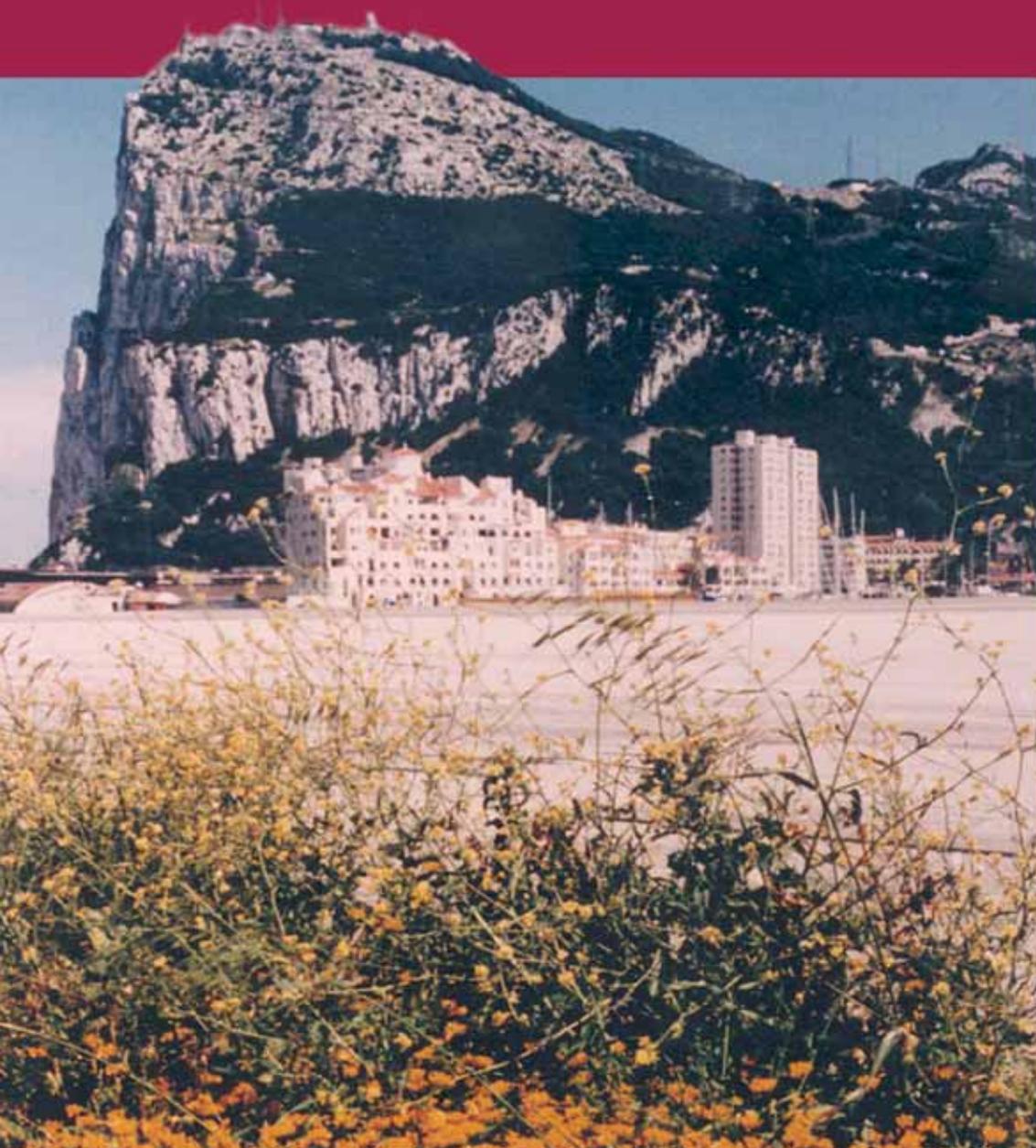


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# FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON



*Survivors and relatives honour the memory of the Corfu Channel victims.*

## POST WAR DISASTER IN CORFU CHANNEL SIXTY YEARS ON

On Sunday 22nd October a service of commemoration in Holy Trinity church marked an event off Corfu in 1946. His Majesty's Ships SAUMAREZ and VOLAGE were mined in the Corfu Channel and 44 men lost their lives. With no warning a routine sea journey for those British sailors after a relaxing visit to Corfu in the preceding days was suddenly turned into an inferno. At that time, the incident was downplayed for political reasons; but time has a way of telling the truth, and the Corfu Channel Association have laboured over many years to prevent this trauma slipping from the pages of history. Politics and

nations move on. Albania has also moved on. At the service were veteran survivors of the incident who recalled their comrades, as they joined in prayers for peace in today's world. The service included Sir Francis Drake's prayer (on the day he sailed into Cadiz 1587),

O Lord God, when thou givest to Thy Servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished which yieldeth the true Glory through Him who for the finishing of Thy work, laid down His life, Our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Autumn has seen many special events in the Diocese in Europe alongside the regular weekly worship in some 270 congregations.

In this edition we report news of developments and new work underway. We also reflect on our historic links with other churches and some common themes that link fund-raising across the continent. As our Suffragan Bishop told supporters and friends of the diocese we are an example of “Church-lite”, operating with a minimal central administration and learning to develop mission and self sufficiency. Developments often

happen in small and surprising ways and lead to larger consequences – as with the dramatic relocation of Amos Manga from Sudan to Finland. Such is the power and unpredictability of God’s Spirit. Priests and people can also find themselves moving rapidly from joy to sorrow with the changing scenes of life, as church members in Corfu have found in recent weeks.

## BAPTISM WATERS AT THE HARBOURSIDE

For two years the Corfu chaplaincy has been developing ministry about 70 miles to the south, on the Ionian Island of Lefkada. Estimates of the number of British living there vary from 800 to 2,000! There is a small but growing congregation of around 20, meeting in the community room at Lefkas Marina. This Autumn the

Corfu Chaplain Clifford Owen baptised Michelle Trippier and her children Coral (2 years old) and Robert (1 year old) on the balcony of her home overlooking the harbour at Sivota. Sharing the party of 60 at the baptism and Communion service were about 15 Greek neighbours and friends.



