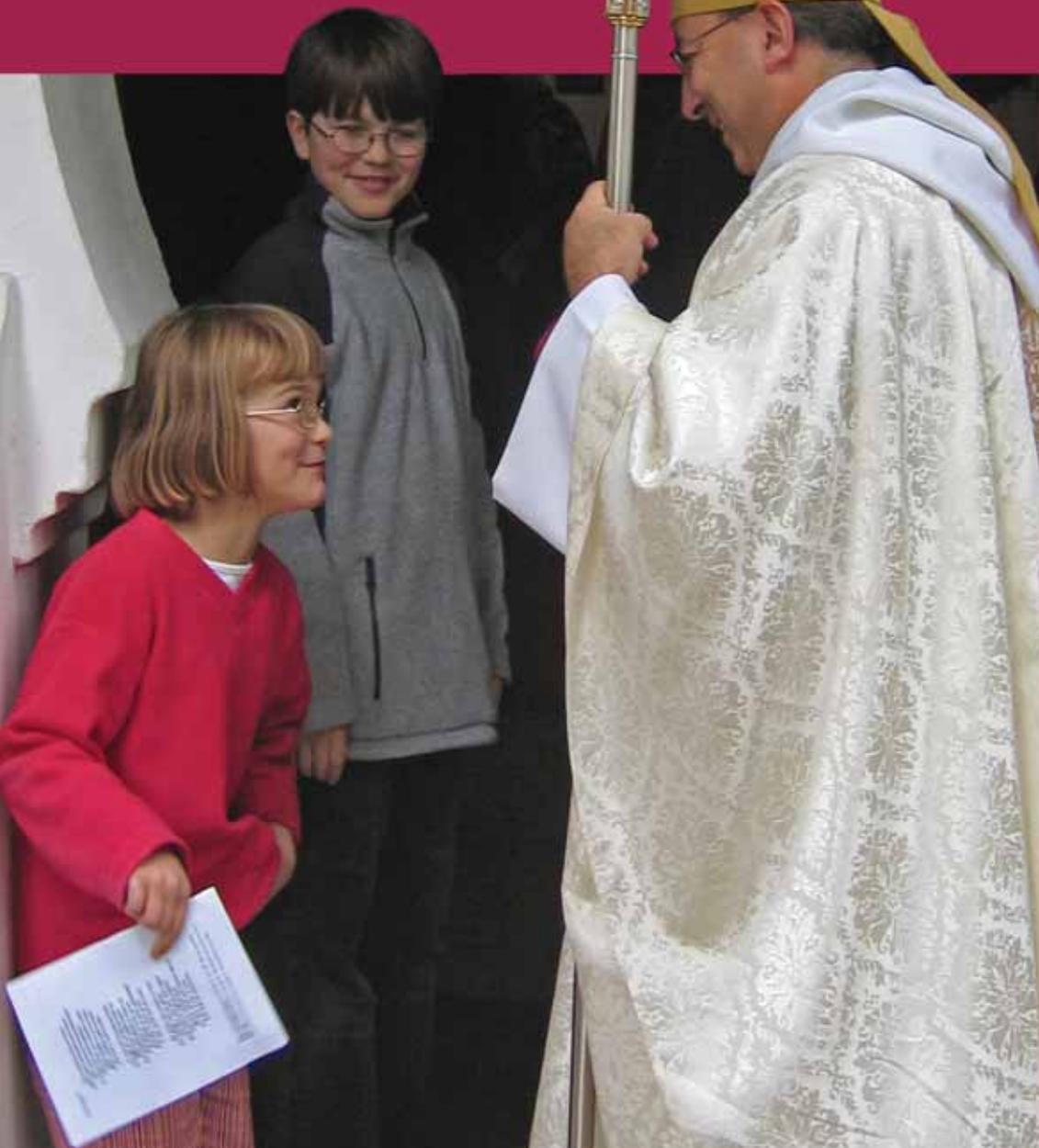


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FAST GROWING FORWARD LOOKI

- *In 45 countries around the European continent*
- *Over 270 congregations in the diocese*
- *140 licensed clergy*
- *A Diocesan and Suffragan Bishop*
- *A diocese covering one-sixth of the world's land surface*
- *Working across 9 time zones*

These are just some of the facts published in our new diocesan leaflet and chaplaincy guide, complete with a copy of the map to show the number and diversity of congregations. But the fact that the map is already out of date is an indication that we justify our boast to be one of the Church of England's fastest growing dioceses.

In this edition of *The European Anglican*, published to coincide with the final Diocesan Synod of this triennium, as well as reporting the wide range of events and activities we mark a number of new milestones. We are looking forward to our fully fledged diocesan branch of the Mothers' Union. We welcome the growing involvement of Christian Aid in our churches, and share in the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Missions to



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Seafarers with its many links to chaplaincies around Europe.

But with nominations and elections for the next Diocesan Synod underway we have a reminder that we are building on our own heritage and looking to the future. Bishop David, in "From Club to Church" challenges us to think about how we see ourselves and what language we use to describe our work and mission.

And we hope to continue making news headlines with our wealth of experienced chaplains and lay members, and involvement in the communities we serve. Filming in Madeira involved many people from the church, and as the World Cup kicks off in Germany this Summer church members are planning their own tactics to minister to visitors and fans – not least with a novel match of their own.



FILM ROLE FOR FATHER HAYDN

*Samantha-Jane Gannon
writes...*

In a spirit of fun coupled with a dash of madness Canon Haydn Smart has agreed to play Naturalist and second vicar to Holy Trinity Church, Madeira, The Reverend Richard Thomas Lowe (1833-1847) in one of a trilogy of documentaries concerning the work developed by the naturalists who visited or lived in Madeira. Like all great thespians Father Haydn rose to the occasion and even agreed that to play Lowe with credibility he would have to learn to ride, something that his daughters had been unable to convince him to do. Where he had resisted their pleas he succumbed to the charm of documentary creator/producer Snr Rui Vieira da Silva and director Snr Eduardo Costa, even more so when he found that he was playing alongside veteran Madeiran/Hollywood actor Virgilio Teixeira (Return of the Seven)

The documentary featuring Lowe (aka Father Haydn) is one of three twenty-five minute episodes covering various naturalists including Hans Sloane, Joseph Banks, James Cook, Charles Lyell, José Vincente Barbosa du Bocage and King Don Carlos. Lowe's contribution to the knowledge of the Madeira flora and fauna was considerable. He not only identified and classified various plant life endemic to the Island, but was also interested in the varied and exotic fish brought in by local fishermen. By paying for unusual catches he was able to collect, study, identify and name various species of fish including the Espada Aphanopus Carbo (Black Scabbard Fish).

