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# Ten Readers licensed to serve in Southwark

On Sunday 11 October, nine men and women were admitted and licensed to serve as Readers in Southwark Diocese, alongside one other who was welcomed and licensed after moving from another Diocese.

The service was led by Bishop Christopher, with Bible readings by Marion Watson and Kim Honey, and Peter Graystone preaching – the last three of whom were themselves Readers in the Diocese.

Bishop Christopher said that licensing the Readers was “always a cause of great thanksgiving”, adding: “We think of the whole Diocese and ways in which, through mission and ministry, we equip and serve all our parishes.”

Later, Peter in his sermon spoke of how those being licensed would touch others' lives during their ministry. He said: “Sometimes the

route that God is asking us to take is not a peaceful road at all. It is full of uncertainty and challenge and risk. But the result of it is the people you come to influence in the name of God.”

The names of those being licensed for the first time were: **Tracie Bishop** (St Andrew the Apostle, Catford); **Clare Dowding** (All Saints, Blackheath); **Dale Kirk** (St Paul, Kingston Hill); **Fiona Lock** (Oxted Team Ministry); **Sola Oyeleye** (St Paul with St Saviour, Brixton); **Susan Patterson** (St Stephen, South Dulwich); **Sarah Paxton** (Limpsfield and Tatsfield Team Ministry); **Ronald Searle** (Parish of Kingswood); and **Nick Smith** (St John, Felbridge).

The name of the Reader being welcomed from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich was **Janet Bishop** (Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton).



Bishop Christopher blesses the new Readers before the licensing service.

# Southwark pupils stitch together a response to the refugee crisis

Students at St Gabriel's College raised awareness of the plight of refugees and offered solidarity an interfaith art project called Little Squares of Hope, Shelter From the Storm, writes the Revd Sebastian Harries, Assistant Priest at St John the Divine, Kennington and Chaplain at the school.

For the project, organised by the interfaith organisation the Council for Christians and Jews, Year 7 students decorated small squares of fabric after reflecting upon the plight of refugees, our basic human needs for shelter, and what we can do to welcome those fleeing persecution and hardship.



The St Gabriel's College group show off their fabric squares (right); the finished Sukkah, now on display at the Jewish Museum online (left).

These fabric squares were then sent off to be quilted with squares from other faith and refugee communities from all over the UK. These then became the walls



of a Sukkah, a temporary shelter that Jewish people create for the festival of Sukkot, a time when they mark the 40-year post exodus period in which they

were pushed into exile and left to wander through the desert.

The Sukkah was pitched at JW3 Community Centre in London. Accompanying the artwork were seven information plaques, each reflecting on one of the seven representative character traits of the Ushpizin.

Ushpizin is the Aramaic word for guest, and in this context refers to the seven ancient worthies who take turns visiting the homes of all pious Jews to share their dinner during the festival of Sukkot.

You can see the artwork on the Jewish Museum's website here: <https://jewishmuseum.org.uk/collections/online-collections/little-squares-of-hope/>



# A view from The BRIDGE



**At this time of year, every year, as the clocks have gone back and the evenings are darker, we move into the time of remembrance.**

This period of the Church's year is the time when we also look back and remember those who gave their lives during the wars that have swept through our world and especially the two World Wars. It is as if the sombre and gradual move into winter encourages us all to reflect and draw into a darker, colder time as we await the preparation for, and celebration of, the baby born in Bethlehem.

This year, more than ever in recent times, the Church's time of remembrance will be especially poignant for those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic, and services around the Diocese on All Souls' Day will be more than usually significant for many people.

Now is the time to remember and give thanks to God for lives well lived, for people much loved who are with us no longer, and for God's grace to us all and the promise that we will be reunited with the Saints above in due time.

Our centre spread this month (see pages 6-7) offers a reflection on Remembrancetide in the context of the pandemic. It also offers some pointers to material that the Bishop's Advisory Group on Liturgy has prepared.

This edition of *The Bridge*, like so many others, tries to reflect where we are in the Diocese and in society, to help us to prepare for what comes next and to look back and tell the stories of what has gone before.

This is the Vol 25 No 9 edition of the Diocesan newspaper, *The Bridge*,

and its printing brings to a close my involvement in it as, first, Managing and, more recently, Commissioning Editor (though I hope to be invited back to write the occasional piece!).

As I have emptied boxes and prepared handover notes for my successor (see page 8) and begun the process of moving to become Canon Chancellor at Southwark Cathedral and Director of Lay Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Education, I have looked back and remembered the stories and life of the Diocese which have been told through this publication since its inception in June 1996.

In recalling the good news of what we have been doing here in the Diocese of Southwark over almost 25 years, and also looking at some of the tragic news that we have recorded and shared, such as the death of Damilola Taylor 20 years ago this month, the death of Stephen Lawrence or the London Bridge attacks, the way in which the Diocese has responded to them and most especially the stories of the acts of faith and work of those in our churches throughout this pandemic, I have come to see again that, whilst we do not get everything right here all the time, the Diocese is a great place to be and in which to serve.

It has been a privilege to be involved in this publication from its pilot edition until now. Thank you to all those who have contributed. May the sharing of the life and work of the people and parishes of Southwark Diocese go from strength to strength.

**Wendy S Robins**

## Bishop Christopher installs four new Honorary Canons



**Bishop Christopher installed four new Honorary Canons at Southwark Cathedral on 4 October, assisted by the Bishop of Fulham, the Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, and the Dean, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn.**

The four were: Canon Andrew Bishop, Priest-in-Charge at St Andrew, Croydon and Croydon Minster; Canon Tim Pike, Vicar at St Michael and All Angels with St James, Croydon; Canon Tim Goode, Team Vicar at Caterham Team Ministry and Diocesan Disability Adviser; and Canon Wilma Roest,

Rector in the Richmond Team Ministry.

They are pictured above alongside Bishop Christopher, Bishop Jonathan Baker and the Dean.

The new Canons were appointed in the summer but were not able to be installed until October owing to Coronavirus restrictions.

After the service, Bishop Christopher said that the new Honorary Canons were "all a great blessing to their parishes and the Diocese of Southwark, serving the people of South London and East Surrey".

