

# NOTICEBOARD



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

## The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call 2021

The focus of this year's Lent Call is food insecurity. In his letter introducing the campaign, Bishop Christopher says: "For many in our communities and Link Dioceses, not having enough to eat is sadly and appallingly now a regular occurrence. I urge you all to pray for those in these situations and to consider prayerfully what you can give to help to support them."

An e-mail containing information on the projects, Reflections and a Lent Call prayer, as well as some fundraising ideas, was sent to Incumbents and PCC Secretaries on 14 January 2021. The hope is that this can be shared with congregations, even though we cannot easily be together in person at this time. The materials can also be downloaded from:

[southwark.anglican.org/lentcall/resources](https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall/resources)

More information can be found at: [southwark.anglican.org/lentcall](https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall)

## Prayer for the Nation

In response to our reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths in the UK, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting everyone to pray daily at 6.00pm.

Find more information and prayer suggestions here:

[www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation)

You can also follow  
#PrayerForTheNation

## The Bereavement Journey

The Bereavement Journey is a six-session self-help course of films and discussion groups hosted by volunteers. During this time of national loss, it has been made available online with all the resources and support needed to make it easy for any church to run, with accompanying training.

See the Loss and Hope website for more: [www.lossandhope.org/](https://www.lossandhope.org/)

## PERSONNEL

### REST IN PEACE

**Suzanne Collins**, formerly Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary at Croydon, St Matthew, died on Thursday 7 January 2021. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

*Please note that these appointments are listed on the basis of current guidance and timelines regarding the current lockdown and COVID advice, and may be subject to change.*

**The Revd Robert Faulkner**, presently Curate of Clapham, Christ Church & St John the Evangelist (on temporary secondment to Angell Town, St John), is to be instituted as Vicar of the same parish on 21 February 2021, by the Bishop of Kingston (NB if this is not possible due to COVID, Robert will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge at the same time).

**The Revd Ian Whitley**, presently Curate of Banstead, All Saints in the Diocese of Guildford, is to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Lingfield and Dormansland United Benefice (post-COVID to be made Vicar), on 23 February 2021 by the Bishop of Croydon.

**The Revd John Carruthers**, presently Curate of Newington, St Paul, is to be instituted as Vicar of the same parish, on 28 February 2021 by the Archdeacon of Southwark.

**The Revd Linda Green**, presently Rector of Brasted, St Martin, in the Diocese of Rochester, is to be licensed as Chaplain to the Royal Marsden Hospital, on 1 March 2021 by the Bishop of Croydon.

**The Revd Susie Williams**, presently Rector of Chipstead, St Margaret of Antioch, is to be commissioned also as Faith in the Countryside Officer, on 13 March 2021 by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Simon Winn**, presently Curate of Chesham, Great, Christ Church, Emmanuel & St Mary the Virgin, in the Diocese of Oxford, is to be instituted as Vicar of Greenwich, St Alfege, on 23 March 2021 by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd James Rosenthal**, presently Vicar of Merton, St James, is to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Salfords, Christ the King, on 25 March 2021, by the Bishop of Croydon.

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

**The Revd Bethany Lewis**, presently Team Vicar of Cheam, St Dunstan, St Alban the Martyr & St Oswald, is to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of Belmont, St John the Baptist, by the Bishop of Croydon (date tbc).

## PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

The Revd James Lawson, formerly Vice Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford, was granted the Bishop's Permission to Officiate on 10 December 2020.

## RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS

The Revd Peter Farley-Moore, presently Team Rector of Ravensbourne Team Ministry and also Area Dean of Deptford, is to resign (date tbc) to take up the position of Canon Missioner of Wakefield Cathedral in the Diocese of Leeds.

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

## CLERGY VACANCIES

### CROYDON AREA

Reigate:

Warlingham with Chelsham and Farleigh Team Ministry: *0.5 Team Vicar (Pioneering) & 0.5 Parish Ministry Development Officer, Croydon Episcopal Area* (The Bishop with Merton College, Oxford)

### KINGSTON AREA

Wandsworth:

Norbiton, St Peter: Vicar (Vicar of All Saints, Kingston)

## NOTICES

### New National Register of Clergy

The deadline for clergy in active ministry to validate the information held about them for the new, compulsory National Register is **23 February**. The National Church has sent out a letter advising all clergy in active ministry of how to go about doing this.

Further details can be found at: [bit.ly/3qY0Nm2](http://bit.ly/3qY0Nm2)

### Important notice regarding the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

We regret to announce that Hugh Constant, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, has now left. Moira Murray will be supporting the Safeguarding Team as Interim Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser whilst we recruit to the post. We wish Hugh well for the future.

