

Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022

Programme



Thursday 1 – Saturday 3 September
Bacon's College, Rotherhithe, SE16 6AT



The Diocese of
Southwark

Walking
Welcoming
Growing

A photographic reflection across our parishes in the Diocese of Southwark.
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Welcome

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022, which is a landmark event in our common life because it is the first time that all those who hold my licence, lay and ordained, have been gathered together. There is a diverse and exciting programme of keynote speeches and seminars, inviting and challenging us to be Christ Centred and Outward Focused as we respond confidently to the vocation given to each of us in our baptism.

We have much for which to be grateful in this Diocese and much to look forward to. By God's grace we have journeyed together through the pandemic. This has been a costly journey for us individually, corporately, and spiritually. Lay and ordained ministers in Christ's church often feel that a great deal falls on them personally. We know from early in ministry that we cannot bear the weight of our calling alone. But when we are tempted to feel that ministry is something of a personal burden, we are forgetting that we are one part of Christ's own Body. We draw our strength and purpose from the dignity of Christ himself, for he is our Head. But we have others to help us, because we do not minister alone.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing us and future generations is Climate Justice. The Five Marks of Mission recognise that Church has a part to play locally and nationally in this area by changing hearts and minds, and making Christian wisdom heard as effective policies are shaped. But the call for justice in one sphere is a call for justice in others, too, because God's compassion is universal. To this end, we must ensure that our Church is safe for all God's people, including vulnerable minorities and those who are under-represented.

So I commend these three days to you for your encouragement and equipping. Some who minister without stipend are taking time from paid employment to be here. To attend this Conference all of us will have worked to create the space in busy, sometimes over-full, diaries. Now you are here, connect again with old colleagues and friends. Make new friendships across the great diversity of theology and background that is, I am more and more certain, a gift of God to us. As you pray, and listen, and talk, and rest, remember the words of St Augustine developed by Evelyn Underhill, that were so much a part of the founding vision of Wychcroft, our Diocesan retreat centre that has just had its sixtieth birthday celebrations. They have become a good description our life together.

"You are the Body of Christ," Augustine said to his communicants. That is to say, in you and through you the method of the Incarnation must go forward. You are meant to incarnate in your lives the theme of your adoration. You are to be taken, consecrated, broken and made means of grace; vehicles of the Eternal Charity."

Thank you for all you offer and may God bless our time together.



"We have much for which to be grateful in this Diocese and much to look forward to."

Christopher Southwark

Conference logistics



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COVID

At the time of going to print, there are currently no COVID restrictions in place, and we are pleased to be able to gather in person for this significant event. However, as the risk of COVID remains, please do be kind and respectful towards those among us who may still wish to maintain physical distance and/or wear a face covering.

Please consider taking a lateral flow test before you come to the Conference. If you feel unwell or test positive then please let us know and join us online, rather than in person.

Venue layout and session locations

Floor plans of the school can be found on pages 34–35.

Most sessions will be held on the ground floor, with one or two located on the first floor. You can find the location of each session on pages 8–12 of this programme or see the various noticeboards located around the school.

If you are unsure of where to go, please ask a volunteer who will be able to signpost you.

Timings

The agenda for the Conference is fairly full and so we politely request that you arrive in good time at the start of each day and be on time for all sessions you are attending. In the event you are late – and we appreciate there may be unforeseen circumstances – please be respectful towards the speakers and your fellow delegates.

Worship

The worship programme is accessible by scanning this QR code. Limited printed copies will also be available upon request. We ask that you return these at the end of each day at reception.



Refreshments

Morning arrival refreshments are available from the Canteen with self-service coffee and tea points located in the main Dining Hall.

Afternoon refreshments are available in seminar rooms so please make your way there to enjoy with your fellow seminar attendees. For those whose seminar is taking place in the Main Hall only, afternoon refreshments will be available in the Dining Hall.

Lunch

Lunch is available from the Canteen. Some queuing may be required. We politely request that you take the lunch you pre-ordered (a reminder is printed on your ticket). After collecting your lunch, please proceed to a seating area, located in the Dining Hall, the Concourse area, or the Common Room. There is also seating outside should the weather be good.

Recycling

The Diocese of Southwark was recently awarded the Bronze Eco Diocese Award and Bacon's College is equally committed to protecting our environment. All catering waste – including plates, cups, cutlery and left-over food – will be recycled and we kindly request that you use the bins provided.

Onsite/online help

A help desk is located in the reception area and volunteers are easily identifiable and on hand to assist. The Conference mailbox – SDC2022@southwark.anglican.org