### Appeal for information on W R Corbould



**Freelance writer Nicky Charlish is researching the life and work of the Revd W R Corbould (WRC), Rector of Carshalton from 1919-1957 and a pioneer worker for Church of England, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox unity.**

**He wishes to appeal to *Bridge* readers for information, memories or anecdotes about the Revd Corbould's life or work.**

**If anyone has information to share, please e-mail [communications@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:communications@southwark.anglican.org) and it will be passed on.**

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### Next Issue: Submission deadline and guidance

The DECEMBER edition is due to be published online on 1 December 2020. Material for that edition must be with the Diocesan Communications Team by e-mail by **FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER**.

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# First impressions of the Diocesan Clergy Study Day



**As a newcomer to the Diocese of Southwark, the Clergy Study Day on 6 October made me be proud to be part of a Diocese that engages openly and undefendedly with difficult questions, writes the Revd Dr Alun Ford, Bishop's Chaplain.**

All four contributors – Amanda Mukwashi, CEO at Christian Aid; the Rt Revd John Perumbalath, Bishop of Barking; Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion; and Revd Duncan Dormor, CEO of USPG – were gracious and thoughtful. Each speaker conveyed integrity by their presence. But each presented challenges for us to address.

I came away with two points around which I hope for further conversation with colleagues. First, Amanda's critique of the Church made me wonder whether we ought not consider the times we get things right as well as the times we get things wrong. Throughout the world, children are educated; hospitals provide

healing; people receive pastoral care; the worship of God is offered in different traditions with integrity; the sacraments are administered and scriptures studied.

The Church of England and all our fellow churches need always to consider our life critically and reflexively. That is proper. But an obsession with fallenness is something a good confessor would challenge in a penitent. Perhaps, as the Church makes its confession, we ought to challenge ourselves in that regard, too.

Second, as someone who would describe himself a "critical realist", I was struck by how certain Bishop John seemed that the Church's theological inheritance was really a matter of culture. I wondered whether in Bishop John's account the Church was able to make true statements about God that transcended culture.

Most of all, being able to hear these challenges and to engage in conversation afterwards made me thankful to be part of a healthy, questioning and vigorous Diocese! It was a good and stimulating day.

## Mourning the passing of a great servant to Southwark

**The Venerable Peter Coombs, former Archdeacon of Reigate, died on 22 September at the age of 91, writes the Venerable David Gerrard, former Archdeacon of Wandsworth.**

Peter Coombs was a great servant to the Diocese of Southwark. He served as a very distinguished vicar of Christ Church, New Malden, one of the great evangelical powerhouses in the Diocese.

He also acted as the Area Dean of Kingston from 1971 to 1975 when he became Archdeacon of Wandsworth, and in 1988 transferred to become Archdeacon of Reigate until his retirement in 1995. Even after his retirement to the South Coast he often came back to Southwark Cathedral for special occasions.

Peter was a very fit man. He and his wife Catherine were big walkers and Peter was never ill, not even wearing spectacles until after he had retired, so it is not surprising that he lived into his nineties.

Sadly, while they were out walking on the South Coast on a very windy day Catherine was blown over, hit her head on the ground, and died as a result, a huge blow to Peter as they were a very close and devoted couple.

Peter was a success in all his jobs.



As an Archdeacon he was immensely loyal to all the Bishops with whom he served, and he was the leader of the team of six Diocesan Archdeacons.

Peter was a quiet and modest man but he handled his fellow Archdeacons with tact and kindness, never flaunting his far greater experience. Despite his quietness he was very shrewd, and when one distinguished Dean of a Cathedral was in difficulties with the press, Peter remarked quietly, "He was a difficult and conceited young man when he was in my youth club – and he never changed."

Peter was not ambitious. He did all the jobs to which God had called him with efficiency and competence, and never spent any time angling for any further posts. He will be greatly missed by many people, especially by those whom he served as a parish minister and as an Archdeacon.

## "Sometimes God honours ordinary people": Gerie Knights steps down after 10 years as Diocesan SPA

**On 31 October, Gerie Knights stood down as Diocesan SPA after 10 years in the role.**

During her time in post, she played a part in major changes to both Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary ministry and lay ministry more generally.

Collaborating closely with Bishop Christopher on the SPA Council, Gerie was part of the work surrounding the implementation of Strategy for Ministry, most notably its recommendation to increase the number and range of authorised lay ministries. This work was further developed by the Lay Leadership and Lay Ministry Advisory Group.

As with any large-scale project in the Church, the timescales took longer than was first thought. Gerie had originally envisaged occupying the role of Diocesan SPA for four years at most, but the work kept going. She said: "Every time I went to Bishop Christopher and said, 'I really feel that I ought to stand down', he



**Gerie Knights (left) alongside Margaret Quaife and Bishop Christopher at the final SPA Council meeting in 2019.**

would say, 'No, no, I'd like you to carry on another year!'"

Now, however, with the Lay Council well established and lay ministry more prominent in the Diocese, Gerie felt the time was right to step down and allow

her successor, Wendy Stephens, to take over. "There are quite a lot of changes, and it's just the right time for me to be stepping down, because Wendy has all the gifts that she will need and the contacts," Gerie said. "It's completely different now.

I'm the old school. I'm going to be 75 at the end of the month! It is time to hand the baton on."

Bishop Christopher paid tribute to Gerie, saying: "First and foremost, she has been a tower of strength to SPAs and their valued ministry." In recognition of her service, the Bishop will present Gerie with the Lancelot Andrewes Medal when a suitable date can be found.

It will be Gerie's second medal this year, after receiving the Queen's Maundy Gift this April. "My daughter says 'what medal are you getting next?'" said Gerie. "And I'm just ordinary, I really am. But I suppose sometimes God honours ordinary people – in fact, I know he does."

For now, Gerie will continue as a SPA, a role she was commissioned into in 2002 as part of the "Millennium SPAs" cohort who began their training in 2000. "I'm just waiting to see where I'm needed, and what life brings," she said.





## IN FOCUS...

News from our parishes

# Limpsfield school brings “human connectivity” to acts of worship

The last two terms have presented many challenges for us all, and during the lockdown period our school, like so many other church schools, has been at the heart of our community, writes Cheryl Hudson, Headteacher at Limpsfield CofE Infant School.

During this time everybody has had to think differently about how we do things and at Limpsfield we have tried to remain hopeful as we cannot change the situation that this worldwide crisis has created. Instead, we have thought more creatively about how we can work within the restrictions to come up with different ideas.

Thinking differently is something that we have also applied to

our daily act of worship to ensure that we are all still able to gather together to reflect, think and pray. We feel it is important for our small children to have that human connectivity and have arranged our collective worship in smaller groups throughout the morning.