*Where better than a modern marina for the ancient ceremony of baptism?*

## IN THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

Holiday tragedies anywhere can hit the headlines and focus attention on a distant location, and when disaster struck at a hotel on Corfu in late October the Anglican chaplain and his congregation were able to offer a little help.

The Revd. Clifford Owen, from Holy Trinity, Kerkyra found himself involved after two British children died in a fume filled room at a hotel near his home in Gouvia. He was able to liaise with the many reporters who came to the island and act as a link with the bereaved families, passing on news and short statements to take some of the pressure off them.

Members of the church joined in prayers for the families and commemorations for seven year old Christine and six year old Robert who were overcome by fumes from what is believed to be a faulty gas boiler at the hotel. The service had been announced as a Special Songs of Praise with the Volante Strings Orchestra from Worcester. A meaningful, if more subdued, service was filmed by television crews including one from the BBC.

Subsequently Clifford and his wife Avis were able to visit Neil Shepherd, the children’s father and his partner Ruth Beatson in hospital before they were allowed to fly home. Holy Trinity congregation was also represented at the funeral of the children, in West Yorkshire, by Peter and Janine Jones from Barnsley who spend 6 months of the year in Corfu. Clifford said; “It is important to know that the church is there when people need special help in tragedies, and it has been a humbling experience to pray with some of those involved and offer the love and peace of God where it is most needed.”

# TREASURING OUR CATHEDRAL HERITAGE

*Torrential rain on the late November evening when the Rock of Ages appeal was launched in Gibraltar proved the point as water dripped through the roof into the building for the assembled dignitaries to see for themselves the need for renovation work*

The formal start to the campaign was encouraged by news that more than £134,000 has already been given towards the target of £850,000. Gifts have come from individuals supporting the project, and from many churches across the diocese where special collections were held on “Cathedral Sunday” during October. More fundraising is planned with corporate bodies and activities are being planned by a range of interest groups in the coming months.

At the launch, which featured on Gibraltar radio and television, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, had sent a personal message of support and personal commendations for the appeal came from the Governor of Gibraltar, the Chief Minister and the Dean who also introduced a letter from the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe.

In it, Bishop Geoffrey recalled his fond memories of the Cathedral where he had been enthroned five years previously. His text on that occasion had included the words: *And they all drank from the rock which followed them – and that rock was Christ.* He linked that text with the Rock of Ages appeal theme and wished it a successful conclusion to “enable much needed repairs to be done and the facilities of the cathedral to be enhanced, so that it can play its full part in the life of Gibraltar as well as of the Diocese.

The work planned from the appeal will involve replacing the roof of the building and a complete electrical rewiring scheme. There are to be structural improvements which turn the external focus of the building 180 degrees, making a new entrance in Cathedral Square away from the busy traffic which

can make access difficult. It is also hoped to endow a small fabric fund to ensure sufficient funds in the future to keep the building properly maintained.

Fund raising for the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity has been a regular feature of life, since the building was first completed in 1832. It escaped serious damage during the Second World War although just as a renovation scheme was being completed major damage was caused by the tragic explosion of a munitions ship the HMS Bedenham in the bay just below the building. The roof was badly damaged and windows were blown out. Subsequent fundraising has been trying to make right that damage and the Rock of Ages campaign includes the installation of a completely new roof.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Appeal offices have been established in Gibraltar and London

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To the Dean, Clergy, Staff and  
Worshippers at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity  
Gibraltar

16 November 2006

As Patron of the "Rock of Ages" Campaign, I am delighted to have this opportunity of sending a personal message of goodwill and support on the occasion of the launch of the Cathedral Appeal.

Gibraltar has a long, distinguished and unique history, and its strategic, geographical location has placed it at the hub and axis of international events which, over the centuries, have shaped and influenced its fortunes.

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity has been part of the landscape of Gibraltar for well over 150 years. Consecrated in 1838 with royal endorsement, it subsequently became the cathedral of the Diocese in Europe and today serves as a centre of worship, prayer and fellowship to those to live and work in Gibraltar and to the many visitors, tourists and pilgrims who come to this place.

A new and exciting chapter in the history of this building lies ahead and, as Archbishop of Canterbury and as Patron, I send my prayers and best wishes to all of you who will play a part in supporting and promoting the Cathedral Appeal. In doing so, you will not only be enabling the Cathedral to improve and develop its facilities and to extend the mission and work undertaken by the clergy and parishioners, but you will also be preserving this impressive building as part of the heritage of Gibraltar.

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## IN SHORT

Many churches in **Britain** are now listed on a website which helps people find their nearest church. It is good to know that

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/> includes a growing number of churches around Europe. If yours is not listed, perhaps you might consider the idea.

There were celebrations and congratulations in **Freiburg** for Priest-in-Charge Robin Stockitt, who has been awarded an M.Litt with first class distinction in 'The Bible and the Contemporary World' by the University of St. Andrews. The congregation expect highly relevant topical sermons as a result!

St. Mark's Church in **Florence** may be anticipating longer services, or at least more comfortable ones. They are inviting donors to sponsor new church seating. The church also hopes that the burgundy cushioned chairs, at 120 Euros each, will add to the interior beauty of the building.

Regular members of the congregation at Christ Church **Vienna** have agreed to wear name badges for eight Sundays to avoid embarrassment and facilitate fellowship. With many new people arriving, and others moving away, it was considered a good idea to boost everyone's memories.

From **Stavanger** the Assistant Chaplain Peter Hogarth reports an encouraging start to their newly formed Pathfinders group for 10 – 14 year olds. A bonus to the Friday evening meetings is that some parents use the time to meet for fellowship and study in an adjoining room.

## ROYAL VISITORS IN LATVIA AND ESTONIA

A tour by Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to Latvia and Estonia in mid-October highlighted two Diocese in Europe churches in the Baltics.

