

NOTICEBOARD



*News and Events from the Diocese of Southwark
APRIL 2021*

Southwark Diocesan Synod has unanimously approved a Diocesan Anti-Racism Charter (ARC)

The vote to approve the Charter came at the end of a discussion on the motion that “this Synod wholeheartedly endorses the Diocese of Southwark Anti-Racism Charter and its adoption throughout the Diocese” led by The Venerable Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Archdeacon of Croydon and Diocesan Lead on Anti-Racism.

The key principles of Southwark Anti-Racism Charter are:

- an explicit theological understanding that God’s kingdom is multi-ethnic, and that it is through our baptismal covenant that we recognise and respect the dignity of every human being and our unity in Christ
- an intentional focus in our theological studies, liturgy, teaching, prayer, word and work to take strategic and practical actions to combat racism and inequality
- a clear strategy for increasing and sustaining diversity in our governance structures at Diocesan and parish level so as to ensure representation and participation of people from diverse ethnic backgrounds at all levels of our organisation.

As well as its three key principles, The ARC includes six Diocesan commitments and a 12-point action plan for leadership and development.

Read the full Diocese of Southwark Anti-Racism Charter <https://southwark.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Southwark-Anti-Racism-Charter.pdf>

Living in Love and Faith

From Easter onwards, the Diocese as a whole will be engaging in the Living in Love and Faith Project, in particular the LLF course, a five-session course for group reflection. You can sign up to the LLF Learning Hub here:

<https://bit.ly/3uaVBNm>

Diocesan Directory 2021

The Diocesan Directory is available on the password-protected area of the website. An updated version has been re-uploaded.

If you find any information which is out of date or inaccurate please contact:

data@southwark.anglican.org.

PERSONNEL

REST IN PEACE

The Revd Sheila Saunders, formerly Minister without stipend of Walworth, S Peter (2007-2012), and holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate, died on 11 March 2021. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Tracy Marlow, presently Team Vicar of Rayleigh, Holy Trinity & S Michael in the Diocese of Chelmsford, is to be instituted as Vicar and Lead Evangelist of St Helier, S Peter, by the Bishop of Croydon (date to be confirmed).

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS

The Revd Walter King resigned his Permission to Officiate on 21 January 2021.

The Revd Timothy Marwood, presently Vicar of Petersham, All Saints and S Peter, is to retire on 16 May 2021.

The Revd Bill Wilson, presently Vicar of South Lambeth, S Stephens, is to retire on 31 May 2021

The Revd Nigel Worn, presently Vicar of Kew, S Anne, is to retire on 30 June 2021.

PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

The Revd Kevin Scully, formerly Warden of the College of St Barnabas, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 30 March 2021.

The Revd John Humphreys, previously holder of the Bishop of Lichfield's Permission to Officiate, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 3 March 2021.

CLERGY VACANCIES

WOOLWICH AREA

Charlton Deanery:

East Greenwich Team Ministry:
Team Vicar
(Westcombe Park, St George)

East Lewisham Deanery:
Catford and Downham Team Ministry: Team Rector

Plumstead Deanery:
Plumstead, St John: Vicar

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The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2021

The focus of this year's Lent Call is food insecurity. Now that we are leaving Lent behind and entering the celebrations of Easter, Bishop Christopher invites you to continue to think about compassion through the lens of hospitality, and to consider if there is anything you can still do to help the Lent Call.

Details of how to give can be found at: <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/how-to-give/>

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Thy Kingdom Come 2021 prepares to launch

This year's Thy Kingdom Come festival of prayer will take place from 13-23 May, with a special emphasis on prayer for the persecuted church internationally, as well as for people locally who have not been able to access the community of faith during these times.

Packs will be sent to Incumbents and Assistant Clergy after Easter, for use in parishes. The materials are also downloadable from the Diocesan website at southwark.anglican.org/tkc, where you will also find further ideas and prayer resources.

DIOCESAN TRAINING

Eco Church Surgeries

Last Monday of every month, 1.00-2.00pm, Zoom, free

Online drop-in sessions to ask questions about Eco Church.

To receive a Zoom number and password, e-mail laura.baggaley@southwark.anglican.org

Do I need a spiritual director?

Monday 19 April, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

A session led by Spidir explaining how a spiritual director can help you and how to go about getting one. To book, e-mail: ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org

DIOCESAN TRAINING

The fool says in his heart: There is no God

Wednesdays 21, 28 April and 5 May, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

A short course taking Psalm 14:1 as its starting point led by the Revd Joshua Rey, who teaches Christian doctrine at St Augustine's College. To book, e-mail ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org (you are booking for all three evenings).