Despite his scientific acumen Lowe had a talent for creating disharmony among his flock, alienating the British Consul (Henry

Vetch) to name but one. The problems he created escalated to a point where his congregation became divided. Two Bishops were asked to mediate, but following their failure to reunite the community, a petition was sent by his opponents to the British Prime Minister, Lord Palmerston, to revoke Lowe's license and force him back to England. Drastic measures were sought as even cutting Lowe's stipend by a quarter failed to bring him back into line.

Even on Lowe's return to England where he received another living, the values and ideals he espoused in Madeira followed him home and within a short space of time he managed to alienate his new parishioners. So much so, that he eventually left England to visit Madeira, his second home, another 5 times (1855, 1860, 1863, 1865, and 1867) but in 1871 disaster struck as his ship sank without a trace off the Welsh coast.

Filming started in April at various locations in and around the church as well as more exotic areas of the Island. All three documentaries are to be finished by 2008 to mark the 500 years of Funchal celebrations.



*Picture by kind permission of Snr
Rui Vieira da Silva.*

FROM CLUB TO CHUR



At Coutances in France, the congregation meets in the chapel of a local school.

– Bishop David on one of the agenda topics for Diocesan Synod in Rome

We use language to describe our life that had in its origin a genuine and important concern not to upset or threaten our Christian hosts in the countries where our congregations are to be found. So we have spoken of chaplaincies and chaplains as opposed to parishes, churches, rectors, vicars or parish priests. It is absolutely essential to recognise that our origins are in England, so it is right to respect the territorial and historical claims of those churches which were planted in these lands. Therefore we do not call ourselves “parishes” in Switzerland, for example, because the parishes in Switzerland are parishes of the Roman Catholic, Reformed or Old Catholic Churches.

But we are now beginning to question this terminology of chaplain

and chaplaincy. And we must ask if it is well understood by our ecumenical partners? When we try to translate our terminology into national languages, does it make sense, describing what we are? On the other hand it is very easy and convenient to describe ourselves as *L'Église Anglicane*, or *La Paroisse Anglicane*. When our clergy are referred to as *le Curé Anglican* this is understood immediately, whereas *L'Aumônier* can be confusing. The word parish, used outside England in Anglican contexts, only has a loose territorial connotation. In Canada, or the USA or even in Scotland, it does not denote a responsibility for all living within a geographic area. So one might argue that a change in language will not affect our ecumenical relations. However we still must be sensitive about this, especially in Orthodox countries.

But we have congregations in the diocese that can trace their

foundation to before the reformation – before the breach of communion with the Roman See. In Switzerland,

Does the language of chaplain and chaplaincy give hints that we are only temporarily here?

there are some rather ancient foundations as well: Geneva and Basle which are in their 451st year of life. So how long do we have to be on the continent of Europe before we become simply one of the churches of the land, alongside others? Does the language of chaplain and chaplaincy give hints that we are only temporarily here, and that we are only here to serve some British or English people who find themselves in the continent for a short time?

This is where the question of club versus church comes in. We are

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largely serving the English-speaking diaspora, but that diaspora comes from every country in the world where English is spoken, either as the official language or as the international language. So diaspora we are, but an international one. Hardly an inward looking and self-serving community, which may be a dangerous connotation in language such as chaplain or chaplaincy. And we do not appear to be in the continent for a short term, unless 4 or 5 centuries is considered a brief period!

Slowly over the years our life is gradually “becoming regularised” in many ways. We are gradually connecting to the wider Church, the Church of England and her agencies, departments and boards, in more and deeper ways. The Mothers’ Union has now agreed that we should be a diocese which belongs to this world – wide movement in our own right. I have had consultations with Christian Aid to see how they can begin to increase their presence in this diocese and be of service to us, as they are to other dioceses, in our outreach campaigns and appeals, and also in terms of the education of our congregations on matters of global mission, justice and peace. Our selection and training for ministry, lay and ordained, is identical to what the



A first baptism in Peniscola at Easter this year, for the fledgling congregation in Costa Azahar.

other 43 diocese of the CoE require, in accordance with what the Ministry Division of the Church of England requires. So we, in fact, functioning as church, but still calling ourselves something else.

MISSION-SHAPED CHURCH

If we are to understand ourselves more as church and less as club, this has an affect on our understanding of our mission in distinct ways. Clubs have a mission to their members. The Church is the only organisation that exists for the sake of those outside it!

Europe is struggling to find her moral bearings. Fundamental to being Christian and to being Church is holding to a clear and generous moral vision.

Up until now, we have said that this local mission is largely the responsibility of the local, historical churches. But if we increasingly see ourselves, alongside these historic churches, a part of the permanent expression of the Church here, then we are co-responsible for this mission. This co-responsibility is being recognised by our sister Churches in Europe and is welcomed.

Europe is struggling to find her moral bearings. Fundamental to being Christian and to being Church is holding to a clear and generous moral vision. For Christians, the great moral questions about what we should do, how we should behave, what sort of persons and community we should be, are rooted in this fundamental belief that we are remade in the image of Christ and that we are to grow into his likeness. As the writer of 1 John (3.2,3) says, “What we do know is this: when he



is revealed, we will be like him”.

Christ is the vision set before us and at the same time the one into whose very life we are grafted, and that life is being lived here: so in what ways are we searching to deepen our engagement in the world so as to help point her, through the example of our own Christian Community life towards the life of Christ?

