

# NOTICEBOARD



*News and Events from the Diocese of Southwark  
JULY - AUGUST 2021*

## Young Christian Climate Network relay to COP26

The YCCN has organised a relay in support of climate justice, which began in Cornwall on 13 June at the G7 summit, and which will continue across Britain over the summer, ending in Glasgow on 31 October in time for the COP26. The route is more than 1,000 miles long with around 80-90 different stages. Periodically, the relay will stop at towns or cities along the way for “residencies” so that local churches and other organisations can hold events in support.

Although the event is being organised by young Christians, anyone is welcome to sign up and support the walk by:

- joining the route as a walker
- hosting a residency hub
- helping out with local events
- lobbying local politicians and media.

Spaces are still available for the Southwark leg of the relay, which will be arriving at St Paul, Clapham on 4 August, before it moves off to St Paul’s Cathedral the following day. A number of events are being held between 4 and 8 August in London including at Southwark churches. For more information on the relay and the London residency, and to volunteer, see the YCCN website: <https://www.yccn.uk/>

“Tributary” walks, starting elsewhere and joining the main relay at various points en route, have also been organised, one of which comes through Southwark on 5 August. This walk will depart from St Paul, Deptford at 8.00am on 5 August, and travel along the Thames until arriving at Southwark Cathedral at 10.00am, where there will be a break and time for prayers before leaving for St Paul’s Cathedral at 12.00pm, where pilgrims will join the main relay in time for an event staged by Christian Aid.

More information on how to sign up for the tributary walk will be posted on the Diocesan environment web page when it becomes available: [southwark.anglican.org/environment](https://southwark.anglican.org/environment)

## PERSONNEL

### CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

**The Revd Jeremy Clark-King**, presently Diocesan IME2 Lead for Curate Training and Development in the Diocese of Southwark, was licensed also as Public Preacher on 16 June 2021, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd David Cundill**, presently Pioneer Development Officer in the Diocese of Southwark, was licensed also as Public Preacher on 16 June 2021, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Daphne Clifton**, previously Minister without stipend of Lee (Burnt Ash Hill), St Mildred, was licensed as Assistant Priest of the same parish, on 20 June 2021 by the Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich.

**The Revd Canon Younis Francis**, presently Vicar of Norbury, St Philip, is to be collated as Rector of Selsdon, St John the Divine w St Francis, on 6 July 2021, by the Bishop of Croydon.

**The Revd Mark Smith**, presently Minister without stipend of Wickham East, St Michael the Archangel is to be commissioned as Bishop's Adviser for Self-Supporting Ministry (non stipendiary) on 7 July 2021 by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Simon Dowdy**, presently holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate, is to be licensed as Minister in Charge (BMO funded) of Dulwich, Grace Church on 11 July 2021, by the Archdeacon of Lambeth.

**The Revd Derek Chandler**, presently Rector of Emmer Green, St Barnabas with Caversham Park in the Diocese of Oxford, is to be licensed as Chaplain of the College of St Barnabas, on 29 July 2021, by the Bishop of Croydon.

**The Revd Ruth Turner**, presently Curate of Battersea Fields, St Saviour, All Saints & St George, is to be licensed as Team Vicar of Abbey Wood, William Temple in the Thamesmead Team Ministry, on 10 September 2021, by the Bishop of Woolwich.

### RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS

**The Revd Christopher Rogers**, previously Curate of Catford, St John Southend & Downham, resigned to take up the post of Curate of Kensington, St Mary Abbots in the Diocese of London, on 10 June 2021.

**The Revd Edd Stock**, previously Priest-in-Charge of Sydenham and Forest Hill, Holy Trinity, resigned on 26 June 2021, to take up a post in the Diocese of Birmingham.

**The Revd Catherine Tucker**, presently Vicar of Croydon, Holy Saviour, is to resign on 8 August 2021 to take up the post of Interim Team Rector for the Dover Town Team, in the Diocese of Canterbury.

**The Revd Elizabeth Oglesby-Elong**, presently Vicar of Eltham Park, St Luke, is to resign on 19 August 2021, to take a up post in the College of Presbyters in the Diocese of St Albans as Vicar of Biggleswade, St Andrew.

