

NOTICEBOARD



News and Events from the Diocese of Southwark
MAY 2021

Thy Kingdom Come is nearly here...

The global prayer movement takes place this month from **13-23 May 2021** and there is still plenty of time to get involved. The Diocese has dedicated resources aimed at helping parishes to mark the occasion.

Thy Kingdom Come encourages Christians worldwide to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for friends and family to come to faith. The hope is that this year those in Southwark will focus their prayer in a further three ways: locally, by praying for those who have not been able to access the community of faith during the Coronavirus pandemic; nationally, by praying for a reappraisal of the country's vision and values to serve the needs of everyone in society; and internationally, by praying for the persecuted church.

The resources have been designed for use either in church or at home, so that parishes can choose to share the material however they wish. There are also ideas suitable for families, children and young people of all ages.

Find out more about the resources, and ideas for prayerful activities for families, churches or individuals, at: southwark.anglican.org/tkc

Also, once again, grants of £100 can be awarded to parishes towards purchasing resources to celebrate Thy Kingdom Come. Download the [grant application form](#), or e-mail us at mission@southwark.anglican.org.

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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If you find any information which is out of date or inaccurate please contact: data@southwark.anglican.org.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 Roy Collins, formerly Deacon and holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate (Woodside, S Luke), died on 25 April 2021. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Jonathan Croucher, formerly Vicar of Gipsy Hill, Christ Church, was licensed Priest-in-Charge of West Dulwich, Emmanuel on 25 April, by the Bishop of Kingston.

The Revd Sandra Schloss, presently Priest-in-Charge of Camberwell, St Luke, will be collated as Vicar in the same parish on 23 May 2021 by the Archdeacon of Southwark.

The Revd Cecile Schnyder, presently Priest-in-Charge of Dulwich, St Clement w St Peter, is to be collated as Vicar in the same parish, on 30 May 2021, by the Archdeacon of Southwark.

The Revd Egerton Gbonda, presently Priest-in-Charge of Bermondsey, St Katharine & St Bartholomew, is to be instituted as Vicar in the same parish, on 13 June 2021, by the Archdeacon of Southwark.

The Revd Melanie Harrington, presently Curate of Lichfield St Michael with St Mary and Wall, St John, in the Diocese of Lichfield, is to be instituted as Vicar of Kew, St Philip & All Saints w St Luke (United Benefice), on 23 June 2021, by the Bishop of Kingston.

The Revd Susan Cook, presently Priest-in-Charge of Telford Park, St Thomas w St Stephen, is to be instituted as Vicar of the same parish on 11 July 2021, by the Bishop of Kingston.

The Revd Robert Faulkner, presently Priest-in-Charge of Angell Town, S John the Evangelist, is to be collated as Vicar of the same parish on 18 July 2021, by the Bishop of Kingston.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS

The Revd Dr Andrew Davey, currently Vicar of Upper Tooting, Holy Trinity and St Augustine, is to resign on 19 May 2021, to take up the post of Vicar of Milton-next-Gravesend, Christ Church in the Diocese of Rochester.

The Revd Walter King, ceased to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate (on 21 January 2021).

The Revd Martha Mutikani, currently Associate Priest (NSM) of Horley, St Bartholomew, St Francis & St Wilfrid, is to resign on 19 May 2021, to take up the post of Associate Vicar (House for Duty) of Isfield parish in the Plurality of Uckfield in the Diocese of Chichester.

The Revd Christopher Rogers, currently Assistant Curate of Catford (Southend) & Downham Team Ministry, is to resign on 9 June 2021, to take up the post of Associate Vicar of Kensington, St Mary Abbots in the Diocese of London.

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

CLERGY VACANCIES

WOOLWICH AREA

East Lewisham Deanery:

Catford and Downham Team

Ministry: Team Rector

DIOCESAN TRAINING

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

NOTICES

Archdeacon of Southwark to be next Bishop of Lynn

The Venerable Dr Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark, was announced on 28 April as the next Bishop of Lynn.

The first female bishop in Norfolk, Jane will also be the first suffragan bishop to be consecrated in Norwich Cathedral in more than a century when the ceremony takes place on **Wednesday 23 June**.

The Daily Mirror has asked for nominations for the "Thank a Hero" campaign it will be running in June to thank the grass-roots volunteers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in the past year.

If you have a nominee in mind, please e-mail communications@southwark.anglican.org with the subject line of "Mirror hero" and a short account of the work the nominee has been undertaking, as well as their name, age and where they are from. We will then be able to pass this on to the newspaper.