This will require us to be in touch with national issues wherever we are. We will be required to learn national languages and engage in national culture. At the same time we will have a special vocation, within the life of the churches in each country where we are, to shape disciples who come to us who wish to pray, worship and be nurtured in the English tongue.

In the first 25 years of our life as a diocese we have grown from being club to understanding our place as Church. In the next 25 years the congregations of our diocese and her members face the challenge of engaging with the Europe around us. It is a Europe that is comprised of Christians, Muslims, Jews, and many of no religion. It is a Europe that speaks many languages, and not just European languages. It is a multicultural and multiracial Europe. Our own congregations are multicultural and multiracial – and are increasingly so. Perhaps God is giving us some unique and valuable gifts as Church to engage with our partners in his mission in these lands?

NEWS IN BRIEF



BELLS RESOUND ON THE ROCK

The 8 tubular bells at Holy Trinity Cathedral which have been silent for the best part of twenty years rang out again in celebration of the Queen's 80th Birthday.

The idea of refurbishing the bells came from one of the Cathedral Church Council members and organist, David Gilson. Thanks to a generous grant from the Gibraltar Naval Trust it was possible to get the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (makers of the famous 'Big Ben') to produce all the necessary new parts and at the same time to provide electronic equipment for the chiming.

The construction work in the Cathedral has been generously undertaken by 'Electricon', a relatively new company, specialising in Electrical and Construction works set up and managed by proprietor Simon Vaughan, also a member of the Cathedral congregation.

Not only will the bells ring out for regular services, they will also chime on the quarter-hours during the day, from 8.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m.



A MODEL EASTER IN COSTA BLANCA

Youngsters who enjoy the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy's Saturday club were in the limelight over Easter. They produced their own interpretation of the Last Supper (pictured) for display on Palm Sunday. On Easter Sunday two of the founder members were formally admitted as servers to make a total of three young enthusiastic assistants.



FRANCE WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has added meaning around the diocese, where already many branches of catholic and protestant churches share on a regular basis. In France the week can sometimes be busier for churches than Holy Week because there are not enough Anglicans to go round.

This year there was a service in the historic Roman Catholic church of St. Avit Sénieur in the Dordogne, which was fought over by English and French Catholics and Protestants in the wars of religion. The Curé, Abbé Chapuzet feels that after all the fighting the meeting of denominations and backgrounds is a powerful symbol of twenty-first century unity.

BISHOP CELEBRATES ORTHODOX EASTER

Bishop Geoffrey celebrated Easter twice this year, first with a visit to Naples and then for the following Sunday (which was also Orthodox Easter) he travelled to Bari and Belgrade. He also visited the Orthodox church in Monetengro for a meeting organised by Brother Pavle, currently at St Stephen's House in Oxford. He reports being very warmly received with Metropolitan Amfilochije being particularly kind, inviting him to share in the Good Friday procession, and to carry the cross.



At the January service in Dordogne, The Rev. C Strachan with Abbé Chapuzet.



Bishop Geoffrey sharing the wonder and beauty of an 'Orthodox' Easter.

SAINT PATRICK IN PROVENCE

Members of the Prasada congregation with Irish blood in their veins led celebrations for Saint Patrick's Day and raised 210 Euros for the Bishop's Lent appeal. After an Irish prayer was read in French there was a congregational reading of *The European Anglican* with details of the appeal, followed by a quiz. The sole French member present excelled in grammar questions while others struggled to recall whether *un livre* was a book or a pound. Knowledge of French departments and saints was tested, together with train trivia, thanks to the quizmaster's love of railways. Jacket potatoes with sauces were washed down by local wine, proving that the two cultures were totally complementary.



*Quiz winner Alistair Ross gets his knowledge from the *European Anglican*.*



Caroline Gordon-Walker, and ordinand Gill

IN SHORT

Issues on-line The church in **Geneva** is complementing the traditional parish newsletter with an occasional on-line publication. It focuses on topical issues such as the environment and climate change and offers more in-depth food for thought. It can be found on <http://mypage.bluewin.ch/htccoe/var/gvaang2.pdf>

Worship in tongues Madagascan members of the congregation in **Strasbourg** are reported to be strongly attached to their Anglican identity in the local Chaplaincy. Although they speak French and Malgache rather than English, they are keen to organise more services in Malgache as well as playing a fuller part in congregational life.

Swiss kitchen wear Tea towels and aprons featuring a Bernese bear, with the Diocese in Europe logo, have been produced by members of St Ursula's church in **Berne** to celebrate their centenary. Sales are going well with them apparently gracing kitchens all over the world.

Easter Double Some members of the **Zurich** congregation went with their chaplain on a pilgrimage to Greece, immediately after Easter. Canon John Newsome explains that since the Orthodox Christians celebrate the feast a week after Western churches, it means they will have two Easters this year.

Hymn Numbers A survey reflecting music in worship at **Poitou-Charentes** reveals that in the past 18 months, 192 different hymns have been sung – 103 of them only once, 41 were sung twice, 22 three times, and 18 on four occasions. Three hymns managed to get five appearances, but chart toppers were Shine, Jesus Shine (6 times); Make Way (7); Tell out my soul (8) and top favourite was Great is thy Faithfulness (9 times).

PLAYING A FULLER PA MOTHERS' UNION IN

“An exciting new chapter for the Mothers’ Union in the Diocese” is the reaction of Bishop Geoffrey to news that we will be formally affiliated to the worldwide movement from January 2007. Barbara Woods in Gibraltar has been nominated as the first Diocesan President. At the moment, there are MU branches in Hamburg, Malta & Gozo, Poitou-Charentes, Lanzarote and Padua. There are also many ‘lone’ members in France, Germany, Spain, Tenerife, Switzerland, Russia, the Ukraine and The Netherlands. For the past 6 years MU has come under the wings of the Diocese of London, and Barbara says she looks forward to a period of growth and stabilization, where everyone can feel an important part of this worldwide organisation.