Prince Philip visited St Saviour's Church in Riga where he unveiled a memorial commemorating more than a hundred British soldiers who died fighting for Latvia's independence in 1919. The Duke met Latvian soldiers who fought in 21st-century wars in Iraq and Afghanistan alongside their British counterparts. After the plaque was unveiled, the pastor of St. Saviour's Congregation, the Reverend Dr. Juris Calitis, led the participants in prayer. Afterward, the Duke met Church Wardens Betsy Hanselmann and Juris Balodis, church council members, and representatives of the

congregation's outreach programs, including the Seniors Day Care Centre and Soup Kitchen. The red-brick built church dates from the nineteenth century when trade between the two countries was at its height. British ships were regularly seen in Riga's harbour buying Baltic hemp and other products. If they had no cargo to deliver to Latvia they used British soil as ballast and this was dumped on the banks of the River Daugava and forms the foundation for St Saviour'.

The English church regained access to the building in the 1990's and it is now their spiritual home, in addition to offering a home to the only Scottish-dancing club for many miles. The royal couple continued their journey in mid-October to include a visit to Tallin where they again commemorated the work of the British naval fleet.



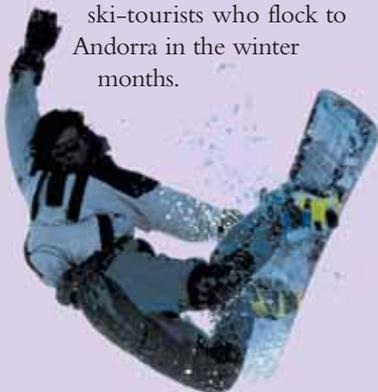
*The Revd. Dr. Juris Calitis of St Saviours welcomes the Duke of Edinburgh to Riga.*

## ANDORRAN ANNIVERSARY



The church in Andorra marked its 30th Anniversary in October with a weekend of special events, including a visit from Bishop Geoffrey and the Bishop of Urgell - who is also Spanish Co-Prince of Andorra, an honour shared with the President of France! Andorra does not have a permanent chaplain and invites clergy from churches in France, Spain or further afield to lead worship each month and then to give a lecture, theological or otherwise.

At other times, the Churchwardens or members of the Council lead Taize Services of Chant and Meditation or Evening Prayer. The congregation is heavily involved in the Andorran community and raises large sums of money each year for charities, provide hospital visitors for resident English-speakers or ski-tourists who flock to Andorra in the winter months.



## 1917 – 2006 GAP TO BE CONFIRMED

A confirmation service in St Petersburg during the Summer is believed to be the first such Anglican service since the Bolshevik revolution. After the events of 1917, the English Church with seats for a thousand worshippers was confiscated and became the Conservatoire



practice hall. Thirteen years ago services began again in an apartment in the Agora Centre, and then moved to new locations as numbers grew. The congregation is now fifty strong and is a guest of Swedish Lutherans whose vast church was returned by the state last year. The worship area had been used as a basket ball centre and women's gym!

The Bishop in Europe, Geoffrey Rowell confirmed Anna, who is the daughter of the British Consul-General George Edgar and his Russian born wife. Music for the eucharist was provided by a Russian ladies choir and the Reverend Eero Seponnen, a Lutheran pastor from Finland, represented the Porvoo churches. After the service a search through the scanty remaining archives confirmed the view that this was the first confirmation for at least 89 years.

St Vincents church in the **Algarve** continued their tradition of keeping the fun in fundraising this Autumn with a series of events including a formal dinner to mark the Queen's eightieth birthday year. They have recently resumed Sunday services in the chapel of Our Lady of Fatima in Almancil after nine weeks when the building was unavailable.

News from the churches in **Aquitaine** is being broadcast (literally) regularly with a slot on Radio Liberté (96.1FM) with a short Bible based talk. Church members are being encouraged to make best use of a mission opportunity.

The Church Council at St. Alban's, **Copenhagen** has decided to start a fund in memory of Wendy Vigild a well loved member of their congregation who also served on Diocesan Synod. The funds will be used to buy theological books for people training to serve as Readers in the church.

The Chaplaincy of **Tenerife South** has a new name, since the congregation has been declared as having full chaplaincy status. They have decided to adopt St Francis as their patronal saint and their work has been dedicated with his name in a service by Archdeacon Alan Woods.

The 2007 Lent appeal will work with Christian Aid supporting Zumrad in **Tajikistan**, central Asia. Zumrad helps children in the country's desperately underfunded orphanages and 'school internats'. Materials will be available on the diocesan website including worship materials, fundraising ideas and 'Count your blessings, a lent calendar allowing you to learn about and reflect on some of the world's poorest people each day.

# GOOD HARVEST — NOT ENOUGH REAPERS

Without a doubt, this is one of the most gratifying of dioceses in God's Church in which to serve. There are so many signs of life and vitality in this part of God's vineyard. As I travel throughout our diocese, I continue to be heartened to find that our diocesan family is truly one that God is blessing.

We are blessed with thousands of individuals who know and love our Lord Jesus Christ. People of all ages from 7 to over 70 and more are presenting themselves for confirmation. Vocations to the sacred ministry and to the ministry of reader are increasing. We are blessed with priests, men and women, who offer imaginative, skilled leadership, working in circumstances where the whole inherited apparatus of an Established Church is simply not there. Some hidden treasures are coming to light – for instance we have discovered a particular richness in our diocese: we are blessed with youth in our communities that are potentially true world citizens, growing up in several cultures at once – the culture of their home, and that of the country in which they live – and thus living and growing up as natural ambassadors and bridge-builders – people that our world will increasingly need. We are waking up to find ways to give the rightful place to the youth in the leadership of the Church.

We are blessed with many new communities and blessed with communities which were once in a “dormant” phase and which now find new life and vigour and an exciting future. In this past year alone I have had direct involvement with at

least 8 of these, and there are others. We are blessed with a record of stewardship which is remarkable in Anglican terms. Each year our churches raise the money required to pay for ministry, including pensions. This may sound unremarkable, until we realise that in Church of England terms it is most unusual. Here we have something that we can teach the other dioceses, or at least encourage them as they struggle with growing pressures in this direction. We are blessed with a growing and deepening communion with our brothers and sisters of the Nordic and Baltic Churches in which we are united in the Porvoo Agreement, with the Old Catholics with whom we celebrate 75 years of communion this year; and of course with other Churches with whom we share a common baptism and faith. We are blessed with a diversity of members from various nations, cultures and races, classes, and speaking a variety of different languages – from Arabic to Tamil. We are blessed because we are not simply the Brits abroad. We are the Anglican Communion in miniature with all its diversity and richness – the Anglican Communion lives within our diocese – and lives as one family. No shortage of blessings indeed in this diocese. The harvest is plenty; our vineyard is growing and is laden with much good potential.

