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An animal blessing service in St Albans, Copenhagen, was dogged with a slight problem – a surfeit of canines who nevertheless seemed content to share in the service listening attentively to the “paws for thought” by Reader, Ursula Sonnewald. In total the congregation numbered 13 dogs, 3 pictures of cats brought by their owners and 34 humans. Picture by Bev Lloyd Roberts.

NEW LIGHT ON AN
WALKING TOGETHER*Bishop Robert reflects on a unique event during the Autumn.*

It is not every week that I get the chance to take part in something that feels of real historic significance. In October 36 Anglican and Catholic bishops from every continent met together for seven days in Canterbury and Rome. We stayed at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, joined in the Cathedral worship and visited the shrine of St Thomas Becket, where Pope John Paul II and Archbishop Robert Runcie famously prayed together.

We then flew from Gatwick to Rome – walking would have been more authentic but time sadly did not allow! – to stay near the

Vatican. We made a pilgrimage to the tombs of the apostles Saints Peter and Paul. We studied, prayed and talked together. The highlight of the visit was a service of Vespers at St Gregory on the Caelian Hill. This was the church from which Pope Gregory sent out Augustine to evangelize the Anglo-Saxon people. During the service, Pope Francis presented Archbishop Justin with a replica of the bishop's staff first given to Augustine by Gregory way back in 597AD. Then pairs of Anglican and Catholic bishops were jointly commissioned by the Pope and the Archbishop for mission in the world.

A FIFTY YEAR JOURNEY CONTINUES

Bishop David is the Co-Chairman of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, IARCCUM. Along with his RC counterpart Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina, Canada, he planned the recent summit of IARCCUM “bishops-at-large”. He writes;

The origins of IARCCUM extend back 50 years and are connected to the recent 50th anniversary celebrations of the Anglican Centre in Rome and Archbishop Michael Ramsey's historic visit to Pope Paul VI in 1966. In 1968, a Preparatory Commission proposed a theological commission (ARCIC) with a matrimonial commission to address the issue of mixed marriages and also an instrument, “led by the hierarchy”, to work on such things as theological education, collaboration on projects, promotion of common prayer, and cooperation on mission

strategy and activity. Although ARCIC has borne much fruit, the proposed instrument for practical collaboration leading to growing and working together for solutions to the problems of the world, lay dormant for several decades.

After Archbishop George Carey's visit to Pope St John Paul II in 1996 my colleagues at the Pontifical Council for the Promoting Christian Unity arranged in May 2000 for Archbishop Carey and Cardinal Edward Cassidy to convene a meeting of bishops, at the highest level of the two Communions. Many were Anglican Primates or RC

ANCIENT PILGRIMAGE — FROM CANTERBURY TO ROME

This felt like a momentous occasion and something that would not have been possible just a few decades ago. I was privileged to be present. I was thankful to God that communities that until very recently were suspicious and cautious in their dealings with each other could now have an official, high-level meeting at which real fellowship and deep discussion could happen. There was a great deal of mutual affection and respect.

Much of our discussion was given over to the pastoral challenges and opportunities we face. In these discussions I couldn't easily tell the Catholics and Anglicans apart! Whether Anglican or Catholic, Australians are concerned with the treatment of indigenous peoples and South Africans with nation-building post-apartheid, whilst the Papua New Guineans contend with sorcery, witchcraft and polygamy. And of course, that's how it is to those outside the church – our internal differences mostly seem rather unimportant.

Differences in denomination were, however, more obvious in our worship. We wore different costumes. Anglican bishops couldn't receive the sacrament when we shared a Catholic mass. And Catholic bishops couldn't receive the sacrament in an Anglican service of Holy

Communion. And that did feel odd and wrong... and of course, I hope it will be overcome one day.

All the bishops were male. Once you have grown used to women being a normal part of church leadership then you notice the lack immediately. However, the gathering was accompanied and resourced (I almost said 'led'...) throughout by the remarkable lay Catholic theologian, Dr. Anna Rowlands from Durham, who is married to an Anglican priest.

But the purpose of our pilgrimage was not to seek to overcome the real differences that exist between us over such things as the ordination of women and the varying approach to some ethical issues. It was to celebrate and make clear all that we can do – particularly in shared mission and evangelism – on the basis of the substantial amount of unity that already exists between us.

I was twinned and commissioned with Bishop Johan Bonny of Antwerp, and Bishop David was twinned with Archbishop Robert Le Gall of Toulouse. For myself, the meeting reinforced a personal friendship. Our commissioning encourages us to look at joint programmes of lay training, bible study and theological education. We are encouraged to invite each other to synods and conferences.

Specifically, I hope Anglican clergy in Belgium will meet with and work with Bishop Johan's staff and clergy to work together. More widely, and across the diocese, I think this event demonstrates the deep 'togetherness' of our two churches and so will benefit many of our congregations where that message isn't always understood.

Ten or fifteen years ago, the ecumenical movement enthusiastically hoped full visible unity between Anglicans and Catholics was just around the corner. That is, we now realise, not the case. But the Canterbury/Rome event was generously 'permission giving' for joint work between our churches in mission, evangelism, social action and reconciliation. The powerful gestures at its heart showed a level of recognition of Anglican ministry that goes far beyond official doctrine. I still hope and pray for visible unity. But that will be a unity of some federated kind, it won't be the absorption of one church into the other. And for me: a practical hope – I'd love to see the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury step off the plane together when the Pope visits Northern Ireland in 2018. That would really demonstrate the benefits of ecumenical friendship between us.

presidents of Episcopal Conferences. They were to consider how a new stage of common life could be brought about. At the meeting, in the city of Mississauga, near Toronto, bishops came as pairs from their country or region. There is something deeply scriptural about this, drawing from the Emmaus image of disciples journeying together.

