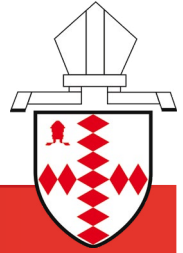


NOTICEBOARD



*News and Events from the Diocese of Southwark
APRIL 2022*

Thy Kingdom Come

27 May-5 June 2022

This year's theme for Thy Kingdom Come is "All God's people", and we will be praying daily from 26 May to 5 June for the lives and ministry of those in this Diocese and beyond.

Jay Colwill, Director of Mission and Canon Missioner, said: "We recognise that in our diversity of ethnicity, place and vocation, we are united under Jesus Christ, the Servant King. Each parish, school or community will pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' with their own specific focus. This might be in response to national events, local needs or global concerns."

A pack of prayer materials will be posted to parishes at the end of April, with further resources available online from May. Visit <https://southwark.anglican.org/tkc> for more details.

Season of Lay Ministries

19 June-10 July

In order to celebrate those in lay ministry in our Diocese, Bishop Christopher has declared the four weeks from the 1st Sunday after Trinity (19 June) to the 4th Sunday after Trinity (10 July) to be A Season of Lay Ministries. He said: "As God's people we are all called to show God's love to those around us in the way in which we live. Our discipleship leads us to acts of ministry and care for others. I hope that this Season of Lay Ministries will enable us all to focus on the mission, ministry and vocation of all God's people."

To help mark the occasion, a series of sermon outlines and prayers will be emailed to clergy and lay ministers in time for Vocations Sunday on 8 May, with other resources following nearer the time. Please do consider including them in your services.

Find more information at <https://southwark.anglican.org/lay-ministries>. If you would like further copies of our lay ministries leaflets, email communications@southwark.anglican.org

PERSONNEL

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Kevin Lewis, presently Vicar of Carshalton Beeches, The Good Shepherd, is to be commissioned also as Area Dean of Sutton, on 16 March 2022, by the Archdeacon of Reigate.

The Revd Rachele 'Evie' Vernon, presently Non Stipendiary Minister of Croydon, Christ Church (Broad Green), is to be licensed as Assistant Curate of Addiscombe, St Mildred, on 10 April 2022, by the Archdeacon of Croydon.

The Revd Antonio Garcia Fuerte, presently Curate of Southwark, Holy Trinity w St Matthew, is to be licensed as Vicar of Upper Norwood, All Saints w St Margaret, on 25 April 2022, by the Rt Revd Robert Gillion.

The Revd Sarah Farrow, presently Vice Dean of King's College in the Diocese of London, is to be licensed as Chaplain to the St Thomas's and Waterloo Campuses, on 25 April 2022, by the Bishop of Kingston.

The Revd Ellen Clark-King, presently Dean of King's College London, is to be licensed as holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Public Preacher's Licence (PPL), on 25 April 2022, by the Bishop of Kingston.

The Revd Angela Rayner, presently Curate of King's Lynn, St Margaret w St Nicholas, in the Diocese of Norwich, is to be instituted as Vicar of Upper Tooting, Holy Trinity & St Augustine United Benefice, on 27 April 2022, by the Bishop of Kingston.

The Revd Margaret Cave, presently Team Rector of East Greenwich Team Ministry, is to be licensed as holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Public Preacher's Licence (PPL), on 1 May 2022, by the Bishop of Southwark.

The Revd Carole Wyman, presently Curate of Kilburn, Priory Road (St Mary) w All Souls and w Hampstead St James, in the Diocese of London, is to be licensed as Curate of Eltham, St John, on 8 May 2022 by the Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich.

The Revd Nicholas Quanrud, Curate of Kennington, St John the Divine, is to be licensed as Associate Priest of North Dulwich, St Faith, on 16 May 2022, by the Bishop of Southwark.

The Revd Canon Mark Williams, presently Vicar of Kennington, St John the Divine, is to be licensed also as Priest-in-Charge of North Dulwich, St Faith on 16 May 2022, by the Bishop of Southwark.

The Revd Giles Fraser, presently Rector of Newington, St Mary, is to be instituted as Vicar of Kew, St Anne, on 25 May 2022, by the Bishop of Kingston.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS

The Revd Jonathan Sedgwick, presently Acting Archdeacon of Southwark, and Vicar of Southwark, St George the Martyr w St Alphege & St Jude, resigned on 31 March 2022, to take up the post of Archdeacon of Southwark, on 15 May 2022.