Living in Love and Faith

The Diocese as a whole is 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 EVENTS

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

New Lay Ministries morning

Saturday 19 June 10.00am-1.00pm, Zoom

A major event introduced by Bishop Christopher to help lay people in our churches explore their call to ministry. With the introduction of new authorised lay ministries in the Diocese this is an opportunity for our lay people to explore their call and how they could play a part in seeing their church flourish and grow. You will have the opportunity to learn about the wide variety of lay ministries including new Lay Pioneers, Family, Children and Youth Ministries as well as Lay Readers, SPA ministry, Church Army and the permanent diaconate.

Our prayer is that this morning will help to support new and existing ministries within our churches.

For more information and to book your place click here: <https://southwark.anglican.org/new-lay-ministries>

Virtual Pilgrimage - Cathedrals of Britain

Wednesday 19 May 2021

The parish of All Saints, Dulwich has teamed up with cathedrals across Britain to organise their first virtual pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will be broadcast via the parish YouTube channel.

The pilgrimage journey will be accompanied with prayer, services & the Eucharist and will conclude with the blessing of Bishop Christopher.

The full timetable can be found here: <https://www.all-saints.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Cathedral-Timetable-2.pdf>.

For more information contact Ethan: streaming@all-saints.org.uk

Mental Health Aware training

Saturday 22 May 2021, 9.30am-1.30pm, Zoom, £25

An introductory mental health awareness course with a focus on young people. The training gives people the skills and confidence to safely address mental health issues in young people, with a strong practical focus on how to support a young person experiencing mental distress.

Sign up by **6 May** to reserve your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-aware-tickets-150544876779>

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Chosen - A Talk by Revd Dr Giles Fraser

**Friday 21 May, 7.00pm,
Southwark Cathedral, £10**

The Revd Dr Giles Fraser will discuss his latest publication '*Chosen - Lost and Found between Christianity and Judaism*'. This remarkable book is the story of the personal crisis that followed his support of the Occupy movement, and its surprising consequences.

Social-distancing will be in place and face covering is mandatory, unless you are exempt.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chosen-a-talk-by-reverend-dr-giles-fraser-tickets-144500782731>

God is Not a White Man

**Tuesday 25 May, 7.00pm,
Southwark Cathedral, £5**

Chine McDonald in Conversation with the Ven Rosemarie Mallett

Chine McDonald asks a series of urgent questions in a searing look at her experience of being a black woman in the white-majority space that is the UK church.

Social-distancing will be in place and face covering is mandatory, unless you are exempt.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/god-is-not-a-white-man-chine-mcdonald-and-the-ve-tickets-144908241451>

CTBI to stage service in honour of George Floyd

Bishop Christopher and Archdeacon Rosemarie Mallett will be among the church leaders contributing to a special service in memory of George Floyd, to be **broadcast on 25 May**. A national service of reflection on the anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, the service will be hosted at the New Testament Church of God in Brixton. It will challenge churches and communities in Britain and Ireland to stand up for justice, and against racism, ignorance and hatred.

The service will be broadcast at **7.00pm on 25 May via YouTube** (youtube.com/ctbimedia). **BBC Radio 4** will subsequently **broadcast it on 30 May** for its Sunday Worship programme.

Kingston Youth Forum with Bishop Richard

Tuesday 18 May 2021, 5.00-6.15pm, Zoom

If you are in Kingston Episcopal Area and have young people (aged 13+) who are passionate about climate justice, up to three per church and five per church school are invited to have their voice heard as they join a conversation with Bishop Richard on this topic. A youth leader/teacher should accompany young people attending. Parents can sign up their child here: <https://bit.ly/2QHcyRa> by 14 May, youth leaders/teachers, please e-mail [Keli Bolton](mailto:Keli.Bolton) to confirm your attendance.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Churches Count on Nature

6-13 June 2021

This week-long citizen-science event aims to encourage church communities, local schools, wildlife groups and visitors to make a note of the animals, birds, insects, or fungi in their local churchyards, with the data to be collated on the National Biodiversity Network.

The project is being run jointly by the National Churches in England and Wales, Caring for God's Acre and A Rocha.

Find out more information on the Caring for God's Acre website:

bit.ly/CountOnNature1 and sign up for a CofE webinar here: bit.ly/CountOnNature2

Cool Spaces Project Steering Group (PSG)

is keen to maximise the availability of cool spaces for registration across Greater London. This pilot project aims to create a map of cool and shaded places for Londoners to take respite on hot days.