At Mississauga those bishops concluded that as leaders of the Church's mission, they had no choice. They could no longer escape their serious joint responsibility to lead God's people forward towards the unity which our Lord wills for his Church. They were compelled to affirm that our communion *could no longer be viewed in minimal terms*; it was a rich, life-giving, multifaceted communion, in which the Churches could bring shared gifts to their joint mission in the world.

That meeting led to a new joint working group, IARCCUM, a unique instrument in the ecumenical world. It is not just about dialogue or cooperation. It is *"to make manifest in common action, witness and prayer the very real fruit of our theological agreement."* It puts into practice an important agreement on the nature of episcopal ministry – that bishops have the task of promoting and building the unity of the Church, and leading God's people in service of Christ's mission in the world.

For the 2016 summit, we again invited Anglican Provinces and RC Episcopal Conferences to select bishops to form pairs. They come from 19 countries or regions. Their joint task is to give leadership to the Churches in their region, communicating the fruits of the dialogue, engaging in common work and witness,

promoting local and national dialogue and study, and fostering common prayer.

It is a source of deep joy to all the bishops who gathered from around the world and shared experiences, challenges and wisdom in a profound time of collegiality and communion. We pray they are now inspired to go out into the world and work together for unity and common mission.



SPEAKING OUT AND STANDING UP FOR REFUGEES



Story and pictures by Gavin Drake.

The rise of right-wing political movements across Europe is hampering efforts to provide a coherent approach to refugees across the European Union, according to our bishops Robert and David. Their comments came at the conclusion of a Diocese in Europe consultation on the refugee crisis, jointly organised with USPG and the Anglican Alliance, in Cologne in October.

“We are living in a very difficult political situation. The politics are, at the moment, rallying against us,” Bishop Robert said. “Migration has hit the European Union in the wake of a deep financial crisis. Many people in Europe are suffering austerity; and a combination of serious conflict on our borders, together with austerity, has created an extremely difficult situation. There is a great deal of disillusion with the European Union which is leading to the growth of right-wing movements and the demand for strong leaders; which is, frankly, very dangerous. We have



been there before. The failure of our politics is leading to massive distress amongst individuals whose stories have been told eloquently [at the consultation].”

Bishop David emphasised that Europe was suffering from “an epidemic of amnesia” in which the Church had a role to be the “bearer of memory... to remind the community of who we are, where we have been, and where we have come from.”

He said: “The collapse of our moral leadership in the EU states, in the face of the current movements of peoples that we experienced in the past couple of years, is incredible in light of what this very continent has experienced during and in the aftermath of World Wars. We know, living in Europe, that there is growing conservatism, nationalism and in some places a right-wing ascendancy. It is all feeding and growing fear and xenophobia. In all of this the church’s role is to make sure the truth is told.”

He challenged churches to “gently correct the narrative” and to challenge in preaching and teaching, “the growing toxic narrative around the world.”

He asked: “Can it be that God has planted us here as Anglicans on this western fringe of the Eurasian continent to, at this day, take up this particular missionary challenge?”

Bishop Robert said that he had been encouraged by the work that chaplaincies were doing across Europe: “We have more assets and talents than we might have supposed,” he said.

The Diocese in Europe’s Attaché for EU Affairs, David Fieldsend, agreed saying that he was “staggered by the extent of involvement and skills and careful thinking about the situation” that had been revealed by the consultation. “That gives me great optimism and hope for the future,” he said. He described the church’s initial response as being that of first responders to a crisis. The consultation, he said, would help the Diocese in Europe and its chaplaincies in a transition from emergency response to long-term care.



BEYOND THE NEW YORK TERROR ATTACKS

AN INSIGHT INTO THE UN DECLARATION



Bishop David was privileged to represent the Anglican Communion at the United Nations General Assembly meeting on refugees and migrants in early October. He was able to observe the summit close at hand for 48 hours and witness the historic signing of the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants signed by the leaders at the UN. He has been speaking to The European Anglican about the experience.

I was asked by the Anglican Communion Office to go to this UN Conference on Refugees and Migrants with a lay representative to be listening, to engage with other faith groups there and to be able to witness the historic signing of the New York declaration. It was also good to be able to hear some of the International leaders' speeches so that we can hold people to account in the years ahead. I wasn't really an active participant so much as an active observer.

Were the churches listened to and was their presence there appreciated?

In the UK declarations, which is 93 paragraphs long and of varying quality, there is an explicit recognition that for a new global approach, the UN and its nation states need to engage faith groups which include us. Clearly we have managed to make an impact as we have been drafted into this agreement and we have a part to play. I think that is because churches are there on the ground. We're the greatest international network that there is. Whenever trouble strikes in an area, even when diplomats are being pulled out the church remains. I think there is now a recognition of the permanence of the church's commitment to people in a time of need.

Our concerns were with you because, about the time you arrived, the news media reported New York was going into lockdown with a terror alert.

I arrived at 10.30pm on that Saturday and at about 9pm just two blocks from where I was staying some bombs went off in the Chelsea district of New York. As you can imagine, with some 190 Heads of State or Government in town, security would be tight enough anyway but this really made it a nightmare to get around. I lined up at 6.30am the following day to get entrance tickets into the UN Plaza with enhanced security clearance. It was not the best of times to be in New York in terms of mobility.