**The Revd Robert Tobin**, presently Vicar of Balham, St Mary & St John is to retire on 31 August 2021.

## PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

**The Revd Joy Boyce**, previously Minister without stipend of Southfields, St Barnabas, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 1 June 2021; her ministry is to be primarily in Wandsworth Deanery.

**The Revd Jessie Anand**, formerly Minister without Stipend of Angell Town, St John the Evangelist, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 9 June 2021 to minister mostly in Battersea Fields, All Saints.

**The Revd Prof Richard Burrige**, formerly Dean of King's College, London, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 9 June 2021.

**The Revd Leslie Drake**, formerly Vicar of Benfleet South, St Mary the Virgin in the Diocese of Chelmsford, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 9 June 2021 to minister mostly in Lavender Hill, The Ascension.

**The Revd Christopher Newlands**, previously Vicar of Lancaster, St Mary w St John and St Anne, in the Diocese of Blackburn, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 9 June 2021 to minister mostly in Eltham, Holy Trinity.

**The Revd Bruce Rickards**, previously Curate of Wimbledon South, St Andrew, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 9 June 2021.

**The Revd William Allberry** was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 24 June 2021. His ministry is primarily in Surbiton, St Matthew.

## CLERGY VACANCIES

### WOOLWICH AREA

**Charlton:**

**Westcombe Park, St George**, Team Vicar, (Interim/Half Stipend) (Patronage Board: Bishop/Vicar of Greenwich, St Alfege/CPAS/a TV)

**Plumstead:**

**St John with St James & St Paul, Plumstead**, Vicar (Simeon Trustees & CPAS)

## OTHER VACANCIES

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

**St John the Evangelist, East Dulwich**

The parish of St John the Evangelist wishes to appoint a new Parish Administrator with effect from Sept/Oct 2021 at a date to be agreed. 25 hours per week. Salary £13.50 per hour. 140 hours' holiday a year, plus bank holidays. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

For an informal chat about the post please contact the Vicar, the Revd Gill O'Neill, on 07958 592425 or e-mail at [vicar@stjohnseastdulwich.org](mailto:vicar@stjohnseastdulwich.org). Contact Joy Taylor for a job description and application form at [joytaylor@sky.com](mailto:joytaylor@sky.com).

Deadline for applications: Noon, Friday 9 July. Interviews from Friday 16 July.

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## DIOCESAN TRAINING

### The Holy Spirit and the Early Church

20 October, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

An evening of encounter with the Holy Spirit through the eyes of the Early Church. An opportunity to sense the ways that the Spirit has moved in and down the generations ever since Joel prophesied: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all people."

Benedictine practices of lectio divina and imagination will lead us into a deeper sense of the Spirit's presence. The evening is led by the Revd Sue Thomas, Assistant Priest at St John the Evangelist, Old Coulsdon.

To book your place, e-mail:

[ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

### An introduction to Franciscan spirituality

4 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

For nine centuries the life of St Francis of Assisi has been an inspiration and a guide. This session will introduce several strands of Franciscan spirituality and include prayer exploring these. There will also be some prayer resources for people to use outside the session. The leader is Sr Sue, a Franciscan sister for more than 25 years, who currently serves as Provincial Minister for the Community of St Francis. To book your place, e-mail:

[ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

### Missional new monasticism

7 - 28 September 2021, 10.00 -12.00, Online, £22.15

Introductory four-weeks course to *New Monastic Missional Communities* by the Revd Ian Mobsby. It seeks to give an overview to those who are interested in exploring a missional new monastic community as a possible form of Fresh Expression. For more information and to book go to:

<https://bit.ly/3w6VanG>

### Twelve steps: *Journey to freedom*

5 October 2 Nov 2021, 19.10-21.10, online, £32.93

This learning event is led by Ian Mobsby and Tim Lea from the National Fresh Expressions team and seeks to support Lay and ordained Pioneers to develop a contemplative life using a 12-step approach. For more information and to book go to:

<https://bit.ly/2Tm40Rm>

### FX mission 101 training course

The Fresh Expressions team is planning a six-week training course for Pioneers and non-Pioneer clergy reflecting the six stages of developing an ecclesial community out of contextual mission.

The FX team is looking for participants for this learning event to set people up for starting the whole FX process.