But resources – now that is another story! We might paraphrase the Gospel, “The harvest is plenty, but the wherewithal few”. So much to do, so many new challenges, so many creative appointments that could be made, so many interesting ordinands and potential readers to accompany

*Edited excerpts  
from Bishop David  
Hamid's sermon  
at the annual  
thanksgiving service  
for the Friends  
of the Diocese in  
Europe*

*The Gospel on which Bishop David's  
sermon is based is Luke 10: 1-9*

in their vocation, and yet so few resources with which to respond and attend to these challenges. You already know that we operate with a very trim diocesan administrative staff; you can count them all literally on the fingers of one hand. The programme staff we have is limited to those working on ministry, training, ordinands, and communications – but all very part time; our archdeacons are feeling increasing pressures on their ministry which is, with one exception still split between parochial responsibilities as well as sharing in the Bishop's oversight. And all we do is not backed up by historic endowments, investments or patrimony except for our very modest diocesan development fund.

So what could our Lord in the Gospel be suggesting to us as we live this reality in our diocesan life?

**All have a role:** It takes more than a few specialists: bishops, clergy, readers, lay leaders, to be engaged if our ministry and calling to is to be effective. Think of it: How can 150 licensed clergy, many of them non-stipendiary or part-time, or semi-retired, carry out the leading of our mission and life in over 44 countries, covering 1/6th of the earth's land surface?

St Luke's Gospel, shows us that mission and Christian witness is for everyone, bishops, clergy and most importantly the laity. And St Luke reminds us that Jesus engages all of us, not just the clergy, in the work of spreading the Gospel. "Go on your way", he says. "See, I am sending you". Every single Christian is called to participate in the spreading of the message of Christ. There is no such thing as big guns and little guns in the Church. In our diocese we have the challenge to engage all of our faithful actively in the work of Christ. We simply cannot live the life of the Church if it is all left to the priest.

**We travel light.** We are told by Jesus that we must have little baggage. We are almost experts in this, if you compare our diocese to the other 43 in England. We already support our ministry and life with a very slim infrastructure. Frustrating at times when we have no money for a particular project to encourage church growth, or when we find we have no church hall we can use in a given place, or when we have a job to be done or pastoral needs to attend to and no-one has space in their day to do it.

But we are reminded by Jesus to keep our priorities straight. Travelling light is the way the Church is supposed to be! I had to fly to Iceland on 11 August, the day after the threat of attacks on planes leaving British Airports. At Gatwick we were allowed nothing on board – except our passport and wallet. Airport staff were going around with large bin liners in which people emptied their possessions that could not be taken on board – cosmetics, cigarette lighters, bottles of water and juice, tooth paste, face moisturizers, pens with gel ink – even baby formula was suspect. I had heard of the restrictions and came prepared with everything, even my mobile telephone packed in my luggage to check into the hold. Only my wallet and passport and the clothes on my back. And you know it was such a liberating feeling walking around Gatwick airport with nothing to carry!

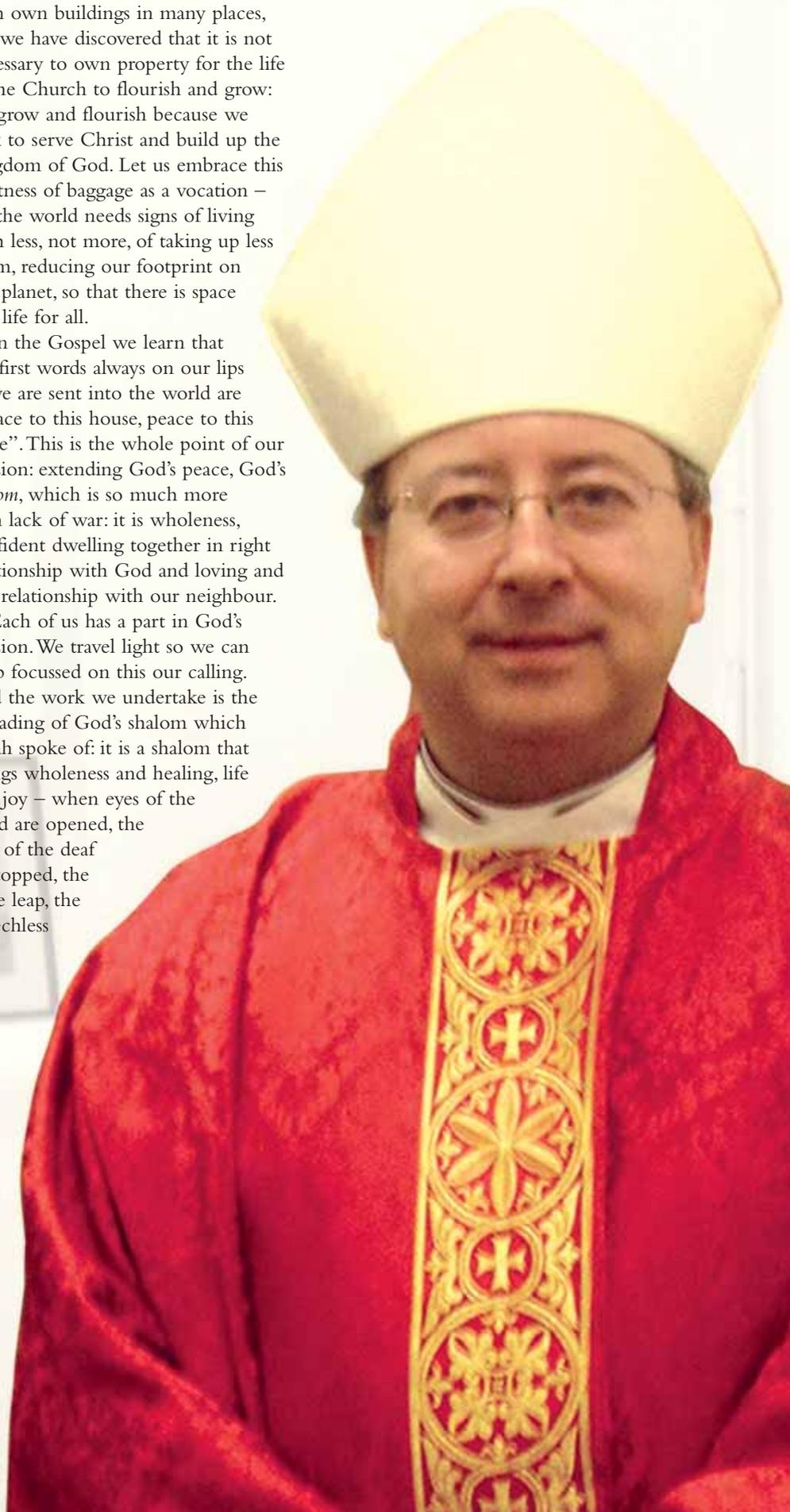
We in the diocese in Europe are learning from this Gospel: we try to keep things in perspective and not get too loaded down with some