Did you feel privileged or, perhaps, nervous at being at such a global event?

I felt very privileged to be involved in what seemed to be a part of one vast global movement – not with just the nation states who were key players, nor with UN agencies for human rights, refugees etc., but also civil society, church groups, women's groups, refugee groups. It really felt that the whole world was coming together to focus on this issue and to be part of that was a real privilege.

What, from your experience, could the Diocese in Europe learn?

One of the things which is explicit in the NY declaration and which many people spoke about was the need for a new narrative about refugees and migrants – an admission that the present narrative is toxic. We are blaming refugees and migrants for all sorts of problems from terrorism to taking peoples' jobs and there's a recognition that we have to turn this narrative around. That's a real role for churches. It doesn't cost any money to begin preaching and teaching with the grass roots to be building a positive outlook on refugees, migrants and those who come to us from other places. We, in the Diocese in Europe are a migrant diocese. Most of us have come from somewhere else. We should have a particular charisma for people who have landed on our shores but are fleeing for their lives. We also have the possibility of being a wonderful ecumenical network, able to build alliances on the ground. The other aspect I think we can carry forward is the recognition that, even within the refugee community, there are extra vulnerable people – children, unaccompanied minors, women and maybe in terms of volunteer work, if people are looking for a way to engage, perhaps this is a particular way to focus efforts.

MOSCOW CHURCH LIVE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

For twelve months during 2015 and 2016 the Church of England hosted a facility for a different local church to broadcast their Sunday worship to a wider audience via the internet. The scheme attracted more than 40,000 viewers. One church from the Diocese in Europe took part as Michael Gibson, from St Andrew's in Moscow reports.



St Andrew's church in Moscow is committed to exploring social media as we see tremendous potential to reach out and engage with people everywhere. Indeed, in order to stay relevant in a world that communicates at lightning speed on multiple channels – it's crucial to embrace the new world order and be present and relevant to people wherever they are, wherever they are. This means Social Media in all its different guises and on multiple platforms. Long gone are the days of audiences in front of a few TV channels or reading selected print media. The conversation is all around us and we need to find a way to make the message of Christ part of social media buzz.

St Andrew's was excited to be involved with ChurchLive, run by the CofE, in conjunction with Twitter UK, and Periscope. Periscope, owned by Twitter, is an app that lets users livestream what's happening around them for all the world

to view on their mobiles. Periscope also allows viewers to comment on the video, adding an interactive 'social' element.

The Rev Arun Arora, Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council said: "This is a project designed to bring Church of England services from Malton to Miami, Middlesbrough to Milan and Manchester to Mumbai. Those who may not make it to church on a Sunday... will have the opportunity to be part of a service. The ability to join in worship shouldn't be restricted to geographical constraint."

ChurchLive is fascinating and rewarding to do. It needs a bit of thinking about ahead of the service – but essentially you download Periscope, point your mobile's camera at the service – and voila, the world has joined your congregation. Its best if you work as a pair; one mobile for filming, while the second handles real time comments.

The comments are an essential feature of Periscope – and what makes it interactive and 'social'. A bit of prior planning helps figure out the best filming places and views of the service, perhaps even prepare a tripod to secure the mobile at various moments. An introduction and a farewell neatly start and finish the livecast.

It's so straightforward that it's easy to forget you have a complex church service to show with many people watching in far flung corners of the globe. We suddenly found ourselves being film makers, but in a very relaxed and accessible way. ChurchLive Central provided valuable guidance and many great tips. To be broadcasting live to so many people from a regular smartphone is an incredible opportunity and very intense. The live commentary allowed our audience to take part and suddenly our Sunday worship had a global congregation that felt very real. We even heard from a few old members of our congregation who had moved on from Moscow.

Some of the comments were revealing and helped us appreciate what a wonderful church and choir we have. Inevitably we had some trolling but we had been briefed by ChurchLive before and blocked when necessary.

We had about 300 people join our service; people who were curious to see our church, others who were intrigued by the music, some old congregation members and others discovering Anglicanism for the first time. What a wonderful way to open our doors, and have the world join us in worship without geographical constraint. ChurchLive, together with Periscope, lets us experience that literally, 'He's got the whole world in his hands'.

THY KINGDOM COME - A STORY FROM BRUSSELS

In 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited parishes across England to join a great wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Many churches discovered it proved a blessing to them. Holy Trinity Brussels' Chaplain, Ven Paul Vrolijk found church members were keen to try it and he commends "Thy Kingdom Come" (TKC) to other congregations in our diocese. Paul writes:

This soon became a shared and exciting initiative. Jane Brown and Ann Milton organised mornings of prayer for the whole church, following our usual Morning Prayer time for our staff team. People could join in for the whole morning, or just for part of it. In addition, we organised a Wednesday evening Thy Kingdom Come Prayer and Praise service. Some people who never came to church during the week took part in one or

SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS IN POITOU-CHARENTES

Elisabeth Barnett, Reader in Poitou-Charentes, France, writes:

2016 marks the 150th anniversary since 3 archbishops and 17 bishops (including my great-grandfather!) met on Ascension Day 1866. They sensed that people were becoming biblically illiterate and saw a need to bring the Bible back into the home and work place. As a result, the role of the modern Reader was established.