BARBARA WOODS WRITES . . .

Members are enrolled into the MU, usually at a church service – though not always so but that membership is for life! And it comes about after some sort of preparation and with God’s help, in the same way as we are baptised into membership of the church – usually for life!

As with baptism some are lost along the way. How often do we hear someone in the congregation say after a baby’s Baptism, “I bet we don’t see them in church again!”. But we never know what might bring them back. It might be because of good nurturing and encouragement or it might be through personal interest

and education as they grow older.

Although some MU members have lapsed from “paid up membership” they still took that commitment once and hopefully one day will be proud enough again to admit that they belong to the MU. I am quite sure many members lapsed when they came to Europe and did not find a local branch in their chaplaincy.

So, what is your image of the MU today? Is it of elderly ladies meeting once a month in the Village hall to drink tea, organise an outing and maybe have a speaker on some fairly unrelated topic or is it of a vibrant organisation of more than 3½ million members across the world joined by a commitment to marriage and family involved in campaigning and lobbying on a number of



Barbara Woods, an experienced member of Mothers’ Union, a family friendly organisation.

worldwide issues such as parental rights, international debt relief and child poverty? We are happy to be working in partnership with various organisations, including the United Nations and other ecumenical groups.

Prayer and worship are fundamental. In the Diocese in Europe where there is a group projects can be undertaken – when a local need is recognised and help given. It might be making Activity Bags for children to use in church, helping the chaplain by visiting patients in hospital who do not speak the local language, providing help to a women’s refuge – it was the MU members in Istanbul who first ran a school for refugee children teaching them basic English & Maths.

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MU ON MALTA AND GOZO

Valerie Ellis Writes

The group on the Maltese Islands has increased to 18 members over the last three years and because the Gozo Channel separates Malta from Gozo, the monthly meetings are held alternatively on both Islands.

We have given clothes and educational books to a local orphanage, bought calves for the Jo Holman Boys' Villages in India, and supported a small family of orphans in a Mission in Keyna. The Hospice Home on Malta now has a Gutter Frame that was the result of a

Carboot sale on Gozo.

Our outreach work sees us sending Get Well Cards to anyone we hear is ill, whether a member of our three congregations or not, and we often send flowers to the elderly who are house-bound.

Our banner to be displayed in the Cathedral in Valletta. The Maltese Cross and all the lettering has been made in lace by two of our members who have attended lace-making classes in Gozo. The Banner will travel to meetings and services after it has been dedicated in the Autumn.

The Group supports the Chaplaincy and whenever possible has a stall at the Christmas Bazaar, sells pickles and preserves after services and this year gave the MU



Mothers Day cards to all the ladies who attended the Cathedral on that special day.

Because it is an holiday Island we enjoy the friendship of visiting MU members and it is always a pleasure when they attend our meetings, as they in turn enrich our experience of life in MU. We love to hear in advance of any members coming on holiday so that we can give you a real Mediterranean welcome.

NEW BRANCH OPENS IN PADUA



The inauguration of the Mothers' Union in Padova in February with Archdeacon Arthur Siddall and his wife Sue, Branch leader Juliana with the Mary Sumner material sent from Nigeria for their uniforms.

MU IN POITOU CHARENTES AND THE VENDEE, FRANCE

Joyce Bache writes . . .

Since the branch of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou Charentes and the Vendee was officially inaugurated in January 2005, we have managed to meet together several times, in spite of the vastness of the chaplaincy.

In March we had a workshop to make activity bags for children attending our churches, and in July we organised a Family BBQ. We had a Mothers' Union stall at the chaplaincy Summer Fete, and at the Christmas Market, and through our presence at these events our membership has increased from seventeen to twenty three.

Several members are involved in pastoral care in their locality and we are particularly concerned to support young families who move to France.

To this end we have recently arranged an information day on "Education in France", inviting young parents to a Cheese and Wine Lunch, followed by an informed discussion. It was greatly appreciated and we plan to repeat this event, concentrating on some other aspect of French life.

Our Branch Leader, Rosemary Hill, recently visited New Zealand and made contact with the Mothers' Union in Christchurch. We hope to pursue a link with them in the near future.

We are of course "linked" to each other in prayer here, when distances do not permit regular meetings, and many of our members belong to local Home Groups.

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Most church members in the UK have heard of Christian Aid which works in over 50 countries, where the need is considered to be the greatest, regardless of religion, helping people to tackle the problems they face and build the life they deserve.

Whether it's working with women with HIV/AIDS in Zambia, or the landless in Brazil, the philosophy is that local people know best how to solve their own problems. The organisation works with some 600 local organisations, strengthening people to find their own solutions.

In the past Christian Aid has not had many direct links with the Diocese in Europe, although many church members will have had strong connections with Christian Aid when living in the UK, perhaps even helping with Christian Aid Week

collections and events. Katie Hagley has been appointed Church Liaison Manager, Europe, and hopes to build on this experience by working with churches across the diocese to look at how they can help bring about a new earth through working with Christian Aid.

Katie says; "Christian Aid has always led in speaking out against injustice and campaigning to change the structures that keep people poor, leading the way in campaigns such as Jubilee 2000, Trade Justice and Make Poverty History.

"Over the last five years we have substantially increased the EU element in our lobbying and

*'What does the Lord
require of you, but to do
justice, and to love
kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?'
Micah 6:8 (NSRV)*

campaigning activities, corporately recognising the importance of the EU as a global player. We now have two full-time EU advocacy officers who lead on our strategy for influencing EU policies on a wide range of development-related issues. We are also working with the Europe Bishops' Panel, a sub-committee of the House of Bishops, in the development of a programme of reflection on and dialogue with the EU and its institutions."

If you would like to find out how you and your church can pray, act and give through Christian Aid then please contact Katie who can provide bible study materials, prayer diaries, fundraising ideas and many more resources as well as advice to help your church think about social justice issues and then start to make a difference.