earthly trappings that can entangle us and, indeed, which does entangle much of the Church, and which can prevent us from responding freely to our priorities in mission. We do not even own buildings in many places, but we have discovered that it is not necessary to own property for the life of the Church to flourish and grow: we grow and flourish because we seek to serve Christ and build up the kingdom of God. Let us embrace this lightness of baggage as a vocation – for the world needs signs of living with less, not more, of taking up less room, reducing our footprint on this planet, so that there is space and life for all.

In the Gospel we learn that the first words always on our lips as we are sent into the world are "peace to this house, peace to this place". This is the whole point of our mission: extending God's peace, God's *shalom*, which is so much more than lack of war: it is wholeness, confident dwelling together in right relationship with God and loving and just relationship with our neighbour.

Each of us has a part in God's mission. We travel light so we can keep focussed on this our calling. And the work we undertake is the spreading of God's *shalom* which Isaiah spoke of: it is a *shalom* that brings wholeness and healing, life and joy – when eyes of the blind are opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped, the lame leap, the speechless

sing with happiness – and waters of refreshment spring forth in desert places and barren places.



# FOCUS ON FINLAND

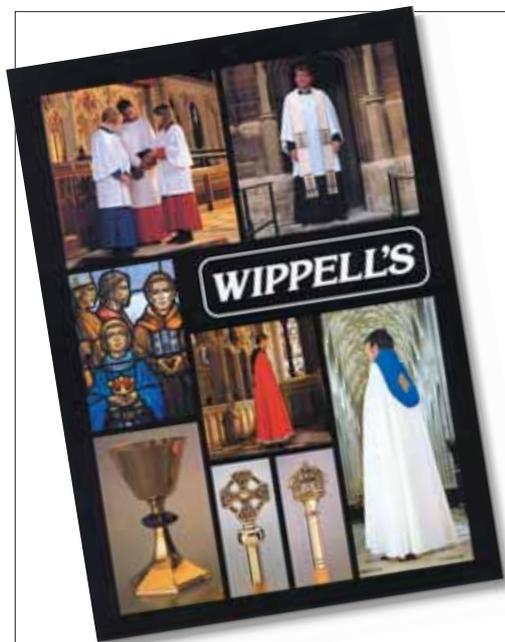
- Finland became independent in 1917, after being under Swedish and later Russian rule
- It is a republic with a parliament
- Finland has its first woman president Mrs. Tarja Halonen.
- It is about the same size as Norway and a little larger than Italy
- It has a population of 5.2 million.
- Finnish is the main language, although English is also widely spoken.
- The Revd. Rupert Moreton is Chaplain of the Anglican church in Helsinki, assisted by other clergy some of whom are part-time and self supporting

## TENT MAKER OR TRAM DRIVER?

St. Paul was proud to be known as a tent maker who helped to finance his missionary work. Tuomas Mäkipää supplements his income by driving trams in Helsinki. He serves as Assistant-Curate while his predecessor, the Revd Mika Pajunen, is Assistant Chaplain. Tuomas was ordained deacon by Bishop Geoffrey in May 2005, and will be ordained priest by Bishop Eero of Helsinki in June 2007. At present, he works for the Chaplaincy in a half time basis, but when priested he hopes to become a full-time member of the team. Tuomas is married to Suvi and they have a baby daughter, Emilia.



*When he's not working to keep a congregation on track - Tuomas and his tram.*



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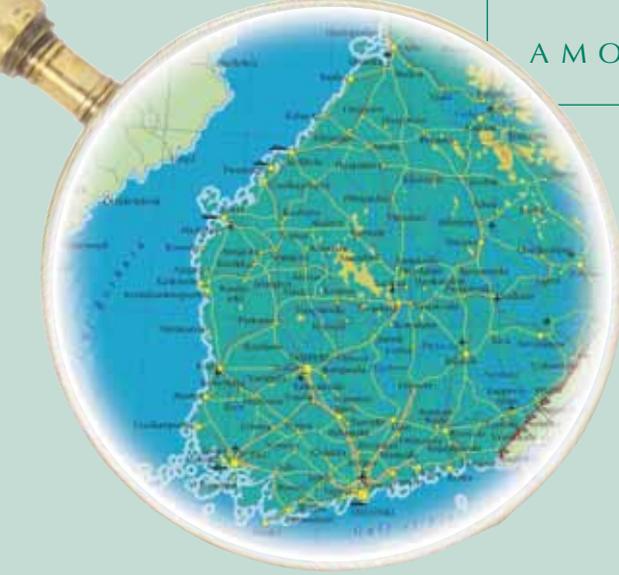
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*Advent Sunday is a big day in Amos Manga's diary. Bishop David is to ordain him in a parish church in Nottingham, where Amos has been gaining valuable practical experience for his ministry in Finland. His story offers inspiration about the timeless message of Advent*

Amos smiles a lot, except when he is talking about the day he was beaten, arrested and twice put in prison in his native Sudan, after he continued to run Christian teaching classes and film shows in Khartoum four years ago. Like other Christian church leaders he was threatened with prison, even a death sentence – and there were incidents of churches being burned by government forces.