In planning our collective worship programme this term, we are trying to focus not on what we have lost but to be thankful for the opportunities we have gained, inspiring us to try new ideas and think creatively.

Singing in larger groups has been replaced with mime after the children were shown how stories are told in classical ballet. This has led to the children choreographing their own mime to some of our worship songs that we sing. The children in each year group now also lead this aspect of our worship.

We are fortunate that we are surrounded by



A boy takes part in the Infant School's Harvest Treasure Trails (left); children mime the word for “lead” in collective worship (above).

the rural beauty of Limpsfield Common, which is also supporting our collective worship programme. During lockdown, we all became more familiar with our nearest green spaces and many of us found new treasures that we had previously overlooked as we experienced nature in a different way.

Inspired by this idea, we planned a Harvest Treasure Trail for each year group. The Revd Helen Cook from St Peter, Limpsfield, led us in our celebrations, where the children gathered items of treasure which creation provides. We also acted out a story of gathering in the Harvest and offered prayers of thanks to God.

One child said: “I enjoyed Harvest

as I imagined I was on a journey collecting treasure and gave thanks to God for the fruit we all have to eat. We also gave money for people who do not have toilets.”

We plan to continue to make full use of the opportunities that nature and the wild can provide us to support our worship programme and already have plans to create a large piece of ephemeral art to mark Remembrance Sunday.

As a school we will continue to remain open to the new opportunities that have arisen and are thankful that what binds us together is the deeply Christian faith that our school community is built upon, and the unique part that each of us plays within it.

## National Lottery grant helps to reveal St Alfege's rich history

In 2017, St Alfege Church in Greenwich received a grant of just over £1.8 million from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for its Heart of Greenwich, Place and People project, writes Wendy Foreman, project manager.

The project reinforces the church's position as a heritage asset at the heart of Greenwich, revealing and interpreting our hidden spaces and heritage for everyone.

The restoration and installation of a new access ramp and accessible toilets was completed in February, and St Alfege Church has been shortlisted for the John Betjeman Award 2020 (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings). The award is a technical one and our entry is focused on the stonemasonry repairs and restoration.

Over the past two years our interpretation manager, Rebecca Parrant, has been working with heritage volunteers to develop a rich and



Clockwise from above: an interpretation board; St Alfege restored and cleaned; the ‘Cabinet of Curiosities’.



diverse display. Rebecca said: “Their work has culminated in an exciting permanent heritage display exploring the extraordinary cast of characters connected to the church over time as well as the inspirational architecture of the church.”

Elements of the display include both indoor and outdoor text panels, cased drawings, handling objects and interactive touchscreen. The touchscreen features 3D Lidar scans and models of the church (developed in partnership with University of Greenwich), as well as sample choral music tracks sung by St Alfege's choir.

Coronavirus restrictions permitting, visitors will be able to visit the majority of the display from October, with further reveals such as our ‘Hidden spaces tours’ in early 2021.

Church services have resumed and the church is open between 12.00pm and 4.00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



Surrey's Lord-Lieutenant visits St Matthew's food bank



The Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux, visited the food bank at St Matthew, Redhill on 11 September to thank volunteers and to hear about its work during the COVID-19 crisis.

During his visit, the Lord-Lieutenant (above left) listened to the lockdown stories of both volunteers and clients, as well as seeing where the food and essentials are donated, stored and sorted.

During lockdown, St Matthew's food bank was helping between 100 and 120 local families and individuals per week, handing out food and essentials including baby milk, pasta, tinned food and packet meals. In all it gave out 1,815 food bags between 23 March and 31 July, operating at 380% of 2019 levels.

The food bank continues to help nearly 100 households locally per week, as well as referring clients to professional agencies and community

groups with whom the food bank works collaboratively.

The Lord-Lieutenant said: "I feel uplifted and humbled by this extraordinary work. What strikes me is the wonderful family atmosphere at the food bank, which is run in an extremely efficient way – it is very impressive. I have been absolutely overwhelmed this morning by the volunteers' enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to helping others."

The Revd Canon Andrew Cunningham, Vicar at St Matthew's, said: "We are so grateful for the time and interest shown by the Lord-Lieutenant in visiting us to find out more about what we do. Our team of volunteers – many of whom stepped up for the first time during the pandemic – do a magnificent job here and this sort of recognition of their commitment is such an encouragement at a time when we are still working so hard to keep pace with the food poverty needs in our community."

St Mark, South Norwood celebrates parishioner's centenary



On a bright sunny afternoon on 29 July, one of South Norwood, St Mark's parishioners, Pam Blomfield, celebrated her 100th birthday, writes the Revd Canon Roxanne Hunte, Vicar at St Mark's.

The celebrations began with a Service of Blessing hosted outside the Vicarage, with the family having made their preparations so as to be able to mingle within the Coronavirus restrictions.

Pam received her card from the Queen and lots of greetings from the parishioners, including some of the St Mark's Mothers' Union. Pam became a member of the Mothers' Union 75 years ago and still has the acceptance card to prove it!

Harvest in the Diocese: a time for giving

Parishes across the Diocese gathered food and other goods in October to donate to food banks and other good causes.

One was St James, Merton, where the Revd Mark Budden, Associate Priest, blessed the gifts gathered at the parish's Harvest Mass (above right) before they went to Wimbledon Foodbank.

Another was St Cecilia's Church of England secondary school in Wandsworth (below right), where each of the houses collected donations.



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Raising money for Glass Door, whatever the weather

Having completed our first season for homeless charity Glass Door this year, St Margaret, Putney was inspired to fundraise for them further, especially given the difficulties of this time and the coming winter, writes the Revd Dr Brutus Green, Vicar at St Margaret's.

To that end, we optimistically signed up for the big Sleep Out. The weather was unambiguous and the administrator's offering of a fire pit to huddle around wildly optimistic on a weekend of perpetual rain.

Fortified by wine and pizza, and after a solemn candlelit Compline, an undeterred dozen braved the elements for an eventful night. Despite the slashing rain, the organist, who had misplaced his shoes, insisted on bounding across the garden in his sleeping bag, narrowly avoiding trench foot as he sought the ex-army chaplain vicar's camouflaged bivouac.

This exuberance woke the octogenarian churchwarden who, on arising to obey a call of nature, had to retrieve his dog from a late night walk down an unlit lane/swamp.



As the bell tolled 4.00am directly above the administrator, the parish gazebo collapsed under the weight of rain for a full immersion baptism of two surprised unfortunates.