If you haven't yet registered a site as a cool space, (or if you would like to add further sites), you can still do so using the online registration form in the link below. The deadline for registration has been extended until **14 May 2021**. Link to registration:

<https://apps.london.gov.uk/cool-spaces-registration/#/register>

Church of England Net Zero webinars

There are two new "net zero carbon" webinars now open for booking on the [Church of England website](#):

- "Conservation pitfalls and how to avoid them, en route to net zero" being delivered by Conservation Architect Tobit Curteis
- "The basics of heat pumps" being run by the Energy Managers Association.

Get ready for the Great Big Green Week

From **18-26 September 2021**, communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week in advance of the COP26 summit in Glasgow. It is being billed as the biggest ever event for climate and nature in the UK and the organisers are encouraging people across the country to host their own green events. You can find ideas for events, organiser's guides, resources to get people talking about climate change and more at: greatbiggreenweek.com/

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.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Wonder, Wisdom and Worship

Seminar: 9 June 1.00-2.00pm, Zoom, free

Workshop: 16 June 1.00-5.00pm, Zoom, £25

Opportunities and challenges for using science in preaching. Public seminar from the Faraday Institute led by Revd Prof David Wilkinson followed by a workshop on 16 June. Link available on the day here:

www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/science-in-preaching-seminar/.

E-mail churches@faraday.cam.ac.uk to book for the workshop.

Could you help a former WREN?

Janette Crisp, Co-Coordinator of the Dauntless Division, is looking for ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield/HMTE Burghfield/HMTE Dauntless/HMS Dauntless/Reading.

Dauntless Divisional Photos is a nationwide project, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends.

If you, a relative or even a next-door neighbour wore the uniform, please e-mail ddpwrens@gmail.com or call 07765 435295/07719 909844.

Christian Aid launches environmental resources aimed at Black Christians

Following its *Black Lives Matter Everywhere* report from 2020 which revealed that 50% of Black Christians in the UK do not think the environmental movement is diverse enough, Christian Aid has produced a series of resources aimed at increasing the visibility of UKME perspectives on environmental issues.

The resources include posters, conversation starters and stories to inspire positive action, and can be downloaded from:

bit.ly/Prophetic-Journey-Climate

GRANTS AND FUNDING

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

Bishop Karwei writes...

My dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, greetings to you, your loved ones and the family of God in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we move forward out of lockdown, I look and see bulbs of light, life, and Christ's love shining around us despite having been through one of life's most devastating experiences with the pandemic. Lots of our loved ones, friends and extended human family have died alone and are no longer with us, we've been unable to say our goodbyes. May the Lord grant the souls of the faithful departed, rest, and may Christ's resurrection give us a real sense of a living hope as we build back better.

I wish to share two thoughts as we contemplate the way forward, hoping to build back stronger by God's grace.

After the crucifixion, the disciples were afraid of the Jews and went into "lockdown", they were spellbound in fear, windows and doors locked.

Their Lord Jesus Christ appeared amongst them and said, "Shalom", meaning "Peace be with you." He breathed God's peace on them in a most challenging time of anxiety, fear and crisis. So, my friends, my first thought is, remember, Christ is with you, whatever you are going through, trust him as he breathes God's peace on you. (Luke 23:36). Perfect Love casts out Fear.

In another scenario, Cleophas and his companion travelled the short journey to the village called Emmaus. As they journeyed, Christ joined them as they discussed the events of Good Friday.

Jesus expounded the Holy Scriptures to them and what the events meant. After the journey, as they sat down to eat, he took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, then their eyes were opened and they recognised the resurrected Christ. Alas! They returned to Jerusalem to tell the disciples how their hearts burned with fire within them as he expounded the Holy Scriptures. He is Risen! (Luke 24:13-33). So, my second thought is this, remember, Christ is travelling with you in your journey of faith and Christian discipleship. He is your travelling companion and friend, who supports and gives strength as you go through life's challenges and upheavals and especially now as we return to a new post-pandemic norm.

We give thanks to God for making his grace available to us through Christ, who has given us a new hope and peace in the midst of turmoil and promise of his abiding presence through the Holy Spirit.

Finally, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7 KJV).

Therefore, hold on, beloved brothers and sisters, fellow travellers and disciples of Christ with the assurance of God's promises which are confirmed in Christ Jesus. Shalom!

+ Karwei Woolwich