PERSONNEL

The Revd Arthur Obiora, resigned the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 10 March.

The Revd Patrick Malone, formerly Priest-in-Charge of Battersea, St Peter & St Paul, is to resign on 17 April 2022.

The Revd Andrew Cunnington, presently Vicar of Redhill, St Matthew, is to resign on 20 April 2022, to move to the parish of All Saints Findon Valley w St Peter High Salvington, in the Diocese of Chichester.

The Revd Alistair Forster, presently Curate of Norbury, St Oswald, is to resign on 4 May 2022, to take up the post of Priest-in-Charge of Axbridge with Shipham and Rowberrow in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Revd Jacob Mercer, presently Assistant Curate of Bermondsey, St James w Christ Church & St Anne, is to resign on 30 May 2022, to take up the post of Priest-in-Charge of St Brigid's Church, Mallusk in the Church of Ireland.

The Revd Paul Ensor, presently Vicar of Kennington Park, St Agnes, is to retire on 30 June 2022.

The Revd Raewynne Whiteley, presently Deputy Director of Discipleship and Ministry, and Associate Priest of Sanderstead, St Mary, is to resign on 31 July 2022, to take up the post of Warden of Wollaston Theological College, in the Diocese of Perth, Western Australia.

The Revd Clive Welham, presently Vicar of Plumstead Common, United Benefice is to retire on 1 August 2022.

The Revd Simon Foster, presently Vicar of Croydon, St Matthew and Area Dean of Croydon Central, is to retire on 31 August 2022.

The Revd Stephen Bishop, presently Assistant Priest (NSM) of Purley, Christ Church, is to resign (final day yet to be confirmed).

PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

The Revd Jane Kustner, currently Minister without Stipend of St Mary, Shortlands, Beckenham in the Diocese of Rochester, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 7 March 2022.

The Revd James 'Jim' Houghton, presently Curate (SSM) at St Helen's, Bishopsgate in the Diocese of London, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 8 March 2022.

The Revd Susan Height, presently Vicar of North Dulwich, St Faith, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 27 March 2022.

CLERGY VACANCIES

CROYDON AREA

REIGATE ARCHDEACONRY

Reigate, St Luke: Vicar (The Bishop)

CLERGY VACANCIES

KINGSTON AREA

WANDSWORTH ARCHDEACONRY

Kingston Team Ministry, Kingston upon Thames, All Saints: Team Rector (Patronage Board (Bishop, King's College, Cambridge/a TV)).

Wandsworth, St Anne w St Faith: Vicar (The Bishop)

Tooting Graveney, St Nicholas: Rector (The Martyrs Memorial Trust)

OTHER VACANCIES

Professional Assistant to Directorate & Office Manager Secondment at the Diocesan Board of Education

Closing date: Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 12pm

An opportunity has arisen for a secondment for someone from the Diocese or from one of our Diocesan schools into the role of PA & Office Manager at our offices in Union Street (approximately four months). We are urgently seeking a dynamic, highly organised and experienced individual to join our small, effective professional team.

Interested parties are invited to contact Roz Cordner, Diocesan Director of Education on 020 7234 9200, for an informal discussion.

Application packs are available from Elisabeth Sparkes at elisabeth.sparkes@southwark.anglican.org.

Organist & Director of Music

Closing date: 31 May 2022
(They may appoint before then if the right candidate comes along)

St Matthew, Redhill is seeking a Director of Music to play the organ at Sunday morning Eucharists and a monthly evensong, and train and develop the choir in their liberal Catholic tradition. They are keen to expand the range of traditional and contemporary music and seek someone who will nurture that ambition.

For more details, contact Julia Elfred parishadmin@stmatthews-redhill.org.uk

NOTICES

The Queen's Jubilee: we need your photographs!

In order to help celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in June we are inviting people from across the Diocese to send in their photographs of parish visits and personal encounters with the Queen. These will be used as part of a slide show during the Jubilee celebration service at Southwark Cathedral, as well as for a special commemorative article in June's *Bridge* newspaper.

Please send the photographs to communications@southwark.anglican.org by **Monday 9 May**.

Please remember that these photos will be used in a service which will be available online, and will be reproduced in our Diocesan newspaper, so we ask that you consider this and the implications for safeguarding if you send in pictures of children, young people or vulnerable adults.