Many churches in the diocese are either to be found on the coast of Europe, or within easy reach of the sea, and special prayers and services will mark Sea Sunday on 9th July. This year's commemoration will also mark the 150th anniversary of the Missions to Seafarers which has long held close links with the diocese and its congregations.

In Rotterdam a Chaplain is currently being appointed to the demanding task of serving as a priest who will lead the Anglican congregation in the city and also act as Port Chaplain – a demanding task when you consider the changing face of modern shipping and crews.

THE MISSION THEN

Port chaplains who visited ships in 1856 found dreadful working and living conditions on board. The seafarers had extremely cramped quarters, with up to 50 crew members working and living together. Food would go rotten during long voyages. Scurvy was rife and rats infested every ship. Work on board was nothing less than hard manual labour.

Medical resources were poor if they were even available and if a seafarer was injured or fell ill, the



MISSION TO SEAFARERS

chances of making it home alive were not very good. Without modern aids to navigation, the seafarers and their vessels were at the mercy of the waves. Loss of life because of storms and ship wrecks was high

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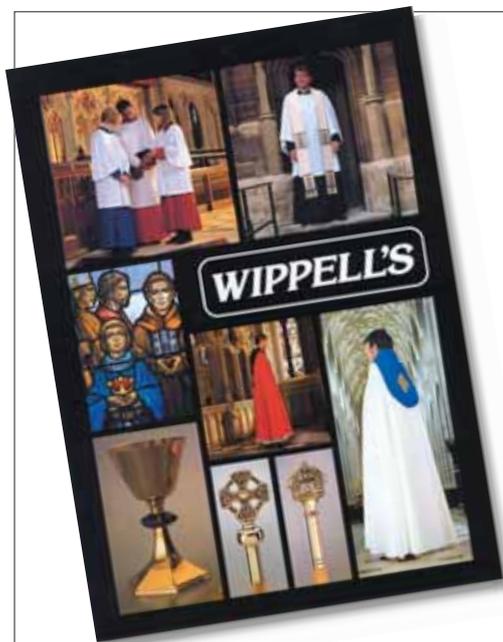
Although the lives of the one-and-a-quarter million seafarers who make up today's worldwide mercantile marine have changed radically since the Mission started its maritime ministry, it is still a dangerous and difficult way to make a living. Today, a ship that would have needed a large crew in the past, might now only have a compliment of 12-15 crew. The old problem of overcrowding has been transformed into one of loneliness and, because of the 24-hour watch system, shift patterns mean that crewmembers might go

for many hours, if not days without having social contact with others on board the same ship. Some vessels have a microwave and ready-prepared meals instead of a cook and this can heighten the sense of isolation and loneliness. A mixed-nationality crew can bring problems of language and cultural differences for seafarers. Even though ships are increasingly being built to higher safety standards, some unscrupulous ship-owners still exist who do not pay their crews reasonable wages and who spend little or no money on maintaining their vessels properly.

Piracy is also a growing worry. Last year there were 276 attacks on vessels around the world each year and the violence employed by the pirates is increasing. Surprisingly, an average of two ships a week are lost, sometimes with all hands, making it a hazardous occupation and way of life

for those who conduct their business on the oceans of the world.

Resources, information and ideas for marking Sea Sunday on 9th July can be found on the Mission to Seafarers website
<http://www.missiontoseafarers.org/seasunday.php?h=5>



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NEWS IN BRIEF



TWO SERMONS EVERY SUNDAY

The Revd Michael Counsell who has worked with the chaplaincy team at the Oberammergau Passion Play, and served locums in Hamburg, Strasbourg and Athens, where he was then invited to go to Kifissia for two months and eventually stayed three years, including chaplaincy at the Olympic Games. He became involved in training Lay Readers in rural Greece so he knows of the needs some places have for help with preaching.

Michael has taken over the authorship of the Canterbury Press's annual book of sermons. The 2007 Canterbury Preacher's Companion contains two original sermons, complete with hymn suggestions, for every Sunday of the church year, and even includes sermons for holy days, festivals, weddings and funerals. Michael says it is invaluable for novice and experienced preachers, and could offer spiritual advice for people who are unable to reach a church on Sunday and might simply read a sermon for themselves. For more details, canterburypress.co.uk

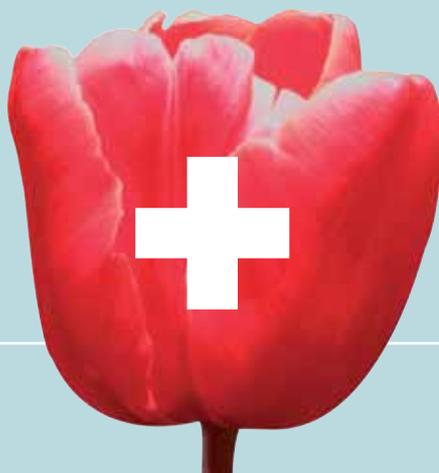
DIOCESE GETS SMALLER

The diocese, like the world, seems to get smaller and communications are becoming easier and cheaper. Some clergy are discovering VOIP (Voice over IP) as an easy to handle telephone call system using a personal computer. The special phone handset plugs into the USB port and allows calls worldwide at very low rates. The system even allows for conference calls, which could offer the possibility of "Virtual Synods" with archdeaconry meetings becoming online events!



WAIT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY IN ZURICH

While many churches in the diocese celebrated Mothering Sunday on the traditional Fourth Sunday in Lent, church members in Zurich and surrounding congregations opted to wait for the second Sunday in May in line with the custom in Switzerland.

