering more than 5,500 km. On his journey Guy discerned healing and peace through the ritual of pilgrimage, realising that relationships are paramount and beginning to sift the important from the pressing.

This is a beautifully written book with poetic and vivid descriptions of the journey and the people he encountered. What is especially moving is Guy's inner journey towards well-being. It makes great summer reading and I thoroughly recommend it as it combines a lively travelogue with the potential for a profound transformation in the way we live.



Canon Leanne Roberts

One of the big treats for me in going on holiday is having the opportunity to read.

This summer I'm going on a family holiday in Greece and a week's camping in West Wales. The Greek holiday will be busy and there won't be a great deal of opportunity for reading.

But I never go anywhere without at least one 'whodunit'. My tastes are wide, from golden age locked-room mysteries to 'Scandi noir'. I'm currently enjoying a series by Christopher Fowler about the 'Peculiar Crimes Unit' led by eccentric detectives Bryant and May, set in present-day London. They have engrossing, complex plots and are very funny in places, and the author demonstrates his knowledge and love of the city on every page.

In Wales, I'm expecting much more time for reading and I'm looking for something really stimulating that I can get stuck into. I last read *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov a decade ago and I'm determined to read it again. Subversive and satirical, it was hugely controversial when written during Stalin's regime, and manages to be profound and humorous, fantastical and spiritual.

I'm currently training as a Jungian psychoanalytic psychotherapist, and so I'm keen to read *Unlikely Companions: C. G. Jung on the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola*, by Kenneth L Becker. Both Ignatius and Jung dedicated themselves to exploring the inner life; Ignatius is held to have been a fine natural psychologist and Jung had much to say about spiritual insight and growth. It should be a fascinating exploration of the similarities and differences in their approach to spiritual and personal development. However, I'll make time for some detective fiction, too!



Finally a different slant on holiday relaxation from the Revd Joyce Forbes



In my culture (Caribbean), going on holiday to relax was not something that I routinely did.

I believe that some of us go on holiday to get away from the normal everyday burdens.

But sometimes going away only makes matters worse because we began to dwell on the situations we left behind and find it hard to relax.

From my own experience and talking with family and friends I believe that two weeks away are better than one.

I usually start my holiday in the middle of the week. This enables me to use those first three days at home to try and unwind. As the first week is to get that work stress out of your head, this is to de-sensitise the body and mind

before you arrive in your new surroundings.

Many of my planned holidays away from home were with the children. I would make sure that we all planned together how we would like our holidays to go. Relaxation on holiday meant that there was something for everyone. Apart from the sea, sand and pool, the children always wanted to have a couple of

physical activities which I took them to and participated in depending on the height. These activities might be some distance away from the holiday accommodation, which involved a journey, but that did not matter as it was deemed an adventure as well.

I would look for an activity that gave me an insight into the country. So, for example, when we went to Crete, we were able to join a day's

excursion to see and hear about the historical Crete and learn about its inhabitants and the links with the rest of Greece, their traditions, culture and religion and much more.

By the end of our holiday we had learnt, enjoyed and had an adventure at the same time. We were refreshed, relaxed and ready to come home and have another couple of days before returning to work.

The 'Spirit of Windrush'

Westminster Abbey was filled with more than 2,000 people on 22 June for a service to commemorate and recognise the contributions to Britain of the Windrush generation and the arrival of the HMT Empire *Windrush* 70 years ago.

Canon Rosemarie Mallett writes:

The congregation included a few actual 'Windrushers' and a very large number of the Windrush generation and Windrush children - folk who had arrived in the 1950s and 1960s and early 1970s with their blue British Caribbean passports.

They were joined by families, friends, church communities and members of the Armed Forces in recognition that many Commonwealth citizens had also fought in both World Wars.

Preceded by months of controversy over the treatment of Windrushers by the State, the service recognised that the story of settlement included elements of racism and rejection - elements depicted on a processional cope made for the service.

The service programme took us from World War Two, to the arrival of the HMT Empire *Windrush* and the subsequent settlement of Caribbean and Commonwealth people. This



story was told by a group of youth actors (photo above) through vignettes interleaved throughout the liturgy and in their intercessions.