EVENTS & NOTICES

2022 Energy Footprint Tool

Deadline: 31 July 2022

The 2022 Energy Footprint Tool is now open. This provides key information on the church's progress towards carbon Net Zero because it allows each parish to find out how much CO2 they emit. This information is key at a local and national level for energy efficiency and carbon reduction planning. It lets parishes see their own carbon footprint, and allows the Diocese to target resources where they would be most beneficial. The tool can be found here: <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>

Before you start to complete it you will need to know a figure for the amount of energy you used in 2021 for churches and other buildings such as church halls. The figures can be found on your annual bills, and can either be as kwh used and/or cost (£). You will also be asked for optional information such as the estimated size of the building, number of people attending and the estimated number of hours a week the church is open.

Ukraine: What can I do to help?

Clergy in the Diocese will be able, where appropriate, to host people under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. The first step, if you are considering this, is to speak to your Archdeacon. There is more information available on the Refugees page of the Diocesan website: bit.ly/UkraineSouthwark

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

**Tuesday 5 July 7.30-9am,
Westminster Hall, Houses of Parliament**

Andrew Selous MP and the Christians in Parliament APPG are delighted to invite all clergy in the Diocese to the 2022 National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. It is a great opportunity to pray for our Parliament, Government and politics, to build your relationship with your MP and to reflect upon the relevance of the Christian faith to our public life. The theme this year is 'Serving the Common Good' and the main speaker will be Revd Les Isaac OBE, founder of Street Pastors and President of Ascension Trust. For more information on the programme, please visit the NPPB website.

A central aim of the event is for MPs and church leaders to attend together. Please invite your local MP to attend the breakfast with you. Due to high demand for spaces, at this stage you can only buy a ticket if your MP confirms that they will attend with you. If you are awaiting a response from your MP, please visit the booking page to be added to the waiting list and the Christians in Parliament team will follow up with the MP on your behalf.

To book, please visit: christiansinparliament.org.uk/chl22/ and use the access code **CHL22**. Please note that this link is for church leaders only. Tickets cost £50. If financial cost is a barrier, please contact npb@biblesociety.org.uk as there are a limited number of bursaries available.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Southwark Cathedral does Messy Science

**Saturday 14 May, 2-4pm,
Southwark Cathedral**

The CYP Team & friends, Dr Dave from Messy Science, Bishop Richard and some fabulous young people are leading this event!

The event is open to all, with a variety of different activities including science experiments, crafts and reflections and an opportunity to gather to worship together.

The celebration has a climate justice focus, centred around the story of creation from Genesis 1 in the Bible and how we look after our planet and each other.

Wondering about Messy Science? It uses simple science experiments to fit science and faith together in the exploration of God's life and world. To book go to: <https://messy-science.eventbrite.co.uk>

Five ways to good mental well-being & Christianity

As part of the Healthy London Partnership, under the banner of Good Thinking, The Diocese of London and Southwark have worked alongside The Regional NHS to produce well-being resources for faith groups. Each group has its own bespoke version of the Five Ways to Well-being booklet, which can be found at: <https://www.good-thinking.uk/christianity/>

Inclusive Ministry

**Monday 20 June, 7.30-9.30pm,
Zoom**

Based on her book *Beyond the Children's Corner* (2020), Margaret Pritchard-Houston is leading this event which will cover topics such as: welcoming children as spiritual beings; children's space in church - what is their viewpoint?; doing toy/book corners well; addressing/changing congregational perception of children's presence in services; building intergenerational relationships; and children being involved in decision-making.

To book go to: <https://inclusive-ministry2022.eventbrite.co.uk>

Godly Play for Mental Health & The Role of Play in Managing Bereavement and Loss

**Saturday 16 July, 10.15am-3pm,
St Andrew, Waterloo and Zoom**

The event will be led by Ronni Lamont and will cover the use of Godly Play to enable the processing of emotions and challenges, as well as using play to explore bereavement and other loss (not seeing friends, missing school etc).

