

NOTICEBOARD



News and Events from the Diocese of Southwark
NOVEMBER 2021

COP26 Events and Prayers

As world leaders prepare to meet in Glasgow for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November, we have highlighted on our website those events happening in the Diocese and in our local area, as well as those events happening in Glasgow which are online, and ways you can get involved through Prayer, we hope you find them useful: <https://southwark.anglican.org/eco-events-november-cop26/>

You can also follow our daily prayers for COP26 on our Diocesan social channels every day starting on 1 November. If you are going to put anything up on social media remember to tag [#EcoSouthwark](#) and [#makecopcount!](#)

Joying on praying for COP26

The **24:7 Prayer movement** is offering resources for individuals, churches and schools: <https://www.24-7prayer.com/great-britain/19/pray-for-climate-justice-cop26>

Green Christian has a wide variety of ways into prayer and will have a daily online reflection and prayer meeting: <https://greenchristian.org.uk/pray-for-cop26/>

CAFOD has been offering weekly intercessions for some time: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/COP26-intercessions>

TearFund is offering a daily SMS feed that brings reports and prayer to your phone: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/cop26>

Christian Aid has created an array of liturgies and prayers, as well as creative and child-friendly approaches to prayer: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-chain/resources>

Climate Intercessors is a global network of people praying for the environment. They are sending daily emails from 31 October-12 November with reports from Glasgow, and are inviting people to join them on Zoom to pray: <https://www.climateintercessors.org/>

PERSONNEL

REST IN PEACE

The Revd Alan Sykes, formerly Minister without Stipend of Richmond, St Mary Magdalene, St Matthias & St John the Divine, and holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate, died on 4 October 2021. May he rest in peace and rise in glory

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

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

The Revd Adelaide Davies, presently Assistant Curate of Charlton, United Benefice is to be licensed as Prison Chaplain of HMP ISIS, on 1 November 2021, by the Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich.

The Revd Stephen Coulson, presently Vicar of Kennington, St Mark is to be licenced as Priest-in-Charge of South Lambeth, St Stephen on 17 November 2021 by the Bishop of Southwark.

The Revd Sharon Moughtin, presently Minister without Stipend, is to be licensed as Team Vicar of North Lambeth Team Ministry (Pioneering role at St Mary's Eco Church), on 29 November 2021, by the Bishop of Kingston.

LAY APPOINTMENTS

Wendy Stephens is to be licensed as Anglican Chaplain to HMP Wandsworth, supported by Imam Lzeblan Lewis, Managing Chaplain on 16 November 2021 by the Archdeacon of Wandsworth.

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENTS

The Revd Martin Greenfield, presently Priest-in-Charge of Sanderstead Team Ministry, is to retire on 28 February 2022 (last Sunday 23 January 2022).

The Revd Susan Height, presently Vicar of North Dulwich, St Faith, is to retire on 26 March 2022.

The Revd David Povall, presently Curate of Clapham, St Peter & St Paul, is to resign on 23 November 2021, to take up post of Curate of Harrogate, St Wilfrid, in the Diocese of Leeds.

CLERGY VACANCIES

CROYDON AREA

Croydon Archdeaconry

South Croydon, Emmanuel Church: Associate Vicar.

KINGSTON AREA

Wandsworth Archdeaconry

Upper Tooting, St Augustine and Holy Trinity: Vicar (Bishop and the Rector of St Leonard, Streatham). Closing date 14 November 2021.

Kew, St Anne: Vicar (the Crown). Closing date 5 December.

Battersea Rise, St Mark: Associate Vicar. Closing date 14 November.

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EVENTS & NOTICES

Retreat Day for Weary Activists

Monday 29 November, 9.30 - 4.30pm, £45* including lunch

Compassionate Communities and St Paul's Cathedral are holding their first Retreat Day at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine's, 2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS. Led by Antonia Lynn & Revd Natasha Beckles. Aimed at anyone involved in social action & social justice work in church or community.