The choir, led by Karen Gibson, had the whole Abbey clapping, and I am assured that more than one Cabinet minister was seen swaying to the beat of the steel pans. A quartet rendered the specially commissioned anthem *Psalm to Windrush* which reminded us of the hopes of the early migrants and the love and compassion of the God who had helped them to "sing their song in a strange land".

Joel Edward's sermon spoke to the God who loves and liberates, sustains and supports, empowers and heals over division such as those faced by the migrants as they settled into the UK. He

underscored Jeremiah's advice (Jer 29:4-11) - settle down, marry, have children, pray for the city's welfare, for in its welfare lies your own.

The service was led by the Dean of Westminster and attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, senior clergy from a number of denominations, political leaders including the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, the Mayor of London, members of Parliament and Caribbean High Commissioners.

At a tea party for Windrushers after the service, the Prime Minister proclaimed that 22 June would be annually celebrated as Windrush Day, and money will be set aside for educational purposes in support of the day. This capped what had been an excellent day of celebration.



2018 SPA commissioning service

Three people, one from each Episcopal Area, were commissioned as Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs) on Monday 11 June in Southwark Cathedral.

Paula Thorvaldsen

Bishop Christopher conducted the service and gave an uplifting sermon on Lay Leadership and his affirmation for SPAs in the vital role they play in helping to bring about God's mission in serving others.

After the commissioning promises, Bishop Christopher anointed the hands of each of the candidates and all SPAs present were invited to recommit themselves to their ministry.

Eleven people becoming SPA Emeritus were also presented to the Bishop.

He prayed and thanked Marianne Atterton, Rita Briscoe, Ann Fahy, Peter Griffiths, Joy Huxley, Angela Jackson, Mel Le Vesconte, Jennie South, Rebecca Williams, Jean Williamson and Frances Wood for their service to the people of God.

The new SPAs in the photo above are (l-r):

Nicola Rogers, Christ Church, Purley
Moir Roberts, All Saints, West Dulwich
Paula Thorvaldsen SPA Development Officer and
Yvonne Johnson, St Andrew the Apostle, Catford.

SPA ministry

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Let us pray

July/August

Some months ago I caught the river bus outside the Deanery and went down to Greenwich. Wandering around I decided to look

in at the gallery in the Queen's House. I had never actually been in there before and what a pleasure it was.

Amongst the many wonderful pictures on display were some with which I was familiar but I had no idea that they were kept in Greenwich. One of them was that most famous portrait of Captain James Cook, pictured alongside a globe

It is 250 years since Captain Cook set sail from England on board HMS Endeavour. It was a

voyage of discovery which would take him to those new lands of Australia and New Zealand and others besides. Such adventurers were people of great courage, not knowing where they were going.

Yet 'discovery' is very much a Western, colonial understanding of what was going on.

The truth is these were not barren, uninhabited, culture-less lands simply waiting to be inhabited by people from the other side of the world. In all the places where Cook

went, and where other explorers before and after him landed, there were indigenous communities who were often displaced, abused, enslaved by more powerful arrivals.

So it's a mixed history and one with which the Anglican Communion in many countries has to engage – for we are part of that colonising story.

So for the bravery of the explorers we give thanks, but for what so often happened afterwards we repent.

Lord, help us to tread gently when we go to places new to us, knowing that others may have walked the path before us. Amen.



The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark
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is a new Youth Website that St Mildred's, Addiscombe, has launched, with the aid of a Fresh Expression of Faith Grant from the Diocese.

Leander Garner, manager of St Mildred's Centre, said: "We came up with the idea as a way to retain and increase the number of 13 to 25 year-olds in our congregation. It's hoped that WOWChurch will help us reach out to young people where they are; on their phones, iPads and laptops - a portable relationship with Church!

"The content and design was created in conjunction with a group of young people (aged 13 to 25) who shared their ideas on how this new faith community could best meet their needs and how to encourage interactive opportunities. These conversations evolved into the



main sections of the WOW website - **Watch, Chat, Pray**; **Watch** (specially created video messages); **Chat** (A chance to talk things through with a Christian who cares) and **Pray** (visit Prayer Wall, light a virtual candle).

"Since its launch on 23 May, Without Walls Church has had an average of 150 visitors a week, predominately in the UK but there are regular visitors from as far away as Peru, India and Alaska!