I was admitted as a Reader in 1991

and October 23rd 2016 marked 25 years' service, appropriately on Bible Sunday. Worship styles and Prayer Books have changed over the years. Assisting in the vast Poitou Charentes chaplaincy our nearest boundary is the Atlantic Ocean. In my early experience visiting included travel to many hospitals wards but now I find people are back home before you know they have been admitted.

The nearest worship centre is an 80 kilometres return trip, and the

nearest parishioners live a half hour drive away, so email and telephones are important in pastoral care. I go to Ecumenical meetings locally and in other parts of France.

Most of our congregation are retired, so it was a joy to have 3 children take up the collection on Bible Sunday this year. They coloured book marks with the words of Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*, words which have proved true for me in my Readership.

TO LIVE AND WORK TO YOUR PRAISE AND GLORY

After the memorable first conference for Readers and Readers-in-Training in 2012 bookings are now coming in for the second one from Friday 19th to Monday 22nd May 2017 in Cologne. The conference aims to provide Readers with encouragement, a greater sense of belonging within the Diocese, and a wider view of ministry.

Under the title, "*Send us out to live and work to your praise and glory*", it will focus on contemporary challenges in Christian ministry and explore how Readers can bring a culturally sensitive, relevant and profound message of Good News which will continue to resonate in today's changing world. Themes include Christianity and science, ministry to those at the margins, spirituality for ministry, and whole life discipleship. Bishop David says "Together we will explore how as Disciples of Christ we keep the "rumour of God" alive



through our whole lives and the lives of others to God's praise and glory!"

World-class speakers have been invited, including Rev Kathy Galloway, the first woman leader of the Iona Community and a President of Christian Aid; Fr Nicholas King, a Jesuit Priest and tutor in New Testament Studies at the University of Oxford; Dr David Wilkinson, professor of astrophysics at the University of Durham; and Stefan McNally, from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity.

For more information and a registration form contact Debbie Cunningham: debbie.cunningham@churchofengland.org.

A MATTER OF PRINCIPLES FOR PASTORS

In October a group of 22 Readers and Readers-in-Training took part in a Diocesan workshop on Pastoral Principles led by Elaine Labourel (Diocesan Director of Readers) and Alexandra Wheeler. The course taught what pastoral care means and how to build pastoral relationships. Using exercises, mainly in pairs, participants discovered what makes a good listener as well as what to do and what not to do during a pastoral visit. The workshop also provided an excellent opportunity to exchange news from around the Diocese, to meet up with old friends and to make new ones.



more of the prayer mornings. Others joined us through Facebook.

For 2017 the Thy Kingdom Come vision is even bigger with a much more deliberate ecumenical dimension. The three aims are:

- To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father;
- To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit;
- That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son, Jesus Christ.

In Brussels, we hope to join again in Thy Kingdom Come 2017 and to invite our brothers and sisters from other churches. Specifically we hope to strengthen relationships with the Roman Catholic church, following the recent 'pairing of bishops in mission' by Pope Francis and Archbishop Welby in Rome. One of the activities planned for that week is a special event at the Chapel for Europe where we enjoy

a very positive cooperation with our Jesuit brothers in Christ, mainly through our EU Outreach Worker Jeremy Heuslein.

There is still plenty of time for your church to begin planning for TKC. A large selection of prayer resources and ideas for events, prayer rooms, liturgy for groups and individuals at www.thykingdom.co.uk

VARIETY IS THE SPICE



When the Italy and Malta Archdeaconry Synod met in Sicily, in September, members discussed safeguarding in churches, the diocesan vision “Walking together in Faith” and the importance of good communication. Synods are positive rather than competitive – except for the final evening’s quiz where Area Dean Fr Willian Lister was question-master to find the Archdeaconry’s best brains who were delighted, if surprised, to receive the specially crafted trophy.



When Bishop’s Council met in London in October discussions took place in Church House, Westminster. Although our agenda was serious, the plaque on the wall of our meeting room reminded us of earlier days when the room witnessed debates in the shadow of World War Two.



While television viewers in Britain were hooked on the Great British Bakeoff and MasterChef, youngsters in Holy Trinity church, Eindhoven in The Netherlands donned chef’s hats for their Holiday Bible Club with a culinary theme of ‘Rocky’s Plaice’ with fish and chips aplenty. Not surprisingly Peter the fisherman was on hand to tell stories of his discipleship with Jesus.



Clergy have occasionally been referred to as “penguins” because of their distinctive black and white robes. This panoramic picture provides a fair comparison with an Autumn blessing ceremony at London Zoo to mark St Francis and creation-tide. Rev Doreen Cage, from St George’s church, Malaga in Spain, was joined by the Zoo’s local Vicar, William Gulliford, who also serves as our Diocesan Director of Ordinands. Apparently the ecclesiastical pair made quite a splash and received anything but an icy reception.

OF DIOCESAN LIFE



The Aquitaine Chaplaincy in Central France covers an area the size of Wales so it is not easy for all church members to share in worship. Over fifty of them travelled long distances to meet at the Eglise Evangelique Libre in Bergerac for their Fifth annual "Worship-Fest" in September with plenty of singing, prayers and teaching.



On a brilliant sunny Sunday in September in Portugal's Algarve members of St Vincent's Anglican church in Praia da Luz, shared the annual patronal Festival of Nossa Senhora da Luz (Our Lady of Light) with their Roman Catholic hosts. Locum Chaplain Robert Ellis and Reader Bob Kelly took part in the service with a small team of members with visual reminders of our unity in Christ



Handel's "Zadok the Priest" was just one of the rousing anthems rehearsed during a Royal School of Church Music summer school in the French Riviera. The residential course took the theme "Crown him with many crowns" linking the 90th birthday celebrations of the RSCM's Royal Patron with music that spoke of the King of Kings!