Places are limited to 25, so please do book early: <https://bit.ly/3Budeek>

*some bursaries are available

Covid Response Funding

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has been given £20 million to distribute to nationally important heritage assets which are at risk due to the impact of Covid. To be eligible, your building should be listed and you should have already explored other sources of funding. Full details are available at: <https://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding/covid-19-response-fund>

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. 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>

Church launches consultation on plans to get to net zero carbon in just nine years

In February 2020, General Synod voted to set a target for the whole CofE of achieving 'net-zero' carbon by 2030. A Routemap for how the Church can achieve this has been drafted to invite conversation and consultation. Your response to this will help shape the actions the Church of England will commit to take this decade. For more details go to: <https://bit.ly/3CvjvI0>

The Diocese of Southwark welcomes CofE Net Zero Consultation

The Diocese of Southwark is committed to caring for God's creation and reducing our carbon footprint. In July, its Diocesan Synod unanimously endorsed a new [Environment Policy](#) for the Diocese and we are preparing prayerfully for COP26 including with the very well-attended [Climate Vigil](#) at Southwark Cathedral last Saturday. We welcome this consultation on plans to get to net zero from the National Church and look forward to studying it carefully and providing a considered response.

Winter Hints and Tips

Cold weather will bring the usual related problems for churches and associated properties. Ecclesiastical Insurance are offering some tips on avoiding some of the most common issues: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/documents/church-winter-risks>.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Street Doctors training events

Wednesdays 3 and 17 November, 17.30 - 18.30 in person

Aimed to young people to get trained as a confident first responder to a medical emergency
Want to know what to do if someone has been stabbed? What if your friend is bleeding? Come to one of these events to find out.

To book a place go to:

3 November: <https://bit.ly/2YUjyOr>

17 November: <https://bit.ly/3FV5LZ3>

CTSL's Big Gathering

Wednesday 3rd November, 7.00-9.00pm, Zoom

The Big Gatherings are focused on a theme in response to the needs of church communities in South London and what you're doing together - or wish to do more of together! The Bishop of Woolwich, The Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu will chair the event.

RSVP to claire@ctslondon.org.uk

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.

To book your place by e-mailing sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org

Church Army discovery morning

Saturday 13 November, 9.30am-12.30pm, Zoom, free

Church Army, whose mission and evangelism projects have had a great impact in Southwark Diocese over many decades, is offering an opportunity find out more about its work. It is particularly of interest to anyone who might consider joining the Church Army Mission Community or becoming a Commissioned Evangelist.

To book your place, go to: <https://www.churcharmy.org/discover> and click on 'Discovery morning'

Leading from Within – Self-Compassion and Resilience

Wednesday 10 November, 12.00-2.00pm, Zoom

The Revd Dr Carla A Grosch-Miller, practical theologian and author, will be the speaker. This “learning lunch” is for women in ministry in Southwark Diocese. Carla will explore selfcare, the endeavour to flourish in ministry, challenges that make it difficult and strategies to build resilience. Bring a sandwich!

All women in ministry in Southwark will be emailed joining details.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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

Synergy Network Christmas Thanksgiving Service

Saturday 11 December 4.00 - 5.30pm at St Mark's Kennington

Taking a stand against serious youth violence with the Synergy Network. Join us for the Christmas Thanksgiving service.

Find more details and sign up here:
<https://bit.ly/3Gylaxq>

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>

Southwark Cathedral to audition for choristers

Auditions Saturday 13 November

Would your son, nephew, brother or friend like to be a chorister? Southwark Cathedral is holding auditions for its boys' choir open to boys aged 7-10 who enjoy singing and would be interested in joining the Cathedral choir. No prior choral experience is necessary – just a good musical ear and a willingness to learn.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/3bj6ViV>

To book an audition slot, e-mail Director of Music Ian Keatley at ian.keatley@southwark.anglican.org

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 or 077107 44006.

The November issue of The Bridge

will be live on our website
southwark.anglican.org/the-bridge
from next week

DIOCESAN TRAINING

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

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 and the Revd Ellen Eames. 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, stating which session you wish to attend.

Connecting the generations: a Living Faith seminar

Wednesday 10 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free, open to all

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. The session will include theory and practical ideas for connecting the generations as we come out of the pandemic, godparents and ministry leaders.