Reuniting for a dawn breakfast of bacon butties and hot tea, the night terrors were put to an end, and, *après le deluge*, the collection stood strong as the majority contributor to the parish's £12,550 raised so far in 2020 for Glass Door.

As a hands-on opportunity to engage with Creation-season and to support people affected by homelessness, we cannot commend the Sleep Out highly enough.

Coming up: Robes' sponsored SleepIn

Homeless charity Robes is running a sponsored SleepIn this year instead of its usual SleepOut. Participants can sleep anywhere, whether that is their garden, balcony or living room. The only requirement is that they do not sleep in a bed. The event will take place on 27 November. To find out how to take part, visit robes.org.uk/sleepout-rob





## DISCIPLESHIP & MINISTRY

Remembrance

# In the midst of life, remembering those we have lost

*As we enter November, the Revd Joshua Rey, Vicar at Holy Trinity, Roehampton and the chair of the Bishop's Advisory Group on Liturgy, reflects on the deep significance of Remembrance to the life of the Church and the people within it. Plus, on page 9, we share some of the ways in which the Diocese has marked, and continues to mark, the sacrifice of those who died for us.*

*In the midst of life we are in death:  
of whom may we seek for succour,  
but of thee, O Lord?*

These words, though not in the Bible, go a long way back in the life of God's people. In the middle ages they were sung in Latin, *media vita in morte sumus*, and at the Reformation Cranmer put them in the Prayer Book for the priest to say at the graveside.

They did not, however, make it into the Common Worship funeral service, beautiful and comforting as that liturgy



*As GMT confirms its darkening grip on our days, what is more natural than that hearts and minds turn toward loss and ending?*

is. Moreover, it is instructive that the BCP order is not, as in Common Worship, titled The Funeral Service. It is, frankly, The Order for the Burial of the Dead; and the rubric says that the *media vita in morte* is said "while the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth".

In centuries gone by, death was physically in the midst of life. The living population of the village walked to Church every Sunday through the graveyard where the cloud of witnesses of their forebears lay. The bodies of those who had died lay in the front rooms of the family home awaiting burial and the wake. Today, though better at preserving life, for which we may give hearty thanks, we are also more distanced from the reality of death.

But sorrow, loss, and at length death, are realities with which we all reckon at one time or another. And if our seasons and lives are less punctuated by moments for reflecting on death, we may find it harder to enter into this well. Thus we are thankful for the informal octave of Remembrance between the Sunday of All Saints-tide and Remembrance Sunday.

The clocks have gone back. As GMT confirms its darkening grip on our afternoons, the leaves fall. What is more natural than that hearts and minds turn toward loss and ending? And in the first week of November these feelings and thoughts have a proper liturgical focus, a way for us to work together at reckoning with loss and mortality.

On 1 November, we remember those great ones who have gone before us to glory, leaving us an example of life, and often an example of facing death with courage and hope. On the 2nd we may keep All Souls, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. And on the following Sunday we gather around War Memorials for an Act of Remembrance – a service that often draws those who otherwise do not find their way to Church.

### Renewed purpose

This year, many of us will keep this short season with renewed seriousness of purpose. It is true that the death toll from COVID-19 has been, thanks to a shared national effort and sacrifice, mercifully low relative to what many feared at the start of the year, and still less than a tenth of the number who die of all causes in a typical year. Yet the Coronavirus has brought thoughts of mortality and loss to us all. It has reminded us that this mortal life is perilous. Those who have faced bereavement and illness with fortitude in years gone by know this path of reflection



**The War Memorial on Borough High Street, close to Southwark Cathedral.**

and sorrow all too well. But this year we have all walked it to some degree.

At Holy Trinity, Roehampton, we will keep All Saints as a festival of light and rejoicing in the Parish Eucharist, since the day falls on a Sunday this year. Next day, Monday 2nd, we will gather in more sombre mood around noon, for our All Souls Eucharist, with the reading of the names of those we love but see no more, which Congregation and Parish have sent in. On the following evenings, Evening Prayer will be followed by a time of quiet reflection, with the chance to light a candle, some bidding prayers, and again the reading of names for Commemoration, with Compline to end. On Sunday 8 November, the cycle concludes with the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial after the Parish Eucharist, when congregation and wider parish join in the simple remembering Silence.

All parishes will find different ways to keep this time in a way that is glorifying to

God and helpful for his people, according to the needs and temper of the place. It was to assist parishes in doing this that Bishop Christopher commissioned his Advisory Group for Liturgy to come up with the compendium of resources that has been circulated. It is intended to be a wide-ranging collection. Not all of it will fit in every situation, but by the same token, we hope most will find something that strikes a chord. If you would like to suggest further content for a second edition next year, please do get in touch.

### An honest reckoning

The theme of this material is honest reckoning under God with the reality of death and loss. Thus, though solemn, these resources are not meant to be gloomy. Frank acknowledgement of sorrow and mortality is also, in a Christian context, a reckoning with faith, hope and love. Death is a reality. We know this afresh each year



A new sign brings history to life on the church site at St Philip, Cheam

At the Annual Church General Meeting in April 2018, Violet Williams asked what could be done to improve St Philip’s church site, which included the graveyard and First World War Memorial, writes John Ruske, Churchwarden.

This led to a request for a sign to commemorate the War Memorial and St Philip’s (demolished in the late 1970s because of subsidence).

The church congregation initially worshiped in Christ Church, the local Methodist church; but in the early 1990s the two congregations came together to become Christ Church with St Philip, Worcester Park.

In October 2018, I approached Luke Tatam, secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, for advice on a faculty application. I also approached the London Borough of Sutton, which supported the proposal for a commemorative sign and offered a Public Realm grant to fund the costs on the understanding that it would focus equally on the War Memorial and St Philip’s.

Considerable historical data was provided by local historian David Rymill. David’s information was edited by me

and my colleagues, including the local Environment Officer at the London Borough of Sutton. This all led to a Faculty application at the end of 2019.

Some delay was occasioned, mainly because of COVID-19, but in mid-2020 the faculty was approved and the Commemorative sign installed on 10 September (see below).

The sign comprises an explanation of the War Memorial, a short history of St Philip’s and three photographs: one of the Memorial, one of the church and a third of one church window featuring St Francis with birds and animals.

The War Memorial (right) bears the names of 49 WWI casualties, many of whom were killed in Northern France and Flanders, but some who perished further afield, including one buried near Thessaloniki in Greece and one in Asia Minor.