Another part of the diocese where travel is an essential part of ministry is Finland where Tuomas Mäkipää is based in Helsinki. As Assistant Area Dean for Finland supporting and encouraging other congregations involves travel. Tuomas finds it "makes the going easier" by taking the train to Tampere. He also sometimes takes his son with him for company. Thus the seeds of vocation may be sown!

EXPOSED TO THE VISION OF HEAVEN – AND HUMAN TRAGEDY



During the Annual Service for the Friends of the Diocese in October, Dr Clare Amos was formally commissioned as Director of Discipleship. Here, based on an interview immediately after that service, Clare explains her view of the new role.

I think the newly created post is a recognition that discipleship is a fundamental part of what it means to be a Christian for all people, whether they are lay or ordained. It is wanting to explore, in a rather more intentional way than perhaps we've done in the past, what living and being a Christian in today's world actually entails, both in terms of learning and in terms of what one offers in life. It is trying to see the whole of life as part of what it means to be a Christian. You don't make a separation between Sunday and the rest of it. We all have this responsibility.

In the first few months as Director of Discipleship, I think I am wanting

to ask questions rather than offer answers. There are a number of "off the shelf" discipleship courses around; Alpha, Emmaus, the Pilgrim Course etc. I certainly think that one of my roles is to encourage these sort of courses. Some people have shared with me their enthusiasm for the Pilgrim Course and I want to find ways in which its use can be encouraged within the diocese.

I also recognise that living in the Diocese in Europe as I do, with my home near Geneva, there are particular aspects to living as a minority Christian community that mean our learning is perhaps slightly different. There are strengths and things that we can offer as people

living in Europe but there are perhaps also vulnerabilities that we have that the Church of England in Britain doesn't quite experience in the same way. So there may be skills and particular training that must be linked in to the European context.

I have a long background in theological education and training for both lay people and clergy and a particular concern for training and encouraging the ministry of Readers. It's a voluntary role and it is important that I know the context of Europe and have done things for the diocese before.

The size and physical scope of our diocese is a challenge and an opportunity. One of the great things would be to get conversations going from chaplaincies within different parts of the diocese so that perhaps lay people in the Eastern Archdeaconry can be engaging in conversation with fellow lay people in the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar.

My work will be successful if it gets people enthusiastic and interested in deepening their faith, working out what it means to be a Christian in today's world. There's a wonderful saying of Archbishop Michael Ramsey; "To be a theologian is to be exposed to a vision of heaven and the tragedy of mankind." I think in that sense all God's people are called to be theologians and one of my aims and visions is to encourage them to have that aim of holding together the vision of heaven and the human situation.

I am excited by the challenge. Theology has been one of my burning passions throughout my life and one of the reasons that I am not ordained myself is because I actually want to feel that by not being ordained I can say that it's important for lay people too.

SPREADING SPIRITUALITY – AWARE OF GOD’S HOLINESS



In September, 10 Christians from around the diocese attended a residential course titled “Being a Soul Friend” preparing them for roles as Spiritual Directors. Under the leadership of Canon John



Newsome, in his new role as Diocesan Adviser on Spirituality, the lay and ordained participants completed their three-year training. But what does a Spiritual Director do? John Newsome writes:

The word “spirituality” is used a lot nowadays, maybe overused. It can be a rather elastic term, meaning what you want it to mean, from having a vague sense of a transcendent dimension to life to following closely the rites and teachings of a specific religious tradition.

In his book “God in All Things” the Jesuit Gerard Hughes wrote “Spirituality is the process by which we become more aware of (God’s) gift of holiness and increasingly conformed to it.” In other words, it is about being attentive to where God is working in our lives and allowing that to affect the way we live.

Much of the time we live on automatic pilot, coping with what happens to come along but not necessarily engaging with it very deeply. That is until some sort of crisis develops and we recognise that the resources from which we have drawn no longer adequately sustain us. That can be a way in which God leads us more deeply into himself, teaching us to live more attentively to him, discerning his leading.

That mirrors my own experience when I was Chaplain in Zurich which led me to attend a retreat based on the Ignatian method (from Ignatius of Loyola, 1491–1556, who developed the Spiritual Exercises). I found this so inspiring that I registered for an ecumenically led training course in spiritual direction.

After retirement from stipendiary ministry in 2014, Bishop Robert invited me to take on the honorary position of Spirituality Advisor for our diocese. Most other dioceses in the Church of England have such a person but I believe this is a first for our diocese. Like much of Christian ministry it is often a question of creating the job as you go along by paying attention to what opportunities God gives us to respond to.

One need we have identified is the increasing desire for spiritual direction. The term can easily be misunderstood. It is not about someone directing you in your spiritual life by telling you how to pray or how to relate to God. It is about having a soul friend or spiritual

companion who can listen to you as you explore your relationship with God and walk with you as you find your own direction with him and grow more attentive to where he is working in your life. Clearly this is something from which all people who are on a serious spiritual journey can profit.

Moreover, if we are fostering spiritual direction we need to train spiritual directors. Under the leadership of Canon Ulla Monberg and the Revd Dr Mark Godson, formerly of the London Spirituality Centre, we have just completed a training course for spiritual directors in our diocese and in September Bishop Robert commissioned ten people, lay and ordained, to exercise this ministry. We hope to begin another course in November 2017. In our vast diocese much spiritual direction and the training for it has to be done via Skype, although we have found this to be a very effective medium which does not seriously diminish the personal touch.

