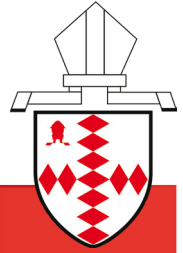


# NOTICEBOARD



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

## **Black History Month at Southwark Diocese**

October is Black History Month and the Diocese kick-started it with a service of celebration and thanksgiving at the Cathedral on Saturday 2 October. Bishop Karowei presided and the Revd Les Isaac, founder of Street Pastors and Ascension Trust, preached. It was followed by workshops focused on this year's theme of Business, Science and the Arts.

Also, the Anti-Racism Charter (ARC) was officially launched by Archdeacon Rosemarie Mallett. The pack, which includes the Charter itself, sets out our commitment to being an anti-racist Diocese and how we will achieve it. A poster and postcards highlighting the Charter's key principles are also included. Those attending the event on Saturday have received the pack, which was also posted to parishes last week. If you would like to receive more copies, please get in touch with the Communications Department at [communications@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:communications@southwark.anglican.org). For those of you who have already received your pack, we would love to see some photos of you or members of your parish holding it, so we can share it more widely.

Details of BHM events happening in the Diocese of Southwark can be found here: <https://southwark.anglican.org/antiracism>

## **Save the date! Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022**

***1-3 September 2022, Bacon's College, Rotherhithe or Zoom***

This will be a tremendously significant event in the life of Southwark Diocese and will take place both in person and online. The theme is "Christ-centred, outward-focused". Speakers include: Mark Greene, Carrie Myers, Francis Spufford and the Revd Azariah France-Williams.

Full details will be available at [southwark.anglican.org/news-events/whats-on](https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/whats-on); bookings will open in January 2022.

## PERSONNEL

### REST IN PEACE

**The Revd George Young**, previously holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate, died on 25 August 2021. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**The Revd Chris Griffiths**, Team Vicar of Mortlake W East Sheen Team Ministry, died on 26 August 2021. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

**The Revd Ian Whitley**, former Priest-in-Charge of Lingfield and Dormansland United Benefice, was collated as Vicar of the same parish on 16 September 2021, by the Bishop of Croydon.

**The Revd Timon Singh**, presently Priest-in-Charge of Bellingham, St Dunstan, was collated as Vicar of the same parish, on 3 October 2021, by the Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich.

**The Revd Benjamin Jones**, presently Priest-in-Charge of Brockley, S Peter, is to be collated as Vicar of the same parish, on 13 October 2021, by the Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich.

**The Revd Mark Budden**, presently Minister without Stipend of Merton, St James, is to be instituted as Vicar (Non Stipendiary) of the same parish, on 20 October 2021, by the Bishop of Kingston.

**The Revd Richard Lane**, presently Priest-in-Charge of Forest Hill Team Ministry, is to be instituted as Vicar of the same Parish, on 31 October 2021, by the Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich.

**The Revd Philip Kennedy**, presently Chaplain of the Company of Mission Priests, and Curate of Brighton, St Bartholomew in the Diocese of Chichester, is to be instituted as Vicar of Lavender Hill, The Ascension & Battersea, St Philip & Bartholomew, on 25 October, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Peter Organ**, presently Vicar of Wickham East, St Michael the Archangel, is to be collated as Team Rector of Catford, Southend & Downham Team Ministry, on 8 November 2021, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Raymond Baudon**, presently Assistant DDO and Deputy Director of Vocations in the Diocese of Southwark, is to be licensed with a Public Preachers' License (PPL), on 14 November 2021, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Andrew Dovey**, presently Lead Chaplain of Croydon Health Services NHS Trust, is to be commissioned as the Bishop's Adviser for Healthcare, on 20 November 2021, by the Bishop of Southwark.

### LAY APPOINTMENTS

**Mr Christopher Brown** was licensed as Student and Young Adults Worker of Summerstown, St Mary, on 26 September 2021, by the Archdeacon of Wandsworth.

### RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS

**The Revd Gordon Jeanes**, presently Vicar of Wandsworth, St Anne w St Faith, is to retire on 9 November 2021.

**The Revd Jonathan Wilkes**, presently Team Rector of the Kingston Team Ministry, is to resign on 14 November 2021.

**The Revd Paul Tiernan**, presently Vicar of Sydenham, St Philip the Apostle, is to retire on 31 December 2021.

**The Revd Anita Colpus**, presently Vicar of Reigate, St Luke, is to resign on 21 November 2021, to take up the post of Rector of Lewes, Trinity, in Chichester Diocese.

**The Revd Lisa Bewick**, presently Curate of Waterloo, St John w St Andrew, is to resign on 12 October 2021 (tbc), to be licensed as Associate Vicar of Hornchurch, St Andrew in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

**The Revd Darius Weithers**, presently Curate of Croydon, All Saints, is to resign on 6 October 2021, to take up the post of Vicar of Old Ford, St Paul in the Diocese of London.

## PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

**The Revd Ijeoma Ajibade**, previously holder of Permission to Officiate in Gibraltar in Europe and Honorary Minor Canon of Southwark Cathedral, was also granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 16 September 2021 (Southwark & Newington Deanery).

**The Revd David Cowan**, presently holder of the Bishop of Guildford's Permission to Officiate, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 16 September 2021 (Reigate Deanery).

**The Revd Ellen Elizabeth Goldsmith**, formerly Minister without Stipend of Probus, St Probus & St Grace and Ladock and Grampound w Creed and St Erme in the Diocese of Truro, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 16 September 2021 (Lambeth North Deanery).

**The Revd Stephen Pugh**, presently Vicar of Great Ilford, St Margaret of Antioch & S Clement in the Diocese of Chelmsford, was granted the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate on 16 September 2021 (Croydon North Deanery).

## CLERGY VACANCIES

### KINGSTON AREA

**Upper Tooting, United Benefice of Upper Tooting with St Augustine:** Vicar (advertised from 15 October)

**Kew, St Anne:** Vicar (advertised on 29 October).

## OTHER VACANCIES

Vacancies for positions in the Diocese are usually advertised on the Diocesan website, <https://southwark.anglican.org/about-us/who-we-are/vacancies/>, and often via the CofE Pathways website: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/search/category-diocese-of-southwark/page-1>

There are two particular vacancies which we would be grateful if you could circulate through your parish communications, or website, or bring to the attention of people whom you think may be interested.

These are: a **Generous Giving Adviser**, supporting parishes with responding generously to all that God has given and the **Safeguarding Department Administrator**, supporting the Safeguarding team in a wide variety of administrative duties. Details of these jobs can be found on <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/search/category-diocese-of-southwark/page-1>

# NOTICES

## Counting 'Church at Home' attendance

The ways that services are now provided and the ways that people now 'attend' services have, for many, become much more varied over the last 18 months. Following on from guidance issued during the pandemic, the National Church has provided some general guidelines in relation to counting 'Church at Home' attendance which you may find it helpful to refer to. This also includes a spreadsheet which can be used for recording what is being offered, and both can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/research-and-statistics/covid19-counting-attendance>

## Subsidised Energy Audits

Parish Buying are supporting churches as they work towards carbon net zero 2030 by offering them the chance to apply for a subsidised Energy Audit. There are 100 subsidised Energy Audits available, the usual cost of an audit is £445 (+ VAT). Qualifying churches will receive a subsidy of £200, making the price £245 (+ VAT).

The Energy Audits are part-funded by Parish Buying's green electricity supplier, Total Energies. Full priced audits will still be available after the 100 subsidies have been allocated. <https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/energy/energy-basket/audit>

Historic England has published updated guidance on preventing the theft of metal from church roofs: <https://bit.ly/3ikY2cn>

## Online Fundraising Workshop

**Monday 25 October, 11.00am, free**

The National Churches Trust is running an online workshop to introduce its grants programmes.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grant-enquiry-session-tickets-160191070805>

## COVID-19: Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfecting Historic Surfaces

Historic England has issued detailed, research-based guidance for cleaning and disinfecting historic surfaces in line with the Government's guidance on how to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in the workplace.