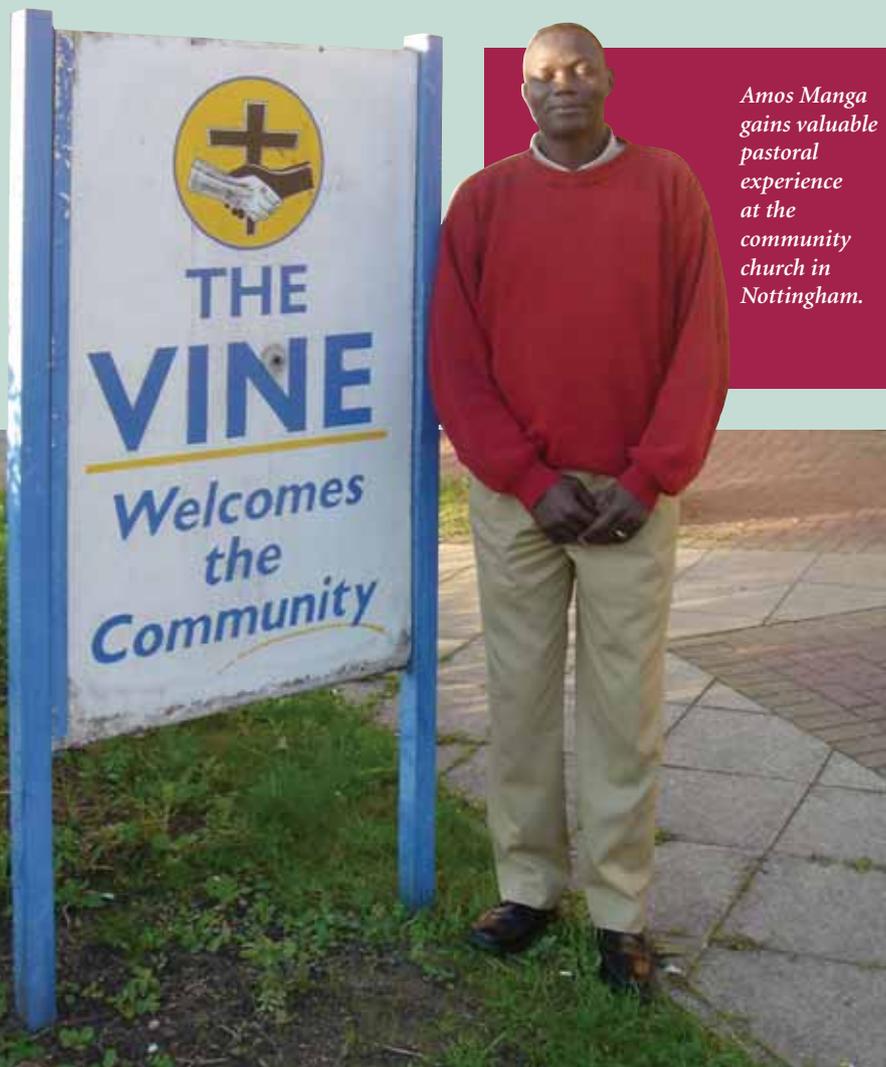
Having encouraged his wife and four children to move to another part of the country, Amos then decided it was time to leave. A two day boat journey brought him to Egypt where he sought temporary sanctuary. He

also found strength and comfort in fellowship with fellow Anglicans. Worship in Egypt was in Arabic, and followed the Book of Common Prayer order.

During 2002 Amos was offered a new home in a very different country – Finland. “It was freezing our first Winter there. I had never imagined such cold weather before. We wrapped up very warm” he says, happy at the thought of asylum and freedom in Finland, and especially being joined by his wife Charity and their children (now aged between 7 and 17). And with his experience as a licensed Reader in the church, his

pastoral gifts and boundless enthusiasm Amos began setting up a series of eight centres for fellowship and worship around Finland which has offered homes to many other Sudanese, as well as Liberians, Congolese and some Vietnamese. At the moment worship continues using the Prayer Book in Arabic, but work is advanced on a translation of Common Worship as his work comes under the pastoral care of the Diocese in Europe. Languages seem to offer few problems to Amos, who was an English teacher in the Sudan, and has a flair for other tongues. “We are even trying to improve our work with Vietnamese people in Finland” he beams, relishing the challenge of living the Gospel there.

He views his ordination, on Advent Sunday, in St. Stephen's Church in Nottingham's Hyson Green district with excitement, thrilled by the new possibilities it will bring. His final period of training working alongside the Revd. Ruth Worsley and her team is giving him a whistle-stop tour of ministry in an inner city parish. “There is great need in Finland! Many people need to be baptized and Christians wait too long to receive Communion. I shall be very busy.” Amos Manga is serious and determined in his commitment, but his beaming smile goes with him. By Christmas he will be back in the chillier climate of his new homeland, bringing the warmth and comfort of the Lord who has brought him many miles in faithful discipleship.



*Amos Manga gains valuable pastoral experience at the community church in Nottingham.*



Match of the Year? – a pre kick-off briefing before the Christian ministers v. Muslim Imams game in Berlin during the 2006 World Cup.



La Ofrenda, a saints day procession with a difference in Tenerife. All Saints Chaplain David Jenkins, with a folk dance group, joined in the fun recalling a travelling entertainer who became a holy man.



Bishop barges in? A happy day in Charleroi when Bishop Geoffrey led harvest celebrations on board the "Bateau Chapelle Spes Nostra" a boat provided by the Roman Catholic church as a chapel for the many people who live on the water.



Archbishop Rowan Williams listening to young people from the Freiburg congregation during a visit for the Old Catholic 75th anniversary conference.