If you are interested contact David Cundill at [david.cundill@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:david.cundill@southwark.anglican.org) or Ian Mobsby at [ian.mobsby@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ian.mobsby@southwark.anglican.org)

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### The Croydon Area Lay Conference: Inside Out

**Saturday 6 November 2021, 10.00am-3.30pm, Zoom, free**

Booking is now open. The keynote speaker is Andrew Graystone, and his subject will be Upside down: a different way of looking at your church's mission. Bishop Jonathan will close the conference by discussing his vision for an inside out church.

There will be 16 workshops for you to choose from, all concerned with how lay people can take the love and joy they find inside the church out beyond its walls.

To secure your ticket, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inside-out-the-croydon-area-lay-conference-tickets-156085492911>

### Jay Colwill's English Cathedrals Cycle Ride

The Revd Canon Jay Colwill, Canon Missioner and Director of Mission and Evangelism is cycling around the 42 cathedrals of England - just under 2,000 miles - to celebrate the place of cathedrals in our communities and to support the work of *Together Southwark*, charity that focuses its work on alleviating food insecurity in South London and East Surrey.

To make a donation, visit: [justgiving.com/fundraising/jay-colwill1](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/jay-colwill1)

### The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship

**September 2021 - June 2022, Trinity House or on Zoom, £220, including a 24-hour residential event**

Booking is now open for the Bishop's Certificate. The course is a stepping-off point for people exploring their vocation, but most people take it just for the joy of finding out more about their faith. This year there is the option of taking the course in a venue or online.

To request an application form and a schedule of dates, contact [bishopscertificate@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:bishopscertificate@southwark.anglican.org)

### Leaders who Lunch & Learn: Preaching as a Woman

**14 July, 12.00-2.00pm, Zoom**

The Revd Dr Susan Durber, author of *Preaching like a Woman* and Faith and Order Moderator of the World Council of Churches will lead this session. Susan encourages and empowers women to find their distinctive voice as preachers. She will offer her insights and through conversation we will learn together. Bring a sandwich!

Find more information and register at <http://bit.ly/LLLDurber>

*•This Learning Lunch is for women with a preaching ministry in the Diocese of Southwark.*

## ECO NEWS AND EVENTS

### Prayer Vigil for COP26

**23 October 2021, 2.00-3.45pm**

The planet needs our prayers.

South Bank Churches & the Diocese of Southwark invite people of all faiths to a prayer vigil for the success of COP26, the international conference on climate change.

You are encouraged to make a pilgrimage from your place of worship - on foot, by bike, on public transport, or however you wish - to arrive at Southwark Cathedral between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

Book your place here:

<https://www.stjohnswaterloo.org/page/1791/vigil-cop>

### Reminder to fill in the Energy Footprint Tool

As we begin our work towards carbon neutrality, it is essential that we monitor the greenhouse gas emissions of the Diocese. Please remember to make sure someone has filled in the Energy Footprint Tool (<https://bit.ly/3AjezVL>) for your church, via the online Parish Returns System <https://bit.ly/3dBHyuf>, before it closes in the autumn. The Energy Footprint Tool will calculate the carbon footprint of your church for 2020 (with an automatic adjustment for lockdown months) and the Diocese hopes it will inspire you to take steps to reduce your carbon emissions.

### Climate Sunday

This campaign has been running for over a year now, calling on all churches to hold a Climate Sunday (<https://bit.ly/3xeXf2a>) service in the run-up to the United Nations Climate Conference (known as COP26), hosted by the UK in Glasgow this November. There is still time to register here: <https://bit.ly/3huDo8l> and commit to holding an environment-themed service in the months before COP26. Please do register if you are holding a service so that we can see all the activity taking place in Southwark.

### Green Church Showcase

**Deadline: 21 July 2021**

Has your church, church school or Christian group done something amazing to combat climate change or to protect nature? The Green Church Showcase (<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/green-church-showcase>) is still open for entries. Entries are encouraged in the following categories:

- . building projects moving towards net-zero carbon
- . building projects that balance conservation and the environment
- . courageous advocacy and community engagement
- . nurturing the natural world, and using church land to develop health and well-being
- . involving young people at every level
- . simple but effective gains on a shoestring.