It can be found here: <https://historicengland.org.uk/coronavirus/historic-places/cleaning-disinfecting-historic-surfaces>

## Pilgrimage to the Passion Play in Oberammergau

**Monday 18 - Sunday 24 July, 2022**

Travel by luxury coach from South London visiting the fairy-tale castles of Austria and Innsbruck, before seeing a performance of the Passion Play, staying overnight in Oberammergau and then driving back home. Prices from £1,095 sharing, limited single rooms available.

Led by Revd Canon Dr Sue Clarke. For details contact Sue at [semclarke@btinternet.com](mailto:semclarke@btinternet.com) or 077107 44006.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### The Diocesan Clergy Study Day: Jerusalem — the Holy City

*Tuesday 19 October 2021, 9.30am-1.00pm, Zoom*

A morning of learning, study and prayer for all clergy in Southwark Diocese. The Most Revd Hosam Naoum, Archbishop of Jerusalem, will speak on the current situation in the Holy Land, and the Revd Dr Andrew Davison, Starbridge Senior Lecturer in Theology and Natural Sciences, Fellow in Theology and Dean of Chapel, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, will speak on the Heavenly Jerusalem.

Find more information and sign up here: [bit.ly/ClergyStudy21](http://bit.ly/ClergyStudy21)

### Prayer Vigil for COP26

*23 October 2021, 2.00-3.45pm*

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 to arrive at Southwark Cathedral between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

Book at: [www.stjohnswaterloo.org/page/1791/vigil-cop](http://www.stjohnswaterloo.org/page/1791/vigil-cop)

### Vocations Forum

*Saturday 13 November, 9.00am-1.00pm, Southwark Cathedral and Trinity House*

The focus is on licensed lay ministries and on ordained ministry as a Permanent Deacon or Priest.

You will need your incumbent or chaplain to sponsor you to attend. Please ask them to book your place by e-mailing [sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org)

### The Croydon Area Lay Conference: Inside Out

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

The event's keynote speaker is Andrew Graystone, the broadcaster and author of *Faith, Hope and Mischief*. Bishop Jonathan will close the conference by discussing his vision for an Inside-out Church.

There will be 16 workshops 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: [croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk](http://croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk)

### Affirmation service for leaders of CYP

*Saturday 27 November, 2.00-4.30pm, Holy Trinity, Redhill*

Service and afternoon tea for CYP leaders and volunteers in Croydon, led by Bishop Jonathan. Book at: [bit.ly/AffirmationCroydon](http://bit.ly/AffirmationCroydon) using the password "Jonathan".

## DIOCESAN TRAINING

### Communicating with people with dementia

*Wednesday 3 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free*

This SAGE (Southwark and Ageing) webinar is led by Julia Burton-Jones, Canterbury Diocese's dementia specialist. The session will be useful for people both with and without personal experience of the subject.

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

### An introduction to Franciscan spirituality

*Thursday 4 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free*

The leader of this session 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)

### The environment – the science that every churchgoer should know

*Monday 8 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free*

Bishop Richard leads this seminar alongside Dr Nicholas Heavens of the Space Science Institute at Boulder, Colorado.

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

### Preaching on Luke's Gospel

*Tuesday 9 November OR Saturday 13 November, 10.00am-1.00pm, Zoom, free*

This workshop is led by the Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley, Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry, and the Revd Ellen Eames, priest in charge of St Christopher, Walworth. It is being offered twice in order to make it available to as broad a range of lay and ordained preachers as possible.

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org), stating which session you wish to attend.