Creation Care for Individuals and Households

Tuesday 11 May, 7.00-8.00pm, Zoom, free

Join this introductory webinar, open to all, to find out some of the easy ways we can care for God's creation in everyday life. Led by Laura Baggaley, who is the Environment Coordinator for Southwark Diocese.

To book your place, e-mail: ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org

An Introduction to the Jesus Prayer

Tuesday 18 May, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free, 40 places only

Finding prayer practices to help us dig deep in faith and in our relationship with God is core to a healthy and sustainable spiritual life. This introduction is led by Revd Ian Mobsby. To book e-mail: ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Leaders who Lunch & Learn

*Wednesday 21 April 2021,
12.00-2.00pm, online, free*

The first in a new series of informal learning lunches for women in ministry in Southwark Diocese.

An informal learning conversation over lunch, with input from Rachel Turner author founder of <https://parentingforfaith.org/>

More details can be found at <https://bit.ly/31AtvPm>

Vocations Forums

15 May 2021 and 17 July 2021

These events from the Diocesan Vocations Department offer participants the chance to explore their vocation in a welcoming and friendly environment. Anyone wishing to explore commissioned, licensed or ordained ministry in the Diocese of Southwark should attend one of these forums as a first step. For information, e-mail sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org

Save the date: Kingston Youth Forum Pilot

Tuesday 18 May 2021, 5.00-6.15pm

For young people aged 13 and above from churches and church schools in the Kingston Episcopal Area to have a voice on the issue of climate justice. More information will follow.

Modern Slavery webinar by Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus

24 April, 9.30-11.45am

This webinar hopes to bring together people to help raise awareness of the issues around modern slavery being faced in the Surrey area. Speakers include Carolyn Thom of Their Voice, Jennifer Hyde and Jenny Rayner of Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus, Ross Spanton of Reigate and Banstead Council, Chief Superintendent Clive Davies and Detective Constable Bex Davies of Surrey Police, the Bishop of Croydon, the Rt Revd Jonathan Clark and the Archdeacon of Reigate, the Venerable Moira Astin.

For more info or questions e-mail rasocialjustice@gmail.com. Book on EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rasjf-modern-slavery-webinar-tickets-139172339213>

Responding to Dementia

Thursday 29 April, 8.00-9.30pm, Zoom, free

Useful information and practical examples, with a combination of up-to-date professional advice and personal experience. The session is led by Robin Thomson. This event is recommended by Southwark and Ageing (SAGE). Book a place online at: bit.ly/38MlCtV

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Fill your street with friendliness

Generating street associations is a tried-and-tested catalyst for enabling like-minded people to get to know their neighbours. It doesn't require signing up to an organisation. This programme has brought together local authorities, businesses, churches and other places of worship to run it in their local area.

Feel free to contact the Archdeacon of Reigate, The Venerable Moira Astin at moira.astin@southwark.anglican.org if you have queries.

Find full details here: <https://bit.ly/39wbgP9>

Dear England - An Online Event with Stephen Cottrell

Tuesday 20 April, 7.00-8.00pm, Zoom, £5 ticket

The Archbishop of York will be in conversation with the Dean of Southwark about his new book, *Dear England*, which is a letter to the country on why the Christian narrative still makes sense today.

More information and tickets are available here: <https://bit.ly/3fyFmFB>

Holy Week preacher at Southwark Cathedral

Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral will be preaching at Southwark Cathedral during Holy Week.

More details can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3fsyZUn>

'Living His Story' by Hannah Steele

Wednesday 28 April at 8.00pm, free, Zoom

Dr Hannah Steele, Director and Lecturer in Theology at St Mellitus College London and Southwark resident, is coming to speak to us!

To receive a Zoom code, e-mail: mission@southwark.anglican.org

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Board of Education appointments

The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education is very glad to announce that the Bishop of Southwark has appointed Mrs Roz Corder as Director of Education for the Diocese. At the same time, the Board of the Southwark Diocesan Multi Academy Trust has appointed Mr Marcus Cooper as its CEO.

The Press Release is available here: <https://bit.ly/3dqrWc0>

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Tackling Food Poverty through community food co-ops

Tuesday 27 April, 10.30-12.00noon, Zoom, free

Together Southwark, in partnership with Cooperation Town, is looking for new ways to tackle food poverty and ensure that everyone has access to healthy and affordable food. The community food co-op model is designed to do that, while increasing community participation and resilience. Both clergy and lay leaders are welcome. To book your place, register on Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/3kJzRV0>

Keeping Young People Safe from the Risks of Exploitation

Wednesday 28 April, 11.00am-12.00pm, Zoom, free

This Children's Society webinar discusses the risks young people face from exploitation. Sign up even if you can't attend on the day to receive a recording with the presentations. Registration is essential: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CTruZEUMTRGqRLFfN5zycw

The Easter issue of The Bridge is live on our website from 1 April: southwark.anglican.org/the-bridge

The Trussell Trust calls on churches to help build a hunger-free future

Wednesday 28 April, 8.10am, online, free

The Trussell Trust food bank charity is inviting church leaders to a series of online events to find out more about how they can work together to achieve a hunger free future. To find out more about these events, or how your church can support the Hunger Free Future campaign, visit: trusselltrust.org/big-breakfast

National Youth Violence Prevention Week

12-16 April 2021 - Nationwide

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE), an initiative of the US-based non-profit organisation Sandy Hook Promise, is proud to be a founding partner of the [National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign](http://NationalYouthViolencePreventionCampaign.org).