Safeguarding queries should now be directed to Moira using the following contact details:

[moira.murray@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:moira.murray@southwark.anglican.org);  
020 7939 9423; 07982 279713;  
020 3874 6743 (out of hours).

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# DIOCESAN TRAINING

## Eco Church Surgeries

*Last Monday of every month,  
1.00-1.45pm, 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](mailto:laura.baggaley@southwark.anglican.org)

## Confronting violence in the Old Testament

*Wednesday 24 February, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free*

A workshop led by the Revd Dr Simon Stocks, Senior Tutor at St Augustine's College. To book your place, e-mail: [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

## Messy Church Masterclasses

*Wednesday 24 February, 7.30-9.00pm or Friday 26 February, 1.00-2.30pm, Zoom, free*

Workshops aimed at helping Messy Church teams feel confident in reimagining their ministry in a COVID-secure way. Book at: [www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-masterclasses](http://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-masterclasses)

## Preaching the Resurrection

*Saturday 27 February, 10.00am-1.00pm, or Tuesday 2 March, 10.00am-1.00pm, Zoom, free*

Led by the Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley. To book, e-mail:

[ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org). Please make it clear which event you want to attend.

## Praying at night

*Wednesday 10 March, 8.00-9.30pm, Zoom, free*

Andrew Bishop, Priest-in-Charge at Croydon Minster and author of *Theosomnia: A Theology of Sleep*, will discuss traditions of night prayer. To book, e-mail: [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@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](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

## The fool says in his heart: There is no God

*Wednesdays 21 April and 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](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org) (you are booking for all three evenings).

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### Woolwich Area Lay Conference: Everyday Faith

**Saturday 6 March 2021,  
10.00am-1.30pm, online, free**

Keynote speaker Mark Greene, executive director of the London School of Contemporary Christianity, will lead a day focusing on faith in everyday life.

Book at [https://everyday\\_faith.eventbrite.co.uk](https://everyday_faith.eventbrite.co.uk) (booking closes at midnight on 28 February).

### Croydon Episcopal Area training for new churchwardens

**Saturday 17 July 2021,  
10.00am-12.00pm, free**

To be held at Christ Church, Purley (conditions permitting), this training session is aimed at newly elected churchwardens in CEA. Contact the Croydon Episcopal Area office for further details on booking.

### The Diocesan Spirituality Day: Wells of Salvation

**Saturday 9 October 2021,  
10.00am-4.00pm,  
Southwark Cathedral**

A day of prayer, worship and restoration in many styles and traditions. The event may move online depending on Coronavirus restrictions.

### Vocations Forum

**Saturday 13 March,  
9.00am-1.00pm, online**

Do you think you may have a calling? Would someone in your congregation be interested? This event delivered by the Vocations Department offers participants the chance to explore their vocation in a welcoming and friendly environment. For information, e-mail [vocations@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:vocations@southwark.anglican.org)

### Launch of the Croydon Youth Forum

**Saturday 20 February 2021,  
2.30-3.45pm, free**

If you are in the Croydon Episcopal Area and a young person in your congregation may be interested, please complete the Croydon Permission Form ([bit.ly/CroydonYouthForum](http://bit.ly/CroydonYouthForum)) or contact Aike Kennett-Brown at [aike.kennett-brown@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:aike.kennett-brown@southwark.anglican.org)

### The Croydon Area Lay Conference: Inside Out

**Saturday 6 November 2021,  
9.30am-4.30pm, St Bede's  
School, Reigate**

Keynote speaker Andrew Graystone, author of *Faith, Hope and Mischief*, heads a day for lay people about being people of active faith. The event may move online depending on Coronavirus restrictions.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### The Diocesan Clergy Study Day

*Tuesday 19 October 2021, 10.00am-4.00pm, Southwark Cathedral (if conditions permit)*

Clergy are urged to save the date for the annual Diocesan Clergy Study Day. Theme and speakers to be confirmed nearer the time.

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

### National Lottery's Community Fund reopens

The Lottery's community fund has reopened, with various funding programmes: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes>

### Marshall's Church Restoration Grants

The Marshall's Charity gives generously to the Diocese of Southwark. It has changed its process for 2021 and is accepting direct applications from parishes. It is particularly interested in supporting green initiatives, although it will also fund a range of maintenance, accessibility and reordering projects. Maximum grants will be in the order of £20,000. Deadlines for applications are 7 May 2021 and 20 August 2021.