Part of my role is to put inquirers in touch with suitable spiritual directors. So please do contact me if you would like to find a spiritual director, and similarly if you can identify anyone in your chaplaincy who might wish to consider training as a spiritual director. I shall be glad to hear from you.

In the first instance, anyone interested in exploring this further is asked to contact the Director of Ministerial Development at ulla.monberg@churchofengland.org.



OUR TRAINERS SPREAD THE WORD ON SAFEGUARDING

Our September edition featured a “Training the Safeguarding trainers” course in Cologne. Those volunteers have been busy in their archdeaconries passing on advice and guidance on keeping our churches safe places.



Milan

The Archdeaconry of Italy and Malta organised their first training session at All Saints’ Milan with a day-long session including case studies and discussions of procedures for running our activities and dealing with any suspected situations of abuse. The trainer was Paul Tillbrook from Malta. Members from Venice, Varese, Milan, Genoa and Padua participated in the interactive training, with information and advice to take back to their churches and congregations. Archdeacon Vickie Simms notes; “The day was made all the more pleasant by an excellent lunch prepared and served by volunteers.”



Milan lunch



Budapest

From Budapest Rev Frank Hegedus, writes... In December 2015, our Diocese began implementation of a new Safeguarding Policy and Protocol throughout Europe. Safeguarding training is provided in a two-step approach.

First, all Church members and their friends are encouraged to take two online easy-to-complete courses offered on the Diocesan website, with a focus on Safeguarding both children and adults. The second training stage requires Church leaders, volunteers and clergy to attend a training session taught by a member of the Safeguarding Training team.

Saint Margaret’s hosted one of the first such training sessions in the Eastern Archdeaconry on 22 October, as shown in the photo above. The thirteen participants included members of Chaplaincy Council and a Reformed Church minister from a neighbouring congregation. Many thanks to Morgain Hollinghurst, of our parish community, one of the Diocese’s official trainers who led us through the day. (In case you are wondering, that is the 1956 Hungarian Revolution flag in the background in the photo, as 23 October was the sixtieth anniversary of the event).



Cologne training

Another new trainer, Susan Boyd noted on Facebook “Relieved that my first presentation of the level 2 Safeguarding awareness course went off satisfactorily in Helsinki today. Just over 20 people attended coming from Helsinki, Vaasa, Gothenburg, Tallin, Tampere, Pori, and the White Nile congregation. Thank you for being such a nice group.”



Costa Azahar

Our newly trained trainers need dedication and the ability to travel. Solveig Schnur from Ibiza travelled to Mallorca to lead a one-day course before flying on to Valencia and a similar course for the three congregations on Spain’s Costa Azahar. The locum priest and his wife were happy to host the course in the cosy setting of their living room.

FEEDBACK... AND THE WAR ON (FOOD) WASTE!

*Elizabeth Bussmann,
Diocesan Environmental
Officer, writes...*

Recently I attended an event organised by Global Footprint Network – in Berne about ‘Resources.’ At the end of the evening we chatted with one another about what we had heard. One young girl asked about my interest in environmental matters and I explained what my role was in the Anglican Diocese in Europe. She looked at me with great surprise as she said, ‘But what has the church got to do with this – it is all very scientific and economic!’ And so I tried in simple terms to explain why Christians are involved.

And this is exactly what I am trying to stir up in our churches – an active interest in our environment, active participation in combatting so many of the ways we over or misuse our resources (and other people’s!). I must admit that by the end of the evening I was feeling rather negative and with not much hope. So much *seems* to be in other people’s hands and up to them how quickly they will react to the huge changes going on in the world. However, after my chat with this person I was feeling more optimistic. It is certainly **not** just down to ‘others’. Each one of us can make a huge contribution to a change in society. In this issue of TEA I want to look at just one particular issue – that of FOOD WASTE!

Roughly one-third of *edible* parts of food produced for human consumption gets lost or wasted globally, equivalent to 1.3 billion tonnes per year! The information that follows comes courtesy of www.feedbackglobal.org. It’s not a new issue, but the food waste problem is regurgitating.

Food waste poses a huge environmental and social threat on a global scale. At the same time growing public awareness has proved that there is a big appetite to reduce waste, protect our planet’s precious ecosystems and re-evaluate our relationship with food. We step our foot on the bin pedal. The metal lid clashes against the kitchen wall, jarring like an alarm. A loaf of bread or a broccoli head; both hang in the balance, caught between finger and thumb. But one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.

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A young man in Sussex, wanted to earn some extra pocket money and started raising pigs – feeding them with leftover food scraps from his school kitchen and local shops. One day he was sitting with his pigs and realised that the discarded sun-dried tomato loaf they were chomping through was good enough for anyone. He took a bite. He was right. Fast forward a few years and he is one of the world’s leading experts on the environmental and social impacts of food production, and founder of the food waste campaigning charity FEEDBACK; who confront large businesses, exposing weaknesses in supply chains and changing the way *we see* food. As Tristram Stuart says, ‘Reducing food waste is one of the easiest and most feasible ways to reduce the environmental impact of our food system, whilst increasing food availability for those who need it most.’ But real, lasting change will only happen when society regards the wastage of food as unacceptable and demands change from business and governments. ‘Practices such as cancelling last minute orders, or rejecting food because of cosmetic standards are creating huge problems.’