# NOTICES

## Past Cases Review Update

The Diocese has continued to carry out the Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) work throughout the period of COVID-19 restrictions and significant progress has been made in reviewing our clergy and Church Officer files and safeguarding records. To date, records relating to more than 2,000 individuals have been reviewed. It is expected that this review will be completed by the second half of 2021.

More information on these cases and contact details can be found at <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/latest-news/past-cases-review-update/>

## Free Yamaha PSR e403 keyboard / synthesizer

The parish of St Richard, Ham is giving away, to any other church that could make use of it, a Yamaha PSR e403 keyboard/synthesizer in good condition, which is no longer required.

If you are interested, contact Chris Ruse at [chris.ruse@care4free.net](mailto:chris.ruse@care4free.net)

## Save the date!

### Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022

Our mixed-mode Southwark Diocesan Conference #SDC2022 will be taking place on 1-3 September 2022. This is, a non residential event at the Bacon's College, Rotherhithe.

## We are open!

As churches have begun to meet in person again, the Mission and Communications teams created two templates of invitations that parishes can download and print and fill in with their name, details and the kind of service or event that people are being invited back to - a specific invitation to a service is a great way to re-engage a household that may have stopped connecting with worship and discipleship.

To help you further, the Mission Team can provide you with a micro-grant of £100 to use in this initiative. Fill in the grant application form and send it to:

[mission@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:mission@southwark.anglican.org)

The invitation cards and application form can be downloaded here:

<https://southwark.anglican.org/we-are-open/>

## Gilmore Fund

**Deadline: 5 November 2021**

The Gilmore Fund is open to grant applications from women in ministry in Southwark Diocese. Click here to download the application form: <https://bit.ly/Gilmore2021>.

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. Please send completed forms to [gilmoregrants@gmail.com](mailto:gilmoregrants@gmail.com)

## Bishop Richard writes...

One of the important events earlier this year, which passed by almost unnoticed in the midst of the intense focus on the pandemic, was the national census, which took place in March. A newspaper report of the time suggested that “the post-Christian era will be cemented by data emerging from [the] census”, and that over half of the adult population will self-identify as having no religion, with that proportion becoming much larger amongst younger people. This could confirm the results of the British social attitudes survey in 2018, in which 52% said they had no religion. This is roughly double the number from the last census.

There is little doubt that very large and increasing numbers of our contemporaries see religious faith as either irrelevant or, indeed, damaging to life. The Church of England has responded in many different ways to this context with imaginative mission initiatives designed to engage with those who have become disconnected. Much of this is a necessary response, but in many ways is not proving sufficient to re-engage the large numbers who have little link. The pandemic has accelerated and intensified some existing trends and raised serious questions about the future shape of our world and the Church. There are major concerns about the future at every level including our parishes and Dioceses.

Despite this, I believe we are at a time of real opportunity and hope given the profound shake-up that the pandemic is producing in every aspect of our lives. One crucial part of the Church’s mission is the apologetic task which the theologian Alister McGrath has described as creating “an intellectual and imaginative climate conducive to the birth and nurture of faith”. The philosopher Charles Taylor

has written an important book entitled, *A Secular Age* in which he analyses what he calls the “conditions of belief” and why it is that, compared with 500 years ago, it has become so much more difficult for people to believe in and follow the Christian faith. We are now living in a culture where it is one option amongst many, and a deeply contested one. He suggests both that those who do believe in God have many questions about their faith, and that those who have rejected God are also haunted by the possibility of theism. So faith and questioning go together.

God’s Church is called “to proclaim the Gospel afresh in each generation” and, arguably, the pandemic has produced a generational shift in the space of a year or two. The good news of God’s all-embracing love in Christ, and the expression of the church’s mission in the five Anglican “marks of mission”, can speak powerfully to the wider “build back better” agenda, with its emphasis on economic, racial and environmental justice and human flourishing. At every level of Church life we need a powerful apologetic, in both word and action, if we are truly to engage with our generation. There are, of course, many fine examples of this already, but I think we are at a time when the apologetic task is more central than ever.

Many of us are very tired after all the effort to cope with the constant changes, challenges and uncertainties of the pandemic, but I hope and pray that the summer months might give us all an opportunity to rest a bit, to wait on God, and reflect on how the Holy Spirit is leading God’s mission into the future, and how we might all play our part in that in both word and deed.

+ Richard Kingston