Any parishes considering an application are encouraged to speak to their Archdeacon before applying. Full details are on the Marshall's website: [www.marshalls.org.uk/churches.html](http://www.marshalls.org.uk/churches.html)

### Other funding sources

- The Heritage Alliance has created a funding hub of potential sources of funding for heritage organisations: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V6-GBdLYNmQnScLc4khj0HGhD3sSqicQ/view>
- The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has compiled a list of funding opportunities and news relating to Coronavirus. [www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support/information/coronavirus](http://www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support/information/coronavirus)
- The Charity Excellence website has a new, free database of funders supporting charities during the crisis: [www.charityexcellence.co.uk](http://www.charityexcellence.co.uk)
- AllChurches Trust grants: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/>
- Listed Places of Worship can reclaim VAT: <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/>
- National Churches Trust offers a range of grants: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>

## EXTERNAL EVENTS

### Racial Justice in Church and Society

**Wednesday 10 February, 7.30pm, online**

To mark Racial Justice Sunday on 14 February, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) is hosting a webinar to explore what racial justice looks like in Church and society and to discuss palpable, significant action toward justice, equity and inclusion. For more information and to register, visit: [ctbi.org.uk/what-does-racial-justice-look-like-in-church-and-society/](https://ctbi.org.uk/what-does-racial-justice-look-like-in-church-and-society/)

### An Invitation to Hope: Mission through prayer and lament

**Tuesday 9 February, 10.00-11.30am, online, free**

Following the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, Christian leaders from multiple traditions and cultural spheres will guide participants in lament, prayer and reflection. Book now: [biblesociety.org.uk/HopeandMission](https://biblesociety.org.uk/HopeandMission)

### From Biology to Theology

**Tuesday 9 March, 1.00-2.00pm, online, free**

*From Biology to Theology: How viruses challenge our perception of good and evil*, led by virologist Dr Mirjam Schilling, is one of a series of seminars about science and faith from the Faraday Institute. No need to book; click here at the appropriate time: [faraday.cam.ac.uk/events/seminars/](https://faraday.cam.ac.uk/events/seminars/)

### Welcoming Visitors

**Wednesday 10 February, 11.30am-12.30pm, online, £5.80**

This introductory workshop from the National Churches Trust's tourism team aims to help churches make the most of visitors and discover the many ways in which they can benefit from tourism. Book here: [bit.ly/3a1DGAd](https://bit.ly/3a1DGAd)

### Questions of our Times: Christian Evidence webinars

**From Tuesday 23 February, 8.00pm, online, free**

Former Cabinet minister, the Revd Jonathan Aitken, who is now a prison chaplain at HMP Pentonville, will be discussing the question, "In a world of fake news, who can we trust?" in the first of a Christian Evidence Society webinar series. The webinars conclude on 23 March with former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams discussing prayer under the title, "Is God really listening?" Register at [christian-evidence.eventbrite.com](https://christian-evidence.eventbrite.com)

## Bishop Jonathan writes...

This year, the Church is inviting us all to join in the Living in Love and Faith (LLF) project.

Some of you will be very well aware that the Church has been wrestling for years with questions about sexuality, gender and relationships. LLF comes out of those discussions, but the aim is to help the Church think about them more widely and deeply, through asking questions such as:

- how do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ?
- what does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

These are big questions! And they are about much more than Church law. We are all invited into a process of learning, reflecting, speaking and listening which I hope will deepen our understanding of the faith we share, and strengthen us as the body of Christ together, united in one mission which is expressed through our diversity.

In this Diocese, we are encouraging everyone to participate as they feel able in that conversation. Some parishes and other groups have already begun to study and reflect on the resources the church has produced (you can find them at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>), and that is very welcome.

For the Diocese as a whole, we will be encouraging everyone to engage from Easter onwards, particularly through

using the LLF Course, a five-session course for group reflection.

Whether you are using the course or not, there will of course be a lot of diversity in how we approach it, in such a diverse Diocese as ours. But whatever you do, you are encouraged to reflect on the material with people whose background and views might be different from your own – and to do so as a process of mutual learning. There will be plenty of time before and after the summer for us to engage with the project, and we are intending to round off our Diocesan learning in November with a Diocese-wide event.

I have been asked by Bishop Christopher to lead for this for the College of Bishops, and Canon Wendy Robins will have a key role in enabling all that we have planned. A Steering Group for the process is working with us, reflecting a wide diversity of views and backgrounds.

We know that discussing these issues is likely to be difficult for many, and particularly those who feel that their own lives are in the spotlight, so we are also establishing a network of pastoral support for anyone who needs a listening ear beyond their own parish or community.

I hope and pray that LLF will indeed enable us to live more fully in the love and faith of Christ.

+ Jonathan Cooper