Is part of the problem because we don’t cherish food enough in the first place? Many believe that our wasteful nature stems from our value system – and the need to reconnect with food, understand how to use it, and why it’s important to us. Everything is more mechanised, from farm all the way to fork.

Throughout all of those stages there is a greater disconnect with food; our relationship with food is getting more and more distant. Here is a good issue to be addressed with our children’s’ groups, too!



AN ARRAY OF ARCHDEACONS

The annual service for the Friends of the Diocese provided the first opportunity for a picture of our Archdeacons (some of the recently appointed) with the bishops.



From left to right: Colin Williams, Meurig Williams (no relation!), Vickie Sims, Bishop Robert, Paul Vrolijk, Geoffrey Johnston, Adele Kelham and Bishop David.

The separate photo is of Archdeacons Meurig and Paul after their formal appointments (see Clergy on the move).



Emma Biaggi, who assists the Appointment Secretary, Catherine Jackson, is taking maternity leave and her place in the Diocesan Office is being taken by Dina Begum. The two had a few valuable days working side by side before Dina began working full-time as Assistant to Catherine. Diocesan Secretary Adrian Mumford says "Dina has been 'temping' for several years; for much of this year working at 'Relate' and two years up to then for the Commonwealth Secretariat. Among Dina's interests are the arts, poetry and her own food blog, www.syrupandglaze.com/."

On All Saints day, Rev James Booker Jnr, was licensed as the newest member of the team of chaplains in Spain's Costa Blanca chaplaincy with their 8 locations providing services from Valencia to Alicante. Fr Jim is Texan who first came to Europe in the oil industry. In Scotland he attended university and theological college before ordination. He served in Scotland and England as a parish priest and a prison chaplain.



Caroline Gaumy, who started work as an Administrative Secretary in the Bishop's Office in Brussels in February, enjoyed the chance to put faces to names when she attended part of Bishop's Council in London in October. Caroline works part time, dealing mainly with finance as well as Bishop Robert's travel schedule.



At the reception for members and guests at the Friends of the Diocese annual Eucharist in Westminster in October Mark Pellew was clearly in evidence as the Chairman of the Friends when he put a chair to good use as a podium to offer welcomes, thanks and to commend the work of the diocesan support group founded 21 years ago.

CLERGY ON THE MOVE

WELCOME TO

Rev Adam Charles Boulter, from the Diocese of Southwark, began ministry as Priest-in-Charge of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes, France in November.

Rev Paul Charles Goodridge joined the Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest, Romania, as Chaplain, in October.

Rev Edward John Poole, was inducted as Priest-in-Charge of St Francis, Tenerife South, Spain in September.

Rev Frank Denzil Sawyer, formerly Assistant Priest of St Andrew's Church, Fort Pierce, Florida, USA began his duties as Chaplain of Greater Lisbon, Portugal in October.

LEAVING US

Rev Clive Fairclough, Chaplain of St Andrew, Moscow, Russia is moving to become Priest-in-Charge of Mells with Vobster, with Buckland Dinham, Elm, Whatley and Chantry (in the Diocese of Bath and Wells) from January.

Rev Canon Andrew Robert Hawken, Chaplain of Midi-Pyrénées and Aude, France has moved to become Vicar of St Swithun's, East Grinstead (Diocese of Chichester) from November.

Rev Brian Michael Llewellyn, Chaplain of St George, Ypres, Belgium is to retire at the end of December.

Rev Dr Christopher Reese Seitz, formerly Priest-in-Charge of St Luke, Fontainebleau, France resigned at the end of August.

CHANGE OF STATUS/TITLE

Rev Stephen Michael Murray, Priest-in-Charge of St George, Knokke, Belgium and Priest-in-Charge of St John the Evangelist, Ghent, Belgium has resigned from Knokke but continues as Priest-in-Charge in Ghent and Area Dean of Belgium.

Rev Augustine Ugochukwu Nwaekwe, Priest-in-Charge of Oostende and Brugge, Belgium is now also Priest-in-Charge of St George, Knokke, Belgium.

Rev Nigel Clayton Thomas, formerly Assistant Curate of St George, Madrid, Spain is now Priest-in-Charge of Nerja and Almuñécar, Spain since September.

Venerable Dr Paul Vrolijk, has begun his ministry as Archdeacon for the North-West Archdeaconry, which covers Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, in addition to his duties as Chaplain of the Pro-Cathedral in Brussels.

Venerable Meurig Liwyd Williams, formerly Acting Archdeacon of North-West Europe and Chaplain and Commissary to the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe is now Archdeacon of France, and continues in his role as Chaplain and Commissary to the Bishop.

In Yerevan, John Barker has now taken up a post in the (Church of England) Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Ajit John has moved from Versailles in the Archdeaconry of France.



WITNESSING HISTORY

Sara Bishop is a Lutheran intern pastor at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tallinn, Estonia, licensed by the Diocese in Europe to assist there. She was previously at St Nicolas in Ankara, Turkey.

This may seem an odd in Anglican article, but I'm a Lutheran. I've been serving in the Diocese of Europe since 2012, as an American Lutheran seminarian. I've lived in the United States, Muslim countries, Orthodox countries, and many others. I currently am an intern pastor (Lutheran) at a Lutheran-Anglican congregation in Tallinn, Estonia.