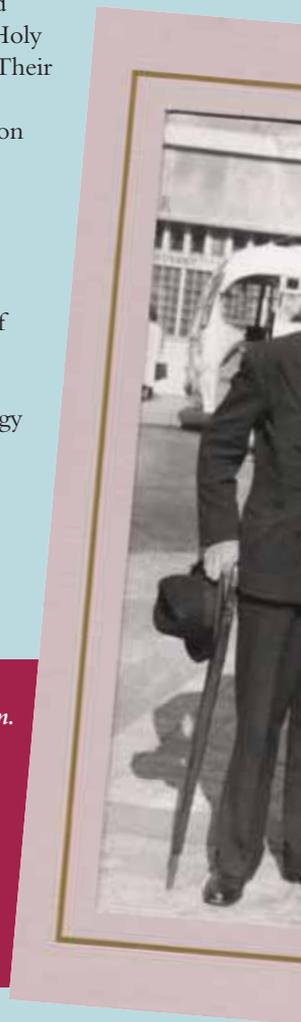


AN ECUMENICAL JUBILEE

Has a cardinal from Rome ever before preached at a eucharist marking the 50th anniversary of an Anglican priest's ordination? Ecclesiastical history was made when Dr Roger Greenacre, Chaplain of St Michael's, Beaulieu, celebrated his golden jubilee in Chichester Cathedral, where was a residentiary canon for 25 years until his retirement in 2000. His churchwardens and others from St Michael's, together with Beaulieu's French Catholic priest, crossed the Channel for the occasion.

The preacher was Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, formerly the Holy See's Foreign Secretary and now Archivist and Librarian of the Holy Roman Church. Their friendship, which began when Canon Greenacre was Chaplain of St George's, Paris (1965-75), exemplifies the importance of the ecumenical contacts made by the Diocese's clergy and people.

How it all began. Ordination Day for Roger greenacre in 1955.



Colin Podmore writes:-

In his greeting, the Archbishop of Canterbury recalled first meeting Fr Greenacre in Paris in 1973 and working with him in various contexts thereafter, adding: 'For what he is, and for what he has done unobtrusively for so long to enrich our ecumenical work, I am profoundly grateful.' Bishop Geoffrey, too, paid tribute to 'a devoted priest and servant of the Church, a tireless worker for Christian unity, and an interpreter particularly of the Church of England to the Church of France and *vice versa*'.



JAPANESE LESSONS FOR A BELGIAN CHURCH

In February, the congregation in Ostend enjoyed a visit from Canon Yoshiki Harada and his wife Rikado from Tokushimacity in Japan. He serves three parishes in the Diocese of Kobe and also works in local schools and a diocesan theological college. During an "interactive"

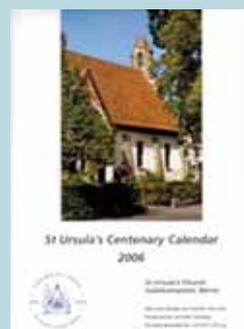
sermon with Fr. James Day, Canon Harada outlined his ministry in Japan. The two priests had first met during James' training for the ordination at Westcott House in Cambridge. The visitors were later introduced to the western delicacy, "fresh fish and frites" at a seaside restaurant.



Boats bringing the fresh fish into Ostend.

SWISS ARTISTS PICTURE THE YEAR

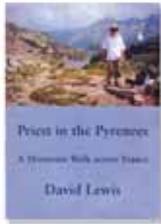
The months are turning quickly at St Ursula's church in Berne. To mark its centenary in 2006 members have specially produced a calendar featuring twelve pieces of their own artwork in paints or photos. The calendar has sold well and proceeds supplement church funds.



UNITED EFFORT HELPS RESTORE BISHOP'S HOME

A disastrous fire in January saw the Roman Catholic bishop's home in Tenerife badly damaged. Bishop Bernardo escaped injury but lost almost all his possessions in the blaze – including five thousand of his prized books. The house, known as Casa de Salazar, was part of the ancient architectural heritage of La Laguna. The Revd. Keith Gordon, Priest-in-charge of the Anglican congregation of St Eugenio offered commiserations to the popular bishop, and the congregation plans to lead a fund raising effort towards the six million euro cost of restoration.

FROM FJORDS TO MOUNTAIN TOPS



David Lewis who was Assistant Chaplain of Oslo with Bergen, Trondheim and Stavanger from 1997 to 2004 has written *Priest in*

the Pyrenees – the story of both a physical and a spiritual journey. Frances Hiller writes; “As a young man David Lewis set out with a friend to walk from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. During this trip across the Pyrenees he experienced illness and injury. The years slipped by, and David continued to be drawn to the Pyrenees, and in 2003, he made a decision to return. “...the strongest pull came from the feeling of unfinished business. There was a score to settle.” This tale of challenge, of pilgrimage, of redemption, full of local colour and vivid descriptions, is well worth a read.”

PRIEST IN THE PYRENEES
ISBN 0-9550625-0-0
price £9.99

ST ANDREW'S MOSCOW

St Andrew's Moscow is the latest church in the diocese to offer worldwide access through its new website.

It is the handiwork of Churchwarden Pat Szymczak, and includes a host of pictures and information about the congregation past and present. www.standrewsmoscow.org



Churchwarden Pat Szymczak.



Canon Alan Maude, was inducted as Priest-in-Charge of the Chaplaincy of Costa del Sol West in May by the Dean of Gibraltar.

CANON JOHN WHELAN

(Chaplain – Las Palmas 1982 – 84; Holy Trinity, Sliema, Malta 1984 – 93)

Philip Cousins writes . . .

John Bernard Whelan was born in Bury, Lancashire, but was taken as a small child to Ireland and ever afterwards retained a delightful Irish accent with an impish wit and humour. His preparation for ordination – at Durham University and Oak Hill – was interrupted by army service in Europe during World War II, where his faith and devotion (Bible and Prayer Book always in his kitbag) impressed many. Finally ordained in 1947 he served two curacies in the Carlisle diocese before going to Korea for twelve years where as a missionary he mastered the language and devoted himself to the people.

On his return to North-West England he served as a curate and hospital chaplain before moving to the Diocese in Europe. Bishop John Satterthwaite made him a Canon in 1987.