### Connecting the generations: a Living Faith seminar

*Wednesday 10 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free*

The Church is a multi-generational community. SAGE is working with the Diocesan Children and Young People Team (CYP) to look at the ways churches can encourage the generations to get connected. True intergenerational activity is valuable for all those who participate - both old and young.

The session will include theory and practical ideas for connecting the generations as we come out of the pandemic, both as a church community and in the roles we have as parents, grandparents, godparents and ministry leaders. Open to all.

Book your place at [bit.ly/3zTcjU](https://bit.ly/3zTcjU)

## DIOCESAN TRAINING

### Prepare the way of the Lord: Preaching though Advent

*Monday 22 November, 10.00am-12.00pm, Zoom, free*

An opportunity for preachers, lay or ordained, to explore the themes of Advent. The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark, will lead the session.

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

### Diversity training

*Thursday 25 November, and repeated on Tuesday 22 March 2022 & Saturday 18 June 2022, 10.00am-12.30pm, Trinity House, free*

A programme to help individuals, churches and communities address issues of unconscious bias which arise in diverse communities. It is led by the Venerable Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Archdeacon of Croydon, and the Revd Canon Wendy Robins, Director of Discipleship, Lay Ministry and Continuing Ministerial Education.

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

### Action against gender-based violence

*Thursday 25 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free*

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Southwark Diocese Mothers' Union will lead an event discussing one of its most active causes,

campaigning throughout the world for an end to gender-based violence.

The session is for both men and women, whether or not they are already members of Mothers' Union.

To book your place, e-mail [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org)

### Equipping Christian leadership in an age of science

*Tuesday 7 December, 10.00am-12.30pm, Zoom, free*

Bishop Richard hosts a morning about theological and Christian narratives of salvation in the COVID-19 world. He will be joined by three members of the Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science project (ECLAS).

Dr Franziska Kohlt and Dr Thoko Kamwendo will share research on virus narratives. The Revd Dr Lucas Mix will speak on biological narratives in the Bible.

The event is aimed at all in lay or ordained leadership roles, and is of particular importance to those who preach. To book your place, e-mail

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

### Making Room at the Inn

*Wednesday, 10 November 2021, 10.00am-4.00pm, free*

A CMEAC roundtable discussion on how the Church of England can welcome & support people arriving from Hong Kong. To register visit: <https://bit.ly/3oqsoxZ>

## Bishop Jonathan writes...

*And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that Jesus was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. (Luke 7:37-38)*

Christian faith is not supposed to be polite. Many centuries of effort in the Church have tried to eradicate from it the truly radical nature of faith, but it can't be wiped out altogether: by the grace of God's Spirit, it keeps on bubbling back. In particular as we slowly, hesitantly and eventually emerge from the coronavirus pandemic, it's time for us in the Church of England to stop imagining that religion is just ordinary life with a few added morals.

Individually and as a community, we have come through trauma over this last year and a half, and it hasn't gone away yet. Part of our natural human reaction is to try to forget about it, to get back to "normal", and ignore those who "keep on going on about it". But trauma doesn't go away like that, it just gets buried – but it's still there, like an inner zombie gnawing away at us. As a society we need time to

weep, to mourn and to tell the stories of our pandemic experiences. Some of us will have experienced personal tragedies of illness and bereavement. All of us have been part of a national and global crisis on a scale that few have experienced.

The Church's role now is not to paper over the cracks and try to make everything normal again. Quite the opposite: we need to be those who allow the wounds in our society to heal properly, from the inside out, gradually regrowing healthy tissue. We should not be concerned about our reputation, or respectability, but with the realities which it is difficult to acknowledge.

Our job as the people of God is to move beyond politeness into reality, to step out of the myth of self-sufficiency and to admit the utter dependence on the grace of God which is the condition of all Christian life. That is the deep truth which has always been there at the heart of the Church: but it has also often been a deeply hidden truth. The mission of the Church in this time is to open up its treasure of grace and to pour it away in vulnerability, so that our sins and brokenness may also be healed and forgiven, and we may go in peace.

*Jonathan Caydon*