St. Francis day (October 4th) is naturally a source of celebration in Assisi. Brother Thomas Anthony SSF who also acts as Anglican chaplain in the city joins the procession.





A churchwarden was among 11 people confirmed in Stockholm in October. Later Sunday School members presented the candidates with balloons.



The cross is also a signpost on the diocesan pilgrimage to mark the 75th anniversary of the Bonn Agreement, linking the churches of the Anglican Communion and the Old Catholic Churches.



Pope Benedict XVI greets Bishop David in Castelgandolfo at a September meeting of Ecumenical Bishop Friends of Focolare, one of the largest lay movements in the Roman Catholic Church.

## INTRODUCING MARGARET GIBSON

*Bishop Geoffrey's PA writes . . .*



It's a joy to work in the light airy offices at Worth now after nine (though very happy) years in a small office in the back of a 14th century church as Parish Secretary for St. Nicholas' Church Arundel.

Hopefully my new role will combine my skills of church administration and geography. I'm a geography graduate, and worked on the operating side of the travel industry in London before moving to Arundel more than 20 years ago.

So now I have joined my husband commuting on the train, Paul works for Mazars, an international accountancy firm, as Senior Manager in their Charity department, clients include many C of E dioceses! He's a Quaker so we're an ecumenical family. We have three daughters, Ellie and Alice are currently at university and Jo is in the 6th form in Chichester.

We love living in Arundel (so put up with commuting!) and are both active in our churches. In our odd moments of free time (family life is always busy!) we enjoy camping, walking, and meeting up with friends.

I first heard of the Diocese in Europe when my father did locums in Balestrand & Brittany. He was the late Jack Churchill, who was Dean of Carlisle, after various posts across a number of dioceses. So let's just say the C of E is steeped in my blood!

# ON THE MOVE

## WELCOME TO

**The Reverend Stephen Axtell**, Curate of Christ Church, Coseley (Worcester) as Chaplain of St Mary, Rotterdam and Chaplain to the Port of Rotterdam (The Mission to Seafarers) in The Netherlands

**The Reverend Neil Dawson**, St Paul's, Wilton Place, (London) to be Priest-in-Charge of the Chaplaincy of the Holy Trinity, Madeira

**The Reverend Derek Goddard**, Priest-in-Charge of Leven Valley (Carlisle) as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Cross, Palermo, Sicily, Italy

**The Reverend David Kennedy**, Vicar of St Francis and St Aidan, Mill Hill, Blackburn to be Priest-in-Charge of the Congregation of Pas de Calais, France

**The Reverend Alistair MacDonald**, Curate St Thomas', Edinburgh is now Assistant Chaplain of Christ Church, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**The Reverend Dr Trevor Park MBE**, retired, as Priest-in-Charge of the Congregation of St Petersburg, Russian Federation

**The Reverend Gareth Randall**, Potters Barr (St Albans) is to be Priest-in-Charge of St Bartholomew, Dinard, France

**The Reverend Paul Rolfe**, Vicar of St Nicholas, Kingsway, Burnage (Manchester) to be Chaplain in the Chaplaincy of the Holy Spirit, Costa Blanca, Spain

**The Reverend C David Sutch**, Vicar of Cainscross with Selsley (Gloucester) to be Chaplain of St Andrew, Costa del Sol East, Spain

**The Reverend Sarah Williams**, Curate Warmley, Syston and Bitton (Bristol) as Assistant Chaplain in the Chaplaincy of St Paul, Tervuren, Belgium

## FAREWELL

**The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne**, Chaplain of St James, Voorschoten, The Netherlands is due to move to the Diocese of Chichester in January 2007.

**The Reverend Jan Joustra**, Chaplain of St Paul, Monte Carlo, Monaco is to move to the Diocese of Waikato (Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia) in February

## MOVING IN THE DIOCESE

**The Reverend Professor Dr James Day**, Assistant Curate, St Boniface, Antwerp and the English Church, Ostend, Belgium to be Honorary Assistant Chaplain of Holy Trinity, Brussels, Belgium

**The Reverend Rosemary Dymond**, Assistant Curate in the Chaplaincy of St John and St Philip, The Hague, The Netherlands becomes Assistant Chaplain

**The Reverend Hazel Door**, Assistant Curate in the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes and the Vendée, France to be Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Brittany, France

## HONOURS

**The Reverend Canon Howell Sasser**, formerly Bishop's Chaplain and Research Assistant, and the **Reverend Canon Anthony Wells**, formerly Chaplain of St. Michael's Paris have been honoured as a Canons Emeriti of the Cathedral Chapter of the Diocese.

# SWEET CHARITY WITH A MISSION

*In Vienna it all began when some items were left unsold after the annual church bazaar. Diana Dopheide hit on the idea of using a storage area as a church charity shop. Eleven years on and the proceeds from the shop provide a third of the church's income but, more importantly, it has become a focal point for the community, for fellowship and mission. The shop has been termed a "warm refuge from an otherwise solitary existence, a place to find familiar faces and friendly smiles."*

One regular customer is an artist and window dresser and leaves with armfuls of props and accessories. Another came in to look for a pestle and mortar and left with a dictionary in five languages.

Diana (who also has a busy life as a museum consultant, as well as being

a wife, mother and grandmother) runs the shop with 32 helpers organized into teams, each with their own area of the shop to decorate and care for. Together they reach thousands of people in the city and offer a haven and show the church alive in the community.

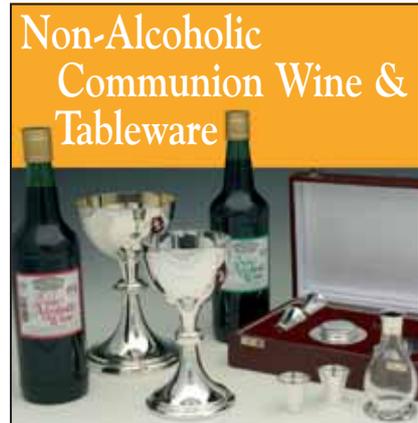
The Cathedral in **Gibraltar** has found that a charity shop at the back of the building, on Cathedral Square not only offers an additional source of funding (You may have noticed there is a big appeal going on for major improvements there) but provides a useful outlet for publications and other items to raise the profile of the mission work there.