You can find resources to prepare for the event via the SAVE Promise club website, including the official campaign Action Kit that serves as a step-by-step planning guide, suggestions for how each sector of the community can support the campaign, activity ideas, links to national organisations sponsoring the event, articles and interviews on violence prevention, and much, much more!

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Church of England Net Zero webinars

Dates from April to October

This series of free online webinars offers practical tips for churches trying to lower their carbon footprint, from energy management and low-carbon solutions to solar panels. Find more details at: <https://bit.ly/2HRNOKS>

York St John University Second Survey: The impact of lockdown on churchgoers

York St John University has commissioned a survey to get a sense of how clergy and lay people have coped with the past year. One of the questions being asked is whether online services are the way forward. Please take the opportunity to take part in this crucial research project. <https://www.yorks.j.ac.uk/coronavirus-church-and-you/>

Save the Date

Morning of Friday 25 June

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast live-streamed from Parliament. Main speaker Rt Revd Prof. Tom Wright on 'Life after Covid: a renewed hope'. A chance for clergy to invite their MP and come themselves. More to follow.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Grant: Scientists in Congregations

Closing Date 23 April, 5.00pm

It is for projects that creatively change the conversation between the church and the scientific world, projects that develop a deeper engagement with scientists, theologically, pastorally, or in mission. Applications and more details can be found <https://www.eclasproject.org/congregations/>

Gilmore Fund

Deadline 5 May 2021,

The Gilmore Fund is open to grant applications from women in ministry in Southwark Diocese. We consider carefully all applications for courses, projects, retreats, etc. which will enhance your ministry. Our funds are limited so do give as much detail as you can of the costs and how you and the wider church will benefit.

The Gilmore Fund is available to clergy, Readers or SPAs and in some cases those with specific and significant lay ministry roles in churches and chaplaincies.

For a form please e-mail: revd.anna@gmail.com

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Bishop Christopher writes...

The joy of Easter is one that embraces the whole person, body, mind and soul, because Christ rose bodily from the dead. He burst from the tomb in the fullness of his humanity, transfigured, radiant with the divine life – the very wounds he suffered becoming for us a place of mercy.

There has been much to preoccupy and frighten us all this last year, and there will be challenges as we emerge from the pandemic that will require us to be in good heart. As we prepare to celebrate Easter, I invite you to reflect on two of Jesus's Resurrection appearances and draw strength from them.

Cleopas and his friend were preoccupied and frightened as they walked to Emmaus. For all they could see, Jesus's death was the end of everything they had hoped for. They were traumatised and almost certainly afraid that they might suffer the same fate as their Lord. You can imagine the sad silences between their questions as they walked and talked. When Jesus appeared, they were too preoccupied with the terrible things that had happened to see who it was that 'came near and went with them' (Luke 24. 15). The very one they longed for was next to them and they did not see him! But as they neared Emmaus they urged him to stay with them and it was only in exercising the gift of hospitality and at the precise moment this apparent stranger took bread, which he broke and blessed and shared with them, that they recognised the risen Christ, physically with them.

In a similar way, when the disciples encountered the risen Lord by the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he said to them,

'Come and have breakfast', this time urging the disciples to receive hospitality and share in a meal together of bread and fish which he prepared lovingly for them. St John continues, 'Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord' (John 21. 12-13). They knew, not only because they had seen him before, but because of the way he cared for them. The Resurrection did not happen online! Jesus met the disciples physically in person and cared for the needs of the body as well as the soul.

We will all need to regain confidence as we emerge from this pandemic. The process of recovery will require us, gently, to let go of our fear and preoccupation, being mindful always of those who remain vulnerable. As we begin to emerge from the restrictions of the last year we will each have a wonderful opportunity to rekindle the gift of hospitality. St Benedict was wise when he instructed those who follow his rule to receive guests 'as Christ' (Rule of St Benedict, chapter 53). We have not been allowed to receive anyone – neither friends, nor family, nor stranger. But when it is safe, we must again open wide our homes and our hearts to others. So, my friends, be confident, be of good courage and be in good heart. For Christ is with us and he is risen indeed. Alleluia! I wish you the great joy of a Happy and Blessed Easter.

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