Raised an Irish Protestant, John gradually progressed towards a more Catholic churchmanship and was universally known in later years as “Father John”. His unassuming, self-deprecating manner concealed a deep spirituality and intellect (At a reception in Malta he once astounded a group of North Korean diplomats by addressing them in fluent Korean). Having no family, he greatly valued his circle of friends around the world who remember his 88 years with affection. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

ON THE

WITHIN THE DIOCESE

The Reverend John Wilkinson, Chaplain of St Peter's, Chantilly, France will become Assistant Chaplain of St Michael's, Paris, with responsibility for the Congregation in Fontainebleau, in August

JOINING THE DIOCESE

The Reverend Mervyn Boit has become Priest-in-Charge of the Congregation of Biarritz, France

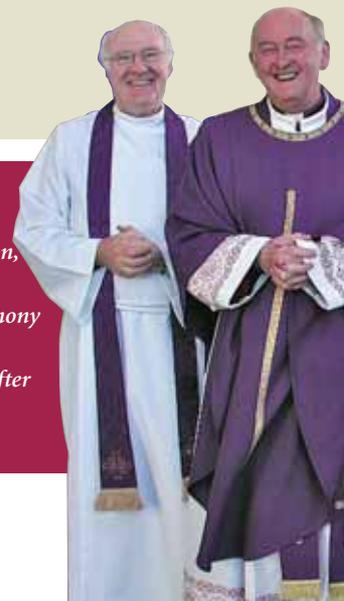
The Reverend Idris Vaughan is to be Priest-in-Charge of the Chaplaincy of St Laurence, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain

The Reverend Martin Jacques is to be Chaplain of the Chaplaincy of the Resurrection, Bucharest, Romania (with Sofia, Bulgaria) and also the Archbishop of Canterbury's Apokrisiarios [personal representative] to HB Patriarch Teoctist and the Romanian Orthodox Church

RETIRING FRENCH ARC

In March, the Revd. Anthony Wells, who has recently retired as Archdeacon of France, but continues as Chaplain of St Michael's Anglican Church in Paris, was installed

The Revd James Sutton, The Dean, Canon Anthony Wells, The Precentor after the service.



MOVE

LEAVING THE DIOCESE - RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

The Reverend Canon Guy Smith,
Priest-in-Charge of the Congregation
of St Petersburg, Russian Federation

The Reverend Dr Hugh Cox,
Chaplain of the Chaplaincy of St Paul,
Tervuren, Belgium

The Reverend Brian Richards,
Priest-in-Charge of the Congregation
of St Anna and St Mary, Haarlem,
The Netherlands

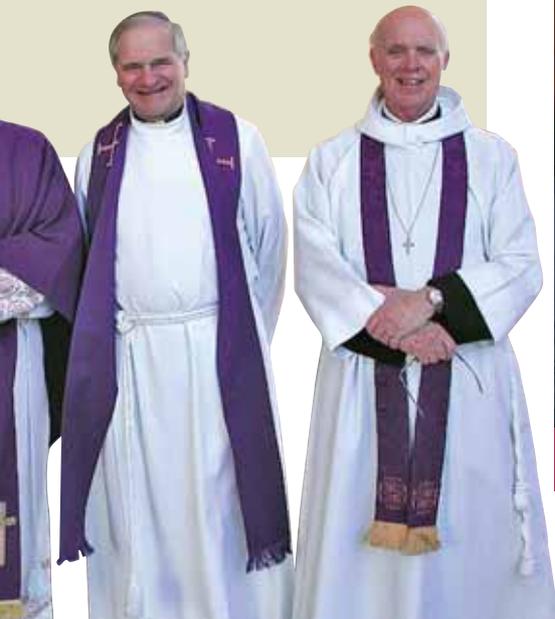
The Reverend Michael Stark,
Priest-in-Charge of the Chaplaincy of
St Mary, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

The Reverend Michael Halchuk
Priest-in-Charge of Zagreb, Croatia,
and Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Assistant
Chaplain of Christ Church,
Vienna, Austria

The Reverend Peter Parry, Assistant
Curate in the Chaplaincy of St John
the Evangelist, Montreux, Switzerland

HDEACON HONOURED

as a Canon of Holy Trinity
Cathedral by the Dean. At the same
service the Revd James Sutton was
welcomed into the ministry
team at the Cathedral.

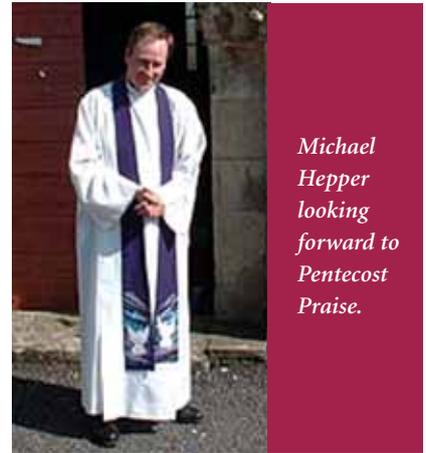


OUT & ABOUT

PENTECOST IN POITIERS

Michael Hepper, Priest-in-charge of
Poitou-Charentes has his eyes set on
Poitiers Cathedral for a Pentecost
event organised by our Chaplaincy in
liaison with the Diocese of Poitiers.
It is a unique event in that two
Diocesan Bishops are sharing the
ecumenical celebration with the
theme “The Holy Spirit in our
different Churches”. The Bishop of
Bristol Mike Hill will be the main
speaker and will take part also in a
round-table discussion with the
Archbishop of Poitiers, Monseigneur
Rouet, Father Evdokimov, national
representative for ecumenism for the
Orthodox Church, and Pastor Mino
Randria of the Protestant
Reformed Church.