The memorial also recognises women who risked their lives in the conflict, including a 25-year-old munitions worker who was killed in an explosion at the Brock’s factory in Gander Green Lane in 1916.

In April 2017, the War Memorial was awarded Grade II-listed status by Historic England, as an eloquent witness to the tragic impact of world events on this local community, and as a well-designed and imposing Calvary cross. It was designed in 1920 by W A Forsyth, a London architect, at the same time as parishioners commissioned J C Bewsey to design a stained-glass window, now situated in Christ Church with St Philip.

Remembrance resources



The Bishop’s Advisory Group on Liturgy (BAGL) has produced a collection of Liturgical Resources for Services for Lament and Loss. These can be used to augment Remembrance Sunday services or in tackling the subject of loss and bereavement around Coronavirus. You can download them from: [bit.ly/BAGLRemembrance](https://bit.ly/BAGLRemembrance)

The National Church has also produced a range of resources for use in this season of remembrance, which can be found at [bit.ly/CofERemembrance](https://bit.ly/CofERemembrance). They include:

- prayer cards
- season-specific liturgies and prayers
- information and advice on preparing memorial services.

Official national Government guidance on the restrictions in place from 5 November can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

The Royal British Legion website has COVID-safe ideas for people to perform acts of remembrance when they are unable to gather together. See: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance>

The Royal British Legion is also encouraging people to log on to online Remembrance services (the National Church’s Remembrance service on 8 November can be found at: <http://bit.ly/CofEonlineservices>)



Preserving parish history at St Anne, Wandsworth



The War Memorial at St Anne, Wandsworth, which bears the names of the 313 men of the parish who died in the 1914-18 war, and which has recently been carefully and sensitively relocated as part of a major building project.

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at Good Friday, and in the Good Fridays of our own lives. We do not deny its weight. Yet dark as the darkness may be, the light shines in it, and the light is the eternal light of the life of Christ.

In this mortal world there is indeed, in the words of the hymn, “change and decay in all around I see”. Hard as it can be, it is wholesome to live bravely with this reality. Yet as we live with the truth that in the midst of life we are in death, we can never part company with the deeper truth of Easter, of which Cranmer speaks with such deep poetry. We live in the “sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ”. As we enter honestly into Remembrance, may we also, in due time, enter fully into the Risen life of Christ.



LET US PRAY...

The prayers have been chosen by the Revd Canon Andrew Zihni, Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, a member of the Bishop’s Advisory Group on Liturgy and recently appointed Canon Precentor (see page 11).

O God, our refuge and strength,  
You meet us in our sorrow and lift up our eyes  
to the peace and light of your constant care.  
Help us so to hear your word of grace  
that our fears may be dispelled by your love,  
and our loneliness eased by your presence,  
as, together with those whom we remember,  
we wait in hope for the coming of your Kingdom  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



To listen to an audio version of these prayers, visit our website: [southwark.anglican.org/news/dailyprayer](https://southwark.anglican.org/news/dailyprayer)

Grant to us, Lord God,  
to trust you not for ourselves alone,  
but also for those whom we love  
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;  
that, as we believe your power to have raised  
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,  
so may we trust your love to give eternal life,  
together with all the saints,  
to all who believe in him;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.





## IN FOCUS...

### Diocesan news

# Parish giving made simple with access to new scheme

**The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is now available free to all parishes, writes Gabby Parikh, Diocesan Head of Giving.**

PGS is a professional, simple and secure tool for churches to manage their giving. The scheme is used by more than 50,000 donors from the Church of England across 29 Dioceses and has been resourcing mission and growing giving in churches across the UK since 2011.

PGS benefits churches, Treasurers and those who give, offering:

- monthly reclaim of Gift Aid, improving cash flow, saving precious time and resources for your church
- complete control for donors over their giving; they can give on a monthly,

- quarterly or annual basis
- protection against static giving, offering donors the opportunity to inflation-match their gift
- 100% of the money donated going to your parish.



If you want to find out more, please join one of the Giving Team's online webinars in November. Titled *How PGS can help your church*, they will feature Helen Richardson (Chief Executive of PGS), Gabby Parikh (Head of Giving) and some of the Diocese's pilot parishes, as well as taking time to address any questions you may have.

The webinars will run on Tuesday 17 November (1.00pm) and Monday 23 November (7.30pm). To sign up, please fill in the online form at: [bit.ly/PGSwebinar](https://bit.ly/PGSwebinar)

## A new face in the Diocesan Giving Team

We are thrilled to welcome a new member to the Giving Team, Clare Lucas, as a Generous Giving Adviser. Clare (right) is the first advisor to be appointed and funded from the Archbishop's Council's Giving Advisor Fund. She will enable us to better support parishes in growing generosity and encouraging giving.



Clare said: "I am so excited to get to know the parishes in Southwark, united under our generous God, and consider with them what it looks like to be generous in response to Him."

Her work will include helping parishes with the digital mechanisms of giving, such as contactless, online and the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

## MBE recognition for Southwark Honorary Minor Canon

The Revd Prebendary Jonathan Osborne (right), Honorary Minor Canon at Southwark Cathedral and Senior Chaplain of the Metropolitan Police, has been appointed MBE.

Jonathan said: "I'm humbled and proud to receive this award. It's even more special as it is for the job I absolutely love and for the work I do with some of the most amazing people."

He joined the Met 11 years ago, and for the past three has also served as Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM the Queen at the Chapel Royal.



## Diocese welcomes a new Communications Director

**From 2 November, the Diocese will have a new Director of Communications.**

Sophia Jones has a long history of working in communications, most recently at the Mothers' Union, where she was Senior Communications Manager.

Before that, she worked in a range of organisations both here in the UK and in Africa, including Tearfund, Christian Aid and World Vision. Her passion is bringing stories from the field to a wider audience, highlighting the issues faced by people working on the ground.



The Bishop said: "Sophia's remarkably varied combination of gifts and experience will equip us to share the Good News with the people of South London and East Surrey. I am certain that she will enable us to find new and imaginative ways of sharing many wonderful, vibrant stories about our churches and communities."

Ruth Martin, the Diocesan Secretary, added: "Sophia brings with her vast professional communications experience in different contexts, and will play a leading role building on the new steps that we have been taking during lockdown to enhance our digital communications presence."

Sophia said: "I am very excited to be joining Southwark Diocese as its Director of Communications. I am looking forward to building on the excellent communications work that is already there and supporting the clergy and laity in the parishes of this vibrant Diocese in sharing our stories."