Not far North of Gibraltar is the seaside town of **Nerja** on the Costa Del Sol. Their charity shop is in an arcade of shops in the town centre and is a vital source of funding. It seemed a natural and obvious move, since the Chaplain's stipend largely depends on the shop, to use it as a venue for a mid-week service of Holy Communion, showing the church at work and worship together. The experience of the team in Nerja proved a valuable source of help to the newest shop in Alcossebre on the **Costa Azahar**. Charles Mustard mustered (pardon me!) a team of

volunteers and the shop was opened by a former mayor in September. Once Spanish locals grasped the concept of charity shops – which are not common in that country – customers came from every side.

Another bonus from the new enterprise is that in addition to helping fund a new part-time priest, donations are going to the local village school. Parent-Teacher groups and charity giving are not customary here and it has been thrilling to see the delight of the school in getting funds for new facilities as a result of the efforts of the Friends of St Christopher's congregation and the shop.

For Saint Paul charity was an aim, alongside faith and love. Perhaps some of our European churches are finding it true in their ministry and mission.



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## PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL IN 2007

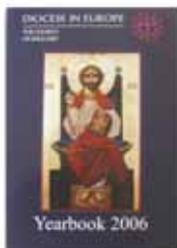
The Church Representation Rules require a new church electoral roll to be prepared in every sixth year: a new Roll needs to be prepared at the start of 2007. Chaplaincy Councils are required to take reasonable steps to inform all those on the existing roll (other than those whose names could have been removed under the rules) that the new roll is being prepared and that if they wish to be entered on it they must apply for enrolment. The roll must be completed not less than

fifteen nor more than twenty-eight days before the annual meeting. A person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new roll must apply for entry by completing the form of application for enrolment.

It may be helpful to know that the 'Administration' section of the diocesan website contains a wide range of information and forms that may be downloaded, not least of all, a model form, available for chaplaincies as a word document

## YEARBOOK 2007

In 2007, the Yearbook will be a combined publication with the Development Report - the two parts on different coloured paper. It will be launched during the February session of General Synod in London, then widely circulated (all diocesan clergy, Churchwardens, representatives to Archdeaconry Synods, all members of General and Diocesan Synod etc.). The Yearbook part will contain the familiar comprehensive directory of chaplaincies, a wide range of lists, and ecumenical information while the Development Report section looks



back at some of the richly diverse life and work across the diocese in 2006, including reports from the Bishops

and Archdeacons, Ecumenical reports, numerical information, and reports from the many Mission Agencies working in the diocese.

Please remember to keep the Diocesan Office updated of all changes; it is vital that our Database, and thereby Yearbook and Website, is kept up to date.

\* = Election held on 24th October 2006

The names given in italics represent a change from the 2004-2006 Diocesan Synod

## ELECTION TO THE DIOCESAN SYNOD 2007-2009 RESULTS

### CLERGY

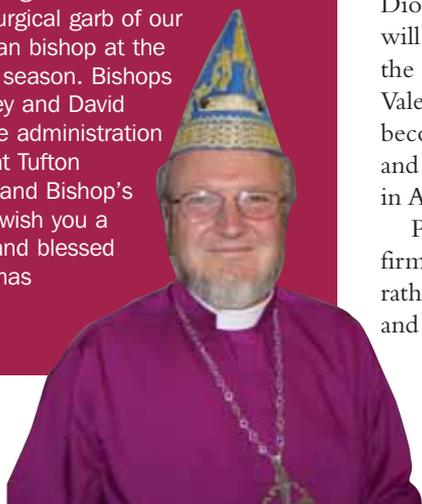
Archdeaconry/ Deanery	No	Names of Representatives Elected
Eastern	2	Canon Malcolm Bradshaw, Canon Simon Stephens
France*	3	Hazel Door, Ken Letts, Michael Selman
Germany*	1	Christopher Jage-Bowler
Gibraltar*	2	Robert Ellis, Ian Hutchinson Cervantes
Italy & Malta*	1	Lawrence MacClean
NW Europe*	3	Mark Collinson, Canon Ray Jones, Paul Yiend
Scandinavia	1	Rupert Merton
Switzerland	1	Geoff Read
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

### LAITY

Archdeaconry/ Deanery	No	Names of Representatives Elected
Eastern	2	Hyacinth Osterlin, Christine Saccali
France*	4	Elisabeth Barnett, Dani Carew, John Hall, Madeleine Holmes
Germany*	1	Richard Gardiner
Gibraltar*	4	Brian Bowyer, Jean Fountain-Wilson, Albert Langston, Celia Paterson
Italy & Malta	2	Angela Mirani, Lindsay Renzulli
NW Europe*	3	Mr Kees Bakker, Mrs Helen May, Ms Astrid Tiesema-Samsom
Scandinavia	2	Geoffrey Phillips, Nigel Rowley (previously filled casual vacancy)
Switzerland	2	Victoria Atchison, Brian Morgan
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM...

We are not certain where this candid snap originated, but it perhaps gives a hint about the non liturgical garb of our diocesan bishop at the festive season. Bishops Geoffrey and David and the administration team at Tufton Street and Bishop's Lodge wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas



## AND FINALLY...

Christmas is likely to be an exciting and emotional time for the editor of The European Anglican. Paul Needle, Diocesan Communications Officer, will be moving to a new home on the Costa Azahar in Spain (North of Valencia, South of Tarragona) to become Priest-in-Charge of a new and growing congregation based in Alcossebre.

Paul says it will be good to be firmly based within the diocese, rather than working from England, and to experience church life "at

the sharp end". Modern telecommunications mean that the diocesan publication can be edited in Spain, and Paul should be able to be contacted easily by telephone to pass on or advise on dealing with news items around the diocese.

Revised telephone contact details will be published in our next edition, or check the diocesan website for changes. For more information on Alcossebre try [www.azaharanglican.org](http://www.azaharanglican.org)