An unexpected outcome is the interest shown by people who can no longer physically get to Church who enjoy the site and the sense of community created.

Malden MU marks 110th anniversary

Malden, St John the Baptist Mothers' Union celebrated the branch's 110th anniversary on 28 June with a special service led by the vicar and former Diocesan MU chaplain, Kevin Scott.

Guests present included Diocesan President Cynthia Smith and Secretary Anne Love, with friends from other branches.

Contributions included a collection of brief memories, giving some idea of the worship, work, play and pastoral care of this fellowship. Pauline Armour, the

branch leader, read words from Mary Sumner. Her predecessor, Janet Jeal, reflected on the contribution MU members make in many areas of this church's life. Monica Drake, Alice Child and Jill Barker led the prayers.

While St John's MU as a separate branch dates from 1908, its origins go back to January 1891 when Mary Sumner gave a talk at the home of Charles Gould, an active supporter of St John's Church. This led to the inauguration in April of a Malden and Worcester Park MU, attached to St John's.



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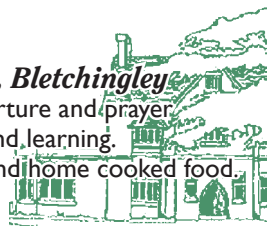


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Affirming hospital chaplaincy



On Tuesday 5 June Bishop Richard visited Springfield University Hospital, part of the SW London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust. He was accompanied by the Area Dean the Revd Canon Dr Susan Clarke and local clergy. After meeting with the multi-faith team of chaplains and volunteers they went on to meet members of the Trust Management, including Chief Executive Officer David Bradley and Helen Miles, Head of Therapies (whose management role includes the chaplaincy).

WHAT'S ON

Please send details of your events for
SEPTEMBER ONWARDS to Trinity House
BY MONDAY 13 AUGUST

Ongoing

- * **BEDDINGTON** - Quiet @St Mary's - 3rd Thursday 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
- * **ELTHAM** - Sing with an orchestra. Hymns, light classics, popular standards 3pm last Sunday each month (not Aug or Dec.) Eltham Pk Methodist Ch.
- † **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.
- * **WARLINGHAM** - Water Aid lunches in St Ambrose Church Hall, 12-1pm first Wednesday
- † **ZIMBABWE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY** at St Mary, Newington - Shona Mass, Second Sunday of month at 2pm. Mothers' Union last Saturday 2pm

July

Saturday 14 July

- ♫ **NORBURY** - Organ recital by Andrew Chadney at St Stephen's Church, 4pm
- * **TANDRIDGE** - Village Fair - Glebe Field RH8 9NN 1.30pm - 5.30pm. Adm. £1 - Children free
- * **HORLEY** - Open Day and Flower Festival at St Francis Church, Balcombe Road 10 am - 3 pm
Wine Tasting Evening at 7.30pm £25 a ticket

Sunday 15 July

- † **STREATHAM** - Bishop Christopher will celebrate Mass (10.30am) and rededicate the Calvary War Memorial at St Peter's Church

Compline by Candlelight at St Mary's, Farleigh, Sundays at 8 pm 'More people of Faith' July 2018

- 15th William Temple - Archbishop, social theologian (Rev'd Andrew Rumsey)
- 22nd George Macleod - Founder of Iona community, soldier, minister (Judith Brooks)
- 29th John Bunyan - Puritan preacher and author of Pilgrim's Progress (Canon Ruth Martin)

Monday 16 - Sunday 22 July

Seven Days of 'Praying Together' for London at St Mark's Church, Kennington. A call to prayer and fasting for city and the nation. 2pm - 8pm daily. With Les Isaacs, Stephen Coulson, Lenford Rowe. For details contact: info@ascensiontrust.org.uk, admin@stmarkskennington.org or tel: 0207582 7029

'Broken Beauty' in Southwark Cathedral

An exhibition of three pieces of work by Alison Clark has been on display in Southwark Cathedral - to mark the first anniversary of the London Bridge attack.

