

Bishops with brushes launch chapel appeal

Two Southwark bishops pulled on their overalls and picked up a paint brush to launch an appeal to 'save Mayday's chapel' on Sunday 11 October.

Nick Baines, Anglican Bishop of Croydon and Paul Hendricks, Roman Catholic

Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark joined Mayday's chief executive, Nick Hulme at the launch (below).

The chapel at Mayday, which is over 112 years old, offers visitors, patients and staff of all faiths and also those with no faith, an area for worship and contemplation.

It needs £30,000 worth of refurbishment, which includes a complete redecoration of the inside, repairs to the roof,

guttering and tower (to stop leaks when it rains) and to the stained glass windows.

Another important part of the refurbishment involves restoring the link to Radio Mayday, the Trust's radio station, so that people who can't make it to the chapel for a service are able to listen to it on Patientline from their beds.

Bishop Nick said: "I'm pleased to be here to launch the appeal for such an

important facility at the heart of Croydon. Together we can ensure that the chapel has a secure future and make it a place of beauty, restoration and peace for the future."

The Rev. Hilary Fife, lead Chaplain said: "The chapel has played an important role for so many visitors, patients and staff since it was built in 1897. In recent years we've blessed and held weddings for staff and patients, held thanksgiving

ceremonies for babies. Just a pound from every person of faith in Croydon would help us raise enough money to save our chapel for future generations. We also need practical help - mending gutters, painting, sewing... if that's you, please contact me."

If you want to know more contact the Chaplain's Office, Mayday Hospital on 020 8401 3105 or email: hilary.fife@mayday.nhs.uk.



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VACANCY IN THE SEE OF SOUTHWARK

Following the announcement of the resignation of the Right Reverend Tom Butler, Bishop of Southwark, the See will fall vacant on the 5th March.

The Crown Nominations Commission will meet on 11th June 2010 and 5th/6th July 2010.

Any person wishing to comment on the needs of the diocese, or the wider church, or who wishes to propose candidates, should write **by the 12th February 2010**

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Bishop Richard writes:

As you will know, Bishop Tom is retiring as the Bishop of Southwark on 5 March 2010.

His final Diocesan service will be in Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 20 February and we would like to give him a thank you gift during the service. (More details of the arrangements for the service will be published in due course.)

If you would like to contribute to this gift please send a cheque made payable to the South London Church Fund and the back of the cheque should be marked 'Gift for Bishop Tom to Simon Parton, Diocesan Secretary, Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High Street, London SE1 1HW. Cash donations may be made in Trinity House. Please put the money in an envelope and mark the envelope 'Gift for Bishop Tom'.