During the day, Dr. Suzanne
Martineau will be honoured by the



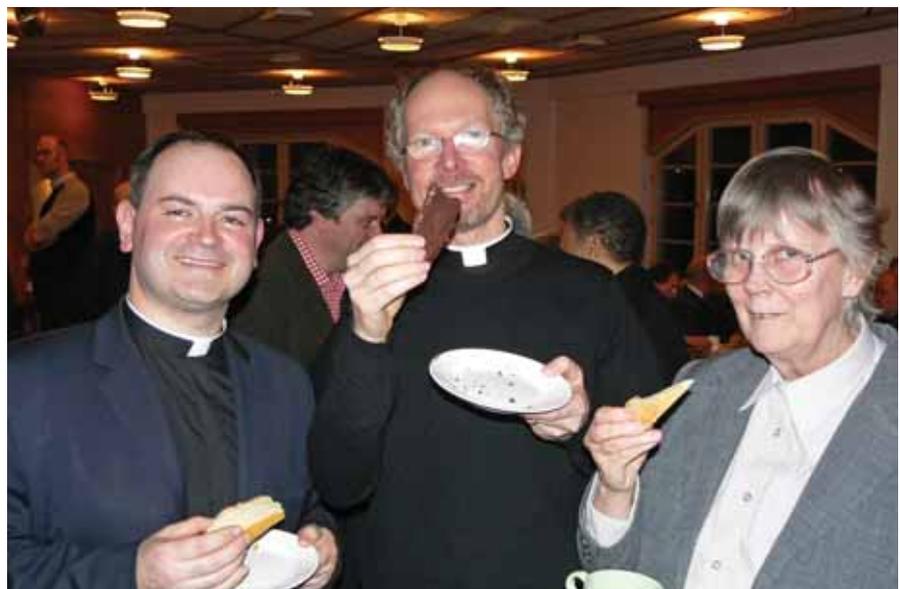
*Michael
Hepper
looking
forward to
Pentecost
Praise.*

Archbishop for her work in
ecumenical dialogue and it is this
connection that the Bishop of
Guildford, Bishop Christopher Hill,
will also be attending. The day ends
with a very English-style “Songs of
Praise” led by the chaplaincy choir
and the choirs of the Catholic and
Protestant communions.

A PIECE OF CAKE

“This institution was a piece of
cake”, says The Venerable Mark
Oakley, after the Institution of the
Revd Nick Howe in Stockholm.
Mark has been Archdeacon for only
six months but has managed to

institute three new chaplains
during that time. He is seen in this
picture with two of them Nick
Howe the newly instituted chaplain
and The Revd. Barbara Moss,
Chaplain in Gothenburg.



The buffet – a vital ingredient of any Institution.



*Diocesan
Secretary
Adrian
Mumford
reports*

BISHOP'S APPEALS

Very many thanks to all those who have contributed to the Bishop's Advent Appeal for *Sight Savers*. A total of 24 chaplaincies made contributions through the Diocesan Office totalling over £6,500.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal raised money for a Children's Centre in Tangier. The total received presently stands at over £3,500 although typically, donations continue to trickle in and the Finance Officer will be pleased to continue to receive your donations!

It would be good to identify one or more projects within the diocese to be the focus of the Bishop's Advent and Lent Appeals 2006/2007: please do write if you would like to nominate a cause worthy of such an Appeal.

ELECTION TO DIOCESAN SYNOD 2007-2009

A reminder that elections for the triennium 2007-2009 take place this summer. The Diocesan Synod is the main policy making body of the diocese and the forum for the discussion of issues important in diocesan life. Please do consider standing for Synod: it is vital to Synodical Government that the thoughts of members from every chaplaincy are shared.

Any clergy holding a Bishop's Licence, and lay persons who are:

- (i) actual communicant members of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with that Church;
 - (ii) aged eighteen years and upwards;
 - (iii) on the Electoral Roll of any chaplaincy in the diocese;
- may be candidates.

Electors are laity who have been elected as Archdeaconry Representatives by their chaplaincies. For the election of members of the House of Clergy, electors are all licensed clergy as at 22nd June.

WENDY KAY VIGILD

It is with sadness that we report the news of the death of Wendy Kay Vigild on Sunday 30 April. Wendy, was well known across the diocese having been a long-standing member of St Alban's Copenhagen, serving there as a reader since 1996 and having been a loved and respected member of diocesan synod and the Archdeaconry representative on Bishop's Council for many years.

Wendy fought a long battle with cancer with great dignity and through her steadfast and quiet faith gave strength and encouragement to many others. In a way most fitting for such a committed Christian lay minister, she passed away during the singing of a hymn at the Sunday service in St Lukas Hospice, Copenhagen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Wendy's husband Gunnar and their son Martin at this time. Her funeral was held at St Alban's on Friday 5 May. We commend Wendy to Almighty God. May she share with the saints in the joy of heaven, where there is neither sorrow nor pain but life everlasting.

AND FINALLY...

Christopher Jage-Bowler, Chaplain in Berlin, has been hitting the headlines for his multi-faith build up to the World Cup during the run up to kick off. Under the eyes of media from all over the world, he staged a match between Christian ministers and Muslim Imams to draw attention to a workshop about racism in football.

The discussions are aimed at involving more Muslims in the game. Christopher devised the match after reading about a similar 'Vicars v. Imams' fixture in Leicester, refereed by a Jewish Rabbi. In Berlin the game could not be played on a Friday or a Sunday (Muslim and Christian Holy Days) and it proved impossible to find a Rabbi willing to referee on the Sabbath.

In the event, a CNN journalist kept order on the pitch while the Rabbi watched from the touchline. The clergy scored a decisive

12 - 1 win over the Imams during a match which Christopher describes as being "lots of fun". A trophy has been awarded by the local Ecumenical Council so the game should become an annual event.

A handbook of material for parishes and church workers in Germany has been produced for use during the World Cup. It tackles the theology of sport and gives ideas for sermons and confirmation classes. Short meditations on the theme of football have been written by the sports chaplains in Germany, while outlines for children's services based on the topic of football are also offered.



"The most terrifying seventeen seconds of my life!" is how Philip Cousins describes his practical approach to chaplaincy work during the Winter Olympics. Philip and his wife spent three months in St Moritz, and was invited to try the Cresta Run for himself. He says, "I never got to the bottom because I "came out" (to use the technical term for it) on the notorious Shuttlecock Corner. I was briefly airborne before landing, mercifully unhurt, in a flurry of snow beside the ice wall." For his efforts Philip was awarded automatic membership of the Shuttlecock Club and a new nickname "The Flying Vicar"