## New head of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation department appointed

**A new head of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation department has been appointed.**

Nicola Thomas (pictured right), who is currently Deputy Director of Refugee Integration and Vulnerability at the Home Office, will be joining the team in January 2021.

She said: "I am really excited by the opportunity to use the skills and experience I have developed over 20 years as a civil servant to serve parishes. This role brings together

many of the things I am passionate about: addressing structural poverty and injustice, developing a sustainable way of living, and serving God by working with and for his people."

Bishop Christopher said: "There are many challenges in our society at present and the work of the Head of JPIC is to help the Diocese to think about how best to engage with them and to bring about a more just society. We are privileged that Nicola Thomas is joining the Diocese."

He added: "I look forward to the work that she will help to enable across the Diocese and in the wider world."

The Revd Canon Jay Colwill, Director of Mission, added: "As part of our commitment to the Five Marks of Mission, we are wanting to work together in the Diocese to seek to bring about justice for those who are marginalised in our society. This is a huge task and Nicola is admirably experienced and equipped to lead us in this work."







## IN FOCUS...

News from our parishes

# “We were determined to carry on supporting local young arts professionals”

**St Michael, Stockwell launched its fourth annual Arts Festival on 17 October, the day London went into Tier Two COVID restrictions, writes the Revd Erica Wooff, Vicar at St Michael.**

We therefore adapted our usual live performance programme to offer a range of outside and online events, and streamable content to be enjoyed from the comfort and safety of home.

Pandemic or no pandemic, as the vicar, I was determined that the Arts Festival would continue, and that we would carry on supporting local young professional classical musicians, dancers and artists through live performances –

and by being paid the going professional rates.

Our programme centred on classical music performed by our resident orchestra, the Brixton Chamber Orchestra. This was recorded with the musicians sitting socially distanced from each other under, at that time, Tier One restrictions, in St Michael's church, and released on video every evening for a week.

Our programme also catered to a wide variety of tastes, including contemporary dance by adults and local children, online book clubs with local novelists, a virtual poetry walk through the parish, and an online art exhibition.



Derryck Nasib,  
Brixton Chamber Orchestra.



Each year, we choose a painting of St Michael's to feature as the cover image for the Festival. This year, it was a watercolour by Jeremy Hunt (left). Jeremy died recently, and the family donated his local works to the Arts Festival exhibition. I would like to thank them very much.

There was also an opportunity for local people to showcase their artistic talents through art and photography competitions. Finally, closing out the Festival was a Eucharist of Thanksgiving, featuring some blues and spiritual accompaniment from Blues and Twos Jazz Ensemble.

The whole Festival remains online at [www.stmaf.org](http://www.stmaf.org) and on our YouTube channel at <http://bit.ly/StMichaelArts>

## How North Lambeth overcame COVID for Christian Aid

**What were we to do? Christian Aid needed money now more than at any time with COVID-19 rampaging the world and poor people hit, as always, the hardest. Our usual, very popular Movable Feast (people moving to different households for different courses of a meal) was not going to happen. So we needed a new idea.**



Picnics in gardens and parks – all outside and no more than five to six people invited – seemed an answer. We could also auction goods, possibly some items made during the long lockdown hours.

Several meetings later and with various posters and adverts in place, we contacted all our e-mail and church groups and waited.

And it worked.

Such happy picnics everywhere with a large variety of food, a Zoom auction of jams, baby cardigans, flowers, perfumes, walks for six in central London (see above, right), and a quiz, gave so much pleasure.

It's amazing what a bit of imagination and creativity can do and it will have inspired new ideas for fundraising in the future. We managed to raise well over £3,000 and, with the amount raised in the spring, we have now topped £10,000 – considerably more than in previous years. People have been so generous.

Are we one of the only groups to have benefited from Coronavirus?

**Ursula Ovenden**

## Concertgoers tune in for charity at South Beddington



**St Michael and All Angels in South Beddington hosted a socially distanced charity concert in its garden on Saturday 12 September.**

Four West End singers entertained more than 100 people during two outdoor performances in the September sunshine with both popular favourites and less well-known songs. Everyone had pre-booked their space, and the audience were seated in their “boxes”, distanced from each other but still all enjoying the occasion.

The singers were Joseph Claus (most recently in *The Wizard of*

*Oz* in Leeds Playhouse); Nancy Sullivan (who played Eponine in *Les Misérables* in London and has appeared in BBC drama *Call the Midwife*); Kris Manuel (who was appearing in *Phantom of the Opera* until the show was closed down by COVID-19); and Nadim Namaan (*Phantom of the Opera* and Cameron Mackintosh's production of *Sweeney Todd*).

The concert was performed in aid of the Red Cross and the Lebanese Red Cross, to raise money for the Beirut appeal, which was set up in the wake of the explosion at the port on 4 August. The final total raised on the day was just under £1,000.





## DISCIPLESHIP & MINISTRY

### *Environmental injustice*

# “Our brothers and sisters need us to wake up now”

The question of environmental racism was at the heart of this year’s flagship Black History Month event, staged in partnership with Christian Aid by the Diocese of Southwark.

The event, titled *Waiting to Exhale: BLM 2020*, took place on the morning of 3 October. Almost 110 people from as far afield as Ghana and Kenya joined the online event to hear speakers including Amanda Mukwashi, Chief Executive of Christian Aid; theologian Professor Robert Beckford; Perk Pomeyie, National Co-ordinator for the Ghana Youth Environmental Network; and Richard Reddie, Director of Churches Together in Britain and Northern Ireland.

The event took place just over four months after George Floyd was killed, triggering worldwide protests over police brutality and endemic racism. His final words, “I can’t breathe”, served as a springboard for the organisers to explore the wider economic, political and environmental injustices faced by Black people.

In introducing the event, the Venerable Rosemarie Mallett, Archdeacon of Croydon, said: “The event was called *Waiting to Exhale* because I think both here and in the Global South people really want to be able to breathe well. George Floyd said, ‘I can’t breathe’. At the moment we know our planet is struggling to breathe.”

In her keynote address, Amanda Mukwashi continued this theme. Noting

that Christian Aid existed to help those suffering the effects of injustice, she added that climate change was one such injustice. “For many of the people I have seen in my travels around the world,” she said, “climate change is not just a threat, a future that is feared; it is a present-day reality.”

The time was now to act on climate injustice, she said: “Our brothers and sisters around the world need us to wake up now.”