The central piece *Broken Beauty* (photo right) was specially commissioned. It incorporates prints taken from the Sacristy door damaged on the night, together with prints made directly from

parts of the Cathedral that have been worn and damaged over the centuries. The other pieces were *Quilt*, a reflection on mourning made up of men's cotton handkerchiefs; and *Heirloom* - broken shells painted in sumi ink and the edges gilded.

Alison Clark is a British artist who has exhibited across the UK including a recent artist residency in St Peter's de Beauvoir Church, Hackney. Her work explores art, faith and healing, rooted in a sense of place.



Lunchtime Music at St Matthew's, Redhill Thursday 1.10 pm admission free, donations invited
July 2018

- 19th Cello Recital - Camilla Morse-Glover
- 26th Annual party including "Double Duos" - Alan Lakin (Saxophone/Clarinet), Michael Withers (Saxophone/Clarinet), Trevor Denyer (Horn) & Susan Denyer (Double Bass)

Thursday 19 July

- ♫ **UPPER NORWOOD** - Organ Concert at St John's. 7.30pm. Richard Hills, Concert Organist & St Mary, Bourne Street. Free Admission Retiring Collection. sjunoffice@gmail.com www.sjun.org.uk

Tuesday 24 July

- ♫ **SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL** - Royal Choral Society in concert, 7.30pm. Handel's oratorio, *Israel in Egypt* - re-telling the Exodus story. 150 singers, seven soloists. London Handel Orchestra. Tickets from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/HJLDEM>

(See advertisement on page 5)

August

Wednesday 8 August

- ♫ **UPPER NORWOOD** - Organ Concert at St John's 7.30pm. Jonathan Vaughan, Christ Church, Greenwich. Free Admission ~ Retiring Collection. www.sjun.org.uk

Compline by Candlelight at St Mary's, Farleigh, Sundays at 8 pm 'More people of Faith' August

- 5th T.S.Eliot - Poet, playwright - essayist, social critic. (Nigel Platts)
- 12th Billy Graham - Evangelist, Baptist Minister (Canon Martin Greenfield)
- 19th Sir Roger Bannister - Athlete, neurosurgeon, academic. (Canon Simon Jones)
- 26th Sister Dora of Walsall - Anglican nun and nurse (Elizabeth Lanyon)

Thursday 20 September

- ♫ **UPPER NORWOOD** - Organ Concert at St John's. 7.30pm. Carl Jackson, Chapel Royal, Hampton Court. Free Admission ~ Retiring Collection. sjunoffice@gmail.com www.sjun.org.uk

Sunday 30 September

- ♫ **BLACKHEATH** - Stuart Townend and band, in concert at St Michael's, Blackheath Park 7.30pm. Only London event in a nationwide tour. Tickets £15 from <http://www.se3.org.uk/stuart-townend/>

September

Compline by Candlelight at St Mary's, Farleigh, Sundays at 8 pm 'More people of Faith' September 2018

- 2nd Erasmus of Rotterdam - Renaissance humanist, priest and theologian (Rev'd Martin Hayward)
- 9th Nicholas Ferrar - Jacobean scholar, courtier, businessman (Rev'd Peter Hewlett-Smith)
- 16th Carl Jung - Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst (Rev'd David Butlin)
- 23rd George Müller - Evangelist and carer for orphans (Heather Harris)
- 30th Thérèse Vanier - Doctor, founder of UK L'Arche Communities (Rev'd Michelle Edmonds)

Using social media and websites to reach out

In association with the Church of England's digital team, the Diocese will be running a training event on using social media and writing for the web on

Tuesday 30 October from 10am at Trinity House.

More details will be available shortly but it would be good to put this date in your diary if you think you might be interested.

There will be a maximum of 30 spaces, so it will be limited to one delegate per parish and we expect it to fill up very quickly.

More information and booking details in September Bridge.

We hope to review these two new books in a forthcoming edition of the Bridge. Meanwhile here are a few details to whet your appetite.

Hope Rediscovered: Biblical Wisdom for an Anxious World by David Atkinson

With a foreword by Archbishop Rowan Williams
Among the many causes of anxiety in today's world are global concerns to do with social and economic inequality, the importance of sustainable development, and

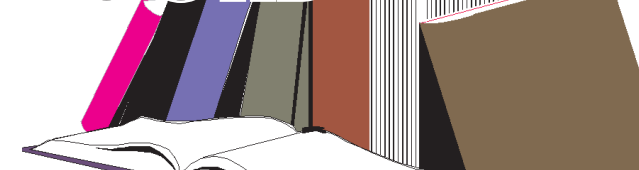
climate change. These raise human - that is moral and spiritual - questions about who we are, our destiny, how we can be helped to flourish, and what we hope for.

Hope Rediscovered is about being re-oriented in the face of such challenges.

Hope Rediscovered is published by Ekklesia. It is available on line at £12.99



BOOKS



Enfolded in Christ: The Inner Life of a Priest by John-Francis Friendship

John-Francis draws on his life as both a Franciscan Religious and a priest along with his extensive experience in spiritual direction and pastoral supervision to explore

spiritual practices and habits that will nurture awareness of Christ, sustain holy living and foster personal well-being.

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Cathedral hosts commemoration service for London Bridge attack

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester joined national and local dignitaries, families and friends of those who died, survivors and first responders at a Service of Commemoration in Southwark Cathedral on 3 June to mark the first anniversary of the attack on London Bridge

Among those present were Sir Kenneth Olisa, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London; Cllr Catherine Rose, the Mayor of Southwark; the Prime Minister the Rt Hon. Theresa May; the Leader of the Opposition the Rt Hon. Jeremy Corbyn; The Home Secretary, Sajid Javid; Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Cressida Dick, and the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.



Welcoming the congregation, the Dean said: "As we remember those who lost their lives we give thanks for the bravery, vigilance and dedication of the emergency services; for the recovery and

healing that we have received in minds and bodies; for the building of relationships and communities and for the strengthening of friends and support."

In the service Sadiq Khan read from Psalm 77, Dame Eileen Sills, Chief Nurse of the Great St Thomas' Trust, read from Luke Chapter 10 and there were readings from *Testimony* – a memory project about the attacks.

Eight candles were lit by families and friends of those who died and local young people as an act of remembrance.

During his address, the Bishop said: "Even during the eight minutes of terror the seeds of hope were being sown by those who came to the aid of the injured and stood over their ground. We must never forget those who died."

The service ended with the Bishop and the Dean leading the dignitaries and representatives of the bereaved into the churchyard where the Bishop dedicated a Tree of Healing.

After leading a statement of commitment and giving the final blessing, the Bishop, with the Dean, led a procession from the Cathedral to the Southwark Needle at the foot of London Bridge for the National Minute of Silence and the laying of floral tributes.

Images from the service can be found at: <https://fic.kr/s/aHsmkSt5nL>



...and later that day holds a second Grand Iftar

At 8pm on 3 June, Southwark Cathedral in partnership with the Bankside Residents Forum, hosted its second Grand Iftar – a meal after sunset, during the month of Ramadan, to mark the breaking of the fast; and in this context a community meal of fellowship and hospitality.

The event followed the Service of Commemoration for the first anniversary of the attacks on London Bridge, and included contributions from the Borough Market Choir, Ahmed Uddin of Harper Road Mosque, Harun Khan, Secretary General of the

Muslim Council of Britain, the Bankside Community Choir and Amir Eden, Chair of the Bankside Residents' Forum.

A moving spoken word piece, taken from *Testimony* – a memory project – was also performed by 20 people caught up in the attack and its aftermath, and was put together from their accounts of 3 June 2017.

In his address Bishop Christopher spoke of "a city of peace, a community of peace" before inviting everyone to exchange a sign of peace.

The Dean, Andrew Nunn said, "We are pleased to be able to host the Iftar for the second time as a sign of the solidarity and diversity of our community and how we continue to grow and work together for the good of all in the Bankside area."

Amir Eden added, "We've seen the community coming together over the past year, and this event is another opportunity to bring people together – of different religions and of no particular religion – to celebrate our love and compassion for each other."

Bishop Christopher said: "The seeds of hope in the darkest moments of the London Bridge attack and over the last year have continued to bear fruit, not least in the rallying together of the local community. The Grand Iftar is a wonderful example of this community coming together to celebrate what we have in common and to work for a future built on faith, hope and love, whilst not forgetting the tragic events of a year ago."

Photos from the event are available at bit.ly/2JjNcAa