This is not to turn the spotlight on me, but to reiterate that international, ecumenical, inter-faith is not just something I believe in, but something

that I, among millions of others, live daily as our vocation. Needless to say, I was intent on getting to the Joint Ecumenical Commemoration of the Reformation, in Malmö, Sweden. Thanks to a deanery conversation, I was able to travel to Copenhagen, worship at St Alban's, and then in the company of two colleagues, between us representing the countries of Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Norway, the UK and the US. We attended a worship service which Lutherans and Catholics shared

for the first time in 500 years, and watched Pope Francis and Bishop Munib Younan of the Lutheran World Federation sign a historic agreement to work towards full communion.

It is not often that you know you are going to be present when history is made *before* the fact. It is sadly rare that these moments of shining hope are as unique as they are. We witnessed a female archbishop, Archbishop Antje Jackelén of Sweden, read the Gospel in the presence of the Pope, and receive the Peace of the Lord. The arena, where we watched the live broadcast, and later participated in a call to service with all the dignitaries, including the Pope. The power of the crowd, when the agreement was signed, signalling a historic change begun in 1517, roaring its approval and leaping to its feet, will echo in my ears and my heart for ages to come. We saw representatives from so many religions and denominations and countries share the moment. We were called to be bold in our love of Christ, to care for our neighbours in a way that is crazy like Jesus, because, love wins.



AN APT BLESSING ON THE "ISLE OF DOGS"

The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are, of course, not named after little birds but from the Latin name *Canariae Insulae*, meaning "Islands of the Dogs". According to the historian Pliny the Elder, the Mauretanian King Juba II named the island Canaria because it contained "vast multitudes of dogs of very large size".

In October when Rev Jennifer Elliott de Riverol led their animal blessing service in Las Palmas the dogs were much in evidence (as with the service pictured on our front cover). Jennifer says "We are an Animal Friendly Church and are members of the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals."

A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS

Bishop David writes

The congregation of St Nicolas, in the Turkish city of Ankara, includes a number of members from Iran. They have often faced great hardship because of their religion. The priests and people of St Nicholas offer pastoral care, counsel, and fellowship in a warm Christian community in this parish situated at the crossroads between East and West.

Three Iranian women parishioners recently painted a mural, depicting the Resurrection in Eastern style, for St Nicolas, as a gift to the community which has welcomed them and supported them. The women have written this comment about their work:



We are three Iranian sisters who live in Cankiri, a city in Turkey.

We are interested in art and painting. We used to paint portraits and landscapes, but were always searching for our own style. On the day we were born again and received Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we knew that we were to paint the word of God. We believe that people can turn to God through painting, just as well as through sermons. We therefore call our work a "visual sermon". By the help of God and the support and assistance from the Church, we were able to do a small service to St Nicolas' Church in Ankara.

The subject of this painting is the resurrection of Christ. We hope that our picture conveys the message of God's endless love for all mankind. We wish that with each brush stroke that we can bring hope to those who have lost it.

Our desire is this work is appreciated and we believe that with the grace of God we will be able to do this type of service more in the future. We sincerely thank all whom helped us in this service. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.



ORDINATION IS FOR LIFE – MINISTRY IN RETIREMENT IS DIFFERENT

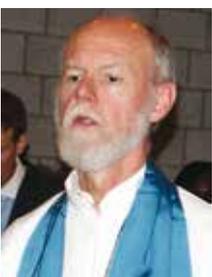
A welcome addition to our diocesan resources is a new leaflet, prepared by Rev Dr John Marvell, our Retirement Officer, which outlines many practical and psychological steps which clergy need to take as they contemplate a life in retirement. John says; “Retirement means making readjustments in your life. Clergy have to deal with greater adjustments than most people. It means leaving their chaplaincy, moving house and living in another locality, becoming part of the new community without a formal role, financial adjustment and deciding whether they wish to have a continuing ministry and, if so, what might be possible. It is wise to start thinking and planning well before retirement.” Check or download a copy of the guide on the Resources section of our website.

NEW LOOK FOR OUR PRAYER DIARY

You will, no doubt, have discovered our new “pull-out centrefold” Diocesan Prayer Diary for the first three months of 2017.

It aims to be more topical and responsive so that we can focus on specific prayer needs in different localities. The diary is different from those of recent years in that the wider church prayer diary with specific reference to the Anglican church across the world and the Porvoo Communion can be accessed online, which means we are more local in the unique requests for prayer within our diocese.

Inevitably it will take time to get used to the “pull-out and fold” edition but it is intended to assist our prayers which are vital for the life and development of the diocese.



The new compiler is Anthony Cummings, a Reader at St James, Voorschoten, in The Netherlands. He has just retired after a varied career in engineering, specialised in digital electronics and spent the last 25 years as a patent examiner in flash memories.

The Prayer Diary from January will continue to be posted on our diocesan website and the contents will be Tweeted daily on our Twitter account @DioceseinEurope



CASABLANCA ADVENT APPEAL

Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal this year is to help build up St John's Anglican Church in the heart of downtown Casablanca. A development project launched in late 2015 is for a westward extension of the church to include a mezzanine level and the redevelopment of an existing parsonage building to provide Sunday School, meeting rooms and a roof-top terrace. More details can be found on the website. As usual we would be glad to receive stories and pictures of activities supporting this appeal.

P.S. The Bishop's 2016 Lent Appeal raised £14,880 for the Friends of the Holy Land. Many thanks to all who contributed.



All Saints Church in Rome proved the setting for a special banquet in October to mark the 200th anniversary of a worshipping Anglican community in the Italian capital. A series of events over the coming months will mark the significant birthday including special services at the end of February 2017 and visits from Bishops Robert and David.