The day will include plenty of time for discussion and reflection as we inevitably bring our own experiences to the day. To book go to: <https://play-mental-health.eventbrite.co.uk>

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Commissioning & Licensing for CYP volunteers and leaders

Wednesday 27 April, 7.30-9pm, Zoom

The Diocese has been encouraging lay ministry across our churches; there are so many who give their time generously to support Church life. This session led by Revd Raewynne Whiteley and Keli Bolton is particularly for those who are called to youth, children's and/or family ministry. It is an opportunity to be more formally recognised in your lay role as well as to further develop your skills with the offer of relevant training in either children or youth ministry through the Aurora courses. The children's ministry course begins in September. The youth ministry course will happen in September 2023. To book go to: <https://commissioning-licensing-apr-2022.eventbrite.co.uk>

Online Parish Returns

The Church of England's online parish return system (also known as 'Statistics for Mission' or 'congregational count') has now closed. However, we are still keen to receive data from you if you are able to provide it.

Your data can be submitted by completing the Statistics for Mission form available here: <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>.

The completed form or any queries you may have in relation to this, should be emailed to: data@southwark.anglican.org

Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Archbishop Michael Lewis to visit Croydon

Saturday 7 May, St Michael & All Angels w St James, Poplar Walk, CR0 1UA, Croydon

Welcome at 2.30pm, finishing with a Reception at 5.15pm

Archbishop Michael is based in Cyprus, his ministry includes oversight of parishes, clergy and people in the Holy Land, Iraq and the Gulf states.

He will be giving a lecture about Christians in the Middle East, after which there will be Evensong & Benediction and a drinks reception.

They would like to invite you and those in your networks who are concerned about Christians in this important part of the world and would be delighted to see you. If you can attend, please contact Jenny Sturtevant at: stmandaa@outlook.com

A call for volunteers!

We are calling for volunteers to help in a variety of roles at the Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022 at Bacon's College, Rotherhithe on 1-3 September 2022. The tasks will include registration, directing delegates around the event, helping with decorating and preparing the venue. Training and support will be provided, no special skills or experience necessary. If you're interested, email: sd2022@southwark.anglican.org

Bishop Christopher writes...

'Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and bestowing life on those in their tombs'. These are the words of the Orthodox Paschal Troparion celebrating the Resurrection, a great hymn of the Eastern Church reminding us that the Passiontide journey has not been made in vain. Whether in Kyiv or Moscow where this year Orthodox Christians will celebrate Easter one week after our paschal celebrations in the Western Church, we are all able to meet the challenges of life because Christ has met them before us. Christ is with us in our suffering. He is with those fleeing their homes as a result of unprovoked acts of aggression. He is with those sheltering in the basements of their bombarded cities. Moreover, Christ has met the last enemy - death itself - and destroyed it (1 Corinthians 15. 26). Powers and dominions cannot separate us from God's love.

The Resurrection is not a promise that we shall avoid trouble: it is the promise that there is life on the other side of whatever trouble we shall face including death, the fear of which can hold us in such subjection. But it is more than the simplistic assurance that everything is going to be alright in the end somehow. For if the Cross is the accomplishment of our redemption, the Resurrection is our entry into its eternal manifestation. 'It is finished', said Christ on the Cross (John 19. 30). 'Do not be afraid', says the Risen Christ, 'I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever' (Revelation 1. 17-18). The first words of the risen Christ to the traumatised disciples in the Upper Room were 'Peace be with you'. May these words be heard and taken to heart by Christians in Russia and Ukraine and in every nation of the world and may our living hope become our lived reality.

We need to keep the Risen Christ firmly before us if the hope and forgiveness found in Him are to be proclaimed effectively. For our proclamation is confirmed by the witness of our lives and we will best communicate hope if we know that hope ourselves. Similarly, we shall invite people into God's forgiveness if we have repented and so discover for ourselves the freedom that forgiveness brings. We shall answer the fear that stalks so many lives if we, both in community and individually, have encountered the 'perfect love that drives out fear' (1 John 4. 18).

Many of our brothers and sisters will be standing at the foot of the Cross this Easter or like those disciples locked away in mortal fear in their city shelters. We meet them in their suffering, our prayer deepened, our hearts and sympathies broadened by this encounter. And as we proclaim 'Christ is risen' may we find ourselves more firmly rooted in a joy that cannot be overcome by the traumas of this life. Our hope, our purposefulness, our openness to the future - all these come from knowing the living Christ. Let us not lose sight of how good God has been to us, nor of the truth that God desires good for the whole of creation. It is ours simply to look to the Risen Christ, 'the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God' (Hebrew 12. 2). His is the authority, the power, majesty and the might and he is worthy of our trust. May our troubled world accept his gift of Peace.

May God bless you and those you love this Eastertide and may your hearts know the joy of the Resurrection.