Book your place at bit.ly/3zTCjyU

Three big questions that change every teenager

Tuesday 16 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

A webinar for anyone who has a heart for young people and wants to grow in listening well, addressing the things that give most stress to teenagers, and teaching young people that they are enough. It is hosted jointly by Southwark Diocese and London Diocese, and features Kara Powell of the Fuller Youth Institute talking about her recent book with the same title.

Book your place here: <https://bit.ly/2XPTlep>

Are you called to a ministry with children, young people or families?

Wednesday 17 November, 7.30-9.00pm, Zoom, free

If you are seeking to or already lead ministry with children, young people or families in a church or school setting and want to increase your skills, experience and reflective practice, join this session to learn how being trained, commissioned or licensed by Southwark Diocese can benefit you. The Aurora Children's Ministry Course begins in January 2022, and this information evening will explain more.

You can find out more about Aurora at: www.auroratraining.org.uk/southwark/children.

Book your place at: <https://bit.ly/3GrAJYS>

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

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

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

Bishop Jonathan's afternoon tea for CYP Leaders & Volunteers

Saturday 27 November, 2.00-4.30pm

An event for any volunteer/leader in CYP ministry. Afternoon tea will be included (in person!), along with times of discussion, sharing ideas and problem solving with others in your local area, to hear good news stories happening around the episcopal area and to be affirmed and encouraged in your ministry with a short service led by Bishop Jonathan and the Archdeacons. Book your place at: bit.ly/AffirmationCroydon

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).

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

Bishop Richard writes...

In many ways we are living in very anxious and uncertain times at every level of our lives. On a global level, we are still firmly in the grip of the Covid pandemic with its huge impact on all our lives. Many of our vital systems from healthcare to economics are looking very fragile. The pandemic has had major implications for our church life and raised many questions about how this will continue to flourish into the future. In addition, the even greater challenges of climate change and the environment are very much in our minds and especially with the major international COP26 conference in Glasgow in the first half of November. Whether or not that will produce the level of political and economic agreement which will seriously impact on the tremendous challenges of climate change remains to be seen.

If we add into these global issues all the stresses and strains of our own individual lives, whether those are to do with our relationships, our livelihoods, or our spiritual, mental and physical well-being, then we have a major challenge in getting the right mind-set and approach to living our lives as Christians at this stage of the 21st century. Having had in recent weeks the personal challenge of complications, following ankle surgery in August (thankfully now resolving), which resulted in some time off, I have been able to reflect a little on these matters.

It seems to me very important that we are clear about our theological understanding of the events of our lives, and indeed all that goes on not only on planet Earth, but across the universe. This means, of course, seeing everything in the light of the God, who is our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, our beginning and our end, in whom we live and move and have our being. The month of November gives us

plenty of opportunity to reflect on this, both personally and in our regular worship. At the beginning of the month we celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, which remind us of the importance of seeing our life on Earth in the light of our mortality and the whole company of Earth and Heaven. At the end of November, we remember Christ the King and Advent Sunday, which emphasise the saving work of God in Christ through all time. In particular, the belief that God was in Christ, reconciling all things and that this saving love of God will triumph in the end.

In our worship and prayer we seek to let this faith in God's saving work shape the way we think and live. In a time of so much fear and anxiety this is more important than ever. It is very easy to respond to the challenges of our times with either despair or crippling fear. We certainly do not want a facile optimism which trivialises the scale of the problems we face, but we do need a profound theological and spiritual hope for the future. This involves careful balance between diligence (doing all that is within our powers to shape our own lives and our world for good), and detachment, in the sense of the great spiritual writers, that is a deep sense that God is at work in all things, no matter how difficult our situation may seem.

As we live and pray for our world in these challenging times, I hope and pray that we will all have time to reflect on the deep themes that All Saints, All Souls, Christ the King and Advent Sunday remind us of this month, and that we will find an approach to life in which we are not overwhelmed by fear and despair, but have a genuine realistic hope, which is grounded in the saving love of God in Christ.

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