Following Amanda’s speech, a panel discussion looked at the results of a landmark poll by Christian Aid on Black Christians and climate justice, which show a significant gap between Black Christians’ knowledge of and engagement with the issues and the racial diversity of the climate justice movement.

Other sessions covered the history of climate injustice, and how the increase in carbon emissions began in Black enslavement; stewardship for the common good, with a focus on linkages between the Global South and Global North; and health and well-being, most notably how COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting Black and brown people.

There was also a session on young people and climate action, at which Perk Pomeyie shared his experiences of climate activism in Ghana, and how it feels as a young person to be affected by something to which you did not contribute.



Perk Pomeyie leads a rally of young environmentalists in Ghana in 2019.



## GET INVOLVED...

### The Story of Us campaign skills workshop

Christian Aid is offering an online workshop on Tuesday 17 November at 2.30pm, repeated on Thursday 19 November at 6.00pm, to equip Black Christians to communicate their own stories of climate justice to the wider community. Sign up via EventBrite (17 November: [bit.ly/3e369at](https://bit.ly/3e369at); 19 November: [bit.ly/3klMDmc](https://bit.ly/3klMDmc))

### Become a Climate Justice Church Ambassador for Change

Christian Aid offers a range of tools to help engage people in your Church with climate justice. These include the Climate Justice Tool (right), a guide to help Black faith leaders and Christians explore positive action in Bible study groups, sermons and community outreach. For more information, e-mail [SJNii-Adjei@christian-aid.org](mailto:SJNii-Adjei@christian-aid.org)

### Aged 18-30? Be an agent for change

Young Christians aged 18-30 can join Christian Aid’s Prophetic Activist scheme, a year-long volunteering opportunity. The scheme will soon be inviting applications to join the next stage – e-mail [campaigns@christian-aid.org](mailto:campaigns@christian-aid.org) to be among the first to hear details of how to apply.

### Read more...

Find Christian Aid’s *Black Lives Matter Everywhere* report on race and attitudes to climate change at: <http://bit.ly/BLMEverywhere>



## “Christians should imagine a better future, and then make it happen”: a report on the Green Christian Festival

*At the Green Christian Festival in October, titled Re-imagining the Promised Land, people gathered online to take part in three days of talks, panel discussions and worship aimed at bringing about a better future. The Diocese’s Environmental Officer Sue Mallinson shares her impressions.*



an effective Energy Bill (March 2021), and international support of the UN Climate Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November.

Bishop James Jones (above), one of the introductory speakers, said: “We believe in earthing

Heaven, but are practising the earthing of Hell.”

The recent Bristol Lord Mayor, Cleo Lake, and Christian Climate Action/XR campaigner, Melanie Nazareth, called for people to work together for environmental justice and social justice. Jonathan Porritt said it was a time of politically blighted imagination but the young had shown the way.

Imagination and collaboration came from the founders of Transition Towns and of Climate Museum UK. The power of reflection and prayer was mentioned, developing our

trust in God, the future “cloud of unknowing”.

More expert, practical advice led to good discussion in break-out groups, including advice on how to get the news onto the streets by an enthusiast from Lincoln, a sustainable city that declared a Climate Emergency.

Finally, Professor Ghilleen Prance, former Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, called for action, for scientists and politicians to be brought together, and for biodiversity, rewilding, crop rotation and tree-planting to be considered essential across the world.

Aware of the state of the planet, we moved from deep Lament towards Hope. Through presentations, discussion and worship we learned of the misuse and depletion of natural diversity; that the riches have not been well shared; yet there was reason for hope. Christians

should imagine a better future and make it happen.

With little time for adjustment, people need to make their views known, for social as well as for environmental justice. Increasingly, it is felt that people of faith are listened to. In the UK, we need to focus efforts on



# WHAT'S ON

Please send details of your next events for DECEMBER ONWARDS to Trinity House **BY FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER**



## November

### THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

- \* **ONLINE** — Equipping Your Church to Bless Your Community, an interactive webinar for clergy and lay leaders led by Together Southwark in association with online giving charity Acts435, on how churches can support the community and church members who may fall on hard times. 10.30-11.30am. Free. Register at [bit.ly/34xwJfJ](https://bit.ly/34xwJfJ)

### FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

- \* **LONDON-WIDE** — Robes, the charity that helps to provide shelter for those who find themselves homeless in London, is holding a sponsored "SleepIn". From 6.30pm. Find more information at <https://robes.org.uk/>

### SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

- \* **ONLINE** — the first of four weekly online retreat sessions for Advent from St Augustine's College of Theology, on a theme of "Waiting, Watching, Rejoicing, Consoling". Free but donations welcomed. Register using this link: <https://staugustinescollege.ac.uk/login>

## January

### FRIDAY 8 JANUARY & SATURDAY 9 JANUARY

- \* **ONLINE** — Faith and Science in the Local Church, a two-day online conference from the Faraday Institute for lay and ordained Christian leaders. £50. Book at: <http://bit.ly/FaradayChurch>

### Covid Tales from Tom's Bench

#### Covid Tales from Tom's Bench: a Photography Exhibition by Jim Grover

Showing online until 31 December at [www.jimgroverphotography.com](http://www.jimgroverphotography.com)

Each day in August 2020, award-winning social documentary photographer Jim Grover photographed someone or some group sitting on the same park bench, erected in memory of "Honest Tom", on Clapham Common, South London and asked them how Covid had affected their lives. The resulting photographs and stories are available to view until the end of December 2020.



2nd August. Dave. Photo by Jim Grover

### Andrew Zihni appointed Precentor

The Revd Andrew Zihni (right) was announced as Southwark Cathedral's new Canon Precentor on 25 October.

Andrew is currently Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands and an Honorary Minor Canon at the Cathedral.



Before joining the Diocese of Southwark in 2014, he was a Minor Canon and School Chaplain at St George's, Windsor. In this role, Andrew organised the daily services and state occasions at St George's Chapel.

Andrew said of his appointment: "I am delighted to have been offered the opportunity of this new ministry and the privilege of working alongside the Dean and other colleagues at the Cathedral."

Bishop Christopher said: "Andrew is admirably suited to the role of Precentor at Southwark Cathedral bringing, as he does, experience of co-ordinating liturgy at St George's Windsor. I am delighted that we have been able to appoint such a gifted liturgist."

The Dean, Andrew Nunn, said: "Andrew brings significant skills and experience which will help us to continue to develop our liturgy and worship. We are also delighted that he brings his background in vocations to this role so that we can help to further nurture vocations in the Cathedral community."

You can hear Andrew reading for this month's Let Us Pray section on page 7 at [southwark.anglican.org/news/dailyprayer](https://southwark.anglican.org/news/dailyprayer)

### Archbishops' Council rewards Southwark with sustainability funding

Bishop Christopher writes...

I am delighted to be able to share some good news with you. The Archbishops' Council has awarded the Diocese of Southwark a £600,000 sustainability funding grant to help us with the consequences of COVID.

We are very grateful to the Archbishops' Council for this grant, especially as it is given to us partly in recognition of the fact that our Diocesan finances are effectively managed. It also takes into account that, as we are a more recently founded Diocese, we have fewer historical resources compared to many other Dioceses. The Archbishops' Council, therefore, recognised that we did not in consequence have the same options to generate funds when COVID-19 struck.

Although we have been affected by reduced investment and fee income and faced restrictions on property rentals, our parishes have been magnificent in the way that they have honoured their Parish Support Fund pledges throughout the current year and this is what has impressed the Church Commissioners.



I wish, therefore, to send my personal thanks and appreciation to all our parishes in acknowledgment of the way you have held faith with the wider Diocesan family and worked so hard to maintain regular PSF payments even when experiencing financial difficulties. I know that the cessation of hall hire income has had a significant impact on parish income, as well as the reductions in giving from parishioners when they were furloughed or without income.

Since the introduction of the PSF, five years ago, parishes have maintained a magnificent pattern of fulfilling their pledges – over 99% in each of the last four years.

At the moment of writing, even

in this very challenging year, our parishes have given sacrificially and held faith with the PSF and have maintained a rate of giving which means we have collected nearly 97% of what was pledged. That is truly magnificent and I am very grateful to you all. The Church Commissioners have given us this grant in recognition that our shortfall this year is as a result of COVID-19 and in reducing our deficit this will help us all.

As a Diocese we have also taken action and reduced our core costs by a similar amount, which also helps to alleviate our deficit. We are looking forward to the future and strengthening our partnership working together.

We do need very much to remain vigilant as we prepare the budget for 2021, as we know it will not be an easy year either. Our capacity to fund mission and ministry across the Diocese will, as always, very much depend on the level of PSF pledges and giving; but my purpose in writing to you now is simply to express gratitude in the context of this good news.

With my thanks for our partnership in the Gospel, together with my prayers and blessing.



# Four bishops, five services and two dozen curates: ordinations to the priesthood in Southwark Diocese



Clockwise from far left: the new priests in Woolwich; the Kingston 1.00pm service; new priests at Croydon; the Kingston 10.00am service; the Wimbledon, Emmanuel service.



**Southwark Diocese's delayed ordinations to the priesthood went ahead on Saturday 17 October, with four bishops presiding over five different services over the course of the day.**

The ordinations had been postponed from the summer owing to the Coronavirus pandemic, and ongoing restrictions meant that the deacons from Kingston Episcopal Area had to be ordained in separate services.

Bishop Christopher, who performed the ordinations for the Woolwich Episcopal Area at St Michael, East Wickham, said: "It is wonderful that we are together here, and that others are able to join us and are Zooming in online. We are very much part of a greater company. But part of that greater company are those who have gone before us."

Bishop Richard performed the ordinations for Kingston in two separate services

at All Saints, Kingston. Bishop Jonathan ordained the Croydon Episcopal Area deacons at St Mary, Reigate.

The final ordination was performed by the Rt Revd Rod Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone, at Emmanuel, Wimbledon.

The list of new priests is as follows. Each will continue to serve their curacies in the parishes indicated.

## Croydon Episcopal Area

**Ruth Chapman**  
Warlingham with Chelsham and Farleigh Team Ministry

**Paul Fitzpatrick**  
South Beddington & Roundshaw

**Erin Gilmour**  
Reigate, St Mary Magdalene

**Hannah Gordon**  
Carshalton Beeches, The Good Shepherd

**Reginald Grant**  
Reigate, St Mark

## Kingston Episcopal Area

**Hayley-Noëlle Argles-Grant**  
Streatham, St Leonard

**Timothy Armstrong**  
Wandsworth, St Michael & All Angels with St Stephen

**Sarah Atkins**  
Ham, St Richard

**Dr Emmanuel Baikie**  
Surbiton Hill, Christ Church

**Martin Calderbank**  
Barnes Team Ministry

**Dr Stephen Davidson**  
North Lambeth Team Ministry

**Bernadette Excell**  
Balham, St Mary & St John the Divine

**Jonathan Haynes**  
Parish of Putney

**Michael Johns-Perring**  
Surbiton, St Andrew & St Mark

**Timothy Jones**  
Clapham, Holy Trinity

**Emma Lowth**  
Gipsy Hill, Christ Church

**Nicholas Quanrud**  
Kennington, St John the Divine w St James the Apostle

**Joshua Skidmore**  
Wimbledon, Emmanuel

**Santhosh Thomas**  
South Wimbledon, St Andrew

**Sarah Whitehouse QC**  
Tooting, All Saints

## Woolwich Episcopal Area

**Elizabeth Anne Barnett**  
Dulwich, St Barnabas

**Trini Mari Carolina Bates**  
East Wickham, St Michael

**Tomos Lodwick Reed**  
South Dulwich, St Stephen

## Bishop Christopher licenses two new chaplains for Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

**Two new hospital chaplains were licensed to serve in Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust on 12 October by Bishop Christopher, in a service which took place at the Old Royal Naval College.**

The new chaplains were the Revd Frances Nestor, formerly Assistant Curate in the Catford, Southend and Downham Team Ministry, and the Revd Gareth Davies, Assistant Curate of All Saints, West Dulwich.

The licensings were part of a service of thanksgiving for the work of NHS chaplains serving on the front line.

The Venerable Alastair Cutting, Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich, who was preaching, said: "Chaplaincy has played a vital role during the Coronavirus pandemic, from supporting front-line medical staff, to holding iPads for last farewells when family may not be present, to taking the funerals of patients, and of staff who in turn became patients, too."



Alastair paid tribute to those working in hospitals during the pandemic. These were our NHS heroes, he said, "as they have rightly been called, and hailed as such by monarchs and politicians, by communities and families alike."

He also paid tribute to Edith Cavell, a nurse in the First World War who was executed for funnelling British patients and other Allied soldiers to the neutral Netherlands, and who is remembered in the Church lectionary on 12 October.