

Bishop re-dedicates Royal organ

St Dunstan's Church Bellingham welcomed the new Bishop of Woolwich the Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu on his first visit to the parish on Saturday 20 May to re-dedicate the church's Royal organ following refurbishment.

Bishop Karowei joined the Mayor of Lewisham, Sir Steve Bullock for a celebratory organ recital performed by special guest organist Marilyn Harper - organist of Christ's Chapel, Dulwich. Following the recital the organ was rededicated and blessed by Bishop Karowei.

A thank-you presentation was then made by the Mayor on behalf of St Dunstan's to their resident organist Brian Preston in recognition of his work in ensuring the organ's repair and return to performance standard.

The St Dunstan's organ is originally from the Chapel Royal in St James' Palace, and found its way to Bellingham having been replaced at the Palace in 1925. Built in 1866 even then, some parts from older instruments were reused - including some pipes made by famous organ builder Father Smith.

The Revd Timon Singh, Priest-in-Charge at St



Dunstan's said 'We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic and historic church organ and it was a fantastic day in the history of St Dunstan's Church. We were especially delighted to have Bishop

Karowei and the Mayor of Lewisham with us. We hope to use the refurbished organ to benefit the church and local community through more performances and educational use".

YES YOU CAN!

SUPPORTING REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS

On 15 May, the Diocesan Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) department organised an information evening called "Yes You Can! Supporting Refugees & Asylum Seekers" with the support of Bishops Christopher and Jonathan.

Theo Shaw

The event was held at the Oasis Centre, with approximately 100 people from from a number of organisations across the Diocese in attendance. The overall aim was twofold:

1. to equip churches with information about the current situation regarding refugees and asylum seekers, and

2. to provide a range of potential partners, resources and practical suggestions for ways in which churches might wish respond - perhaps by sponsoring refugees or supporting asylum seekers with no recourse to public funds.

After a plenary session, participants were invited to attend workshops on the three main themes of the event

- Yes You Can - Host!
- Yes You Can - Sponsor!
- Yes You Can - Campaign!

They then assembled to reflect on what might be taken to their PCCs and Deaneries for further discussions.



The event was chaired by Bishop Jonathan, Diocesan lead on refugees and asylum seekers

The event was delivered in partnership with key national organisations including the CoFE Mission and Public Affairs Division, Oasis UK, Social Finance, Christian Aid, Refugee Council, Good Faith Partnership, Church Response for Refugees, Housing Justice and Citizens UK.

Your response

The JPIC team would like to hear about ways churches are responding to the refugee crisis, and/or supporting domestic asylum seekers.

If, on the other hand, you'd like to find out what you can do, please contact Theo Shaw on 020 7939 9412 or email:theo.shaw@southwark.anglican.org

Oasis founder Steve Chalke was among the speakers



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