

A new church for Bermondsey



On Saturday 7 December the Bishop of Southwark dedicated the new St Hugh's Church building in Bermondsey.

The new church was full to overflowing as the Bishop led the congregation in thanksgiving and dedicated the building to the glory of God.

It will serve as the place where people will gather for worship and as a base for mission and engagement with the local community.

There has been a St Hugh's Church in Crosby Row for nearly 120 years.

The former church building was part of the Rainbow Building owned by Charterhouse-in-Southwark. It was demolished when the site was sold for housing.

The new owners of the site Family Mosaic Housing Association have built a new church and community room

on the ground floor of the new development. The new St Hugh's is light and welcoming with floor to ceiling windows at street level on two sides

enabling passers-by to see the joy and delight of those celebrating this historic occasion.

In his sermon Bishop Christopher said, "Our prayer for St Hugh's is that the Glory of God which is with us, among us and within us is made manifest as the light of Christ shines out here from the people of St Hugh's and in so doing enables others in this community to do likewise".

Following the dedication there was a party. Next morning Canon Bruce Saunders, Minister in Charge of St Hugh's, presided and the Bishop of Woolwich preached at the first Eucharist in the new building.

Then there was another party!

And another new church in Southwark Diocese will open next month.

A new building for Camberwell St Michael & All Angels & All Souls with Emmanuel, will be consecrated on Sunday 2 February at 3pm.

We hope to include photos and a report in next month's Bridge.

Photos (above left): Bishop Christopher anoints the door to the church
Below Left: The church occupies the ground floor with flats on the upper floors
Centre: Simon Hughes MP was among those who joined St Hugh's for the dedication
Right: Canon Bruce Saunders leads the first Eucharist in the new building

More photos are available on <http://www.flickr.com/photos/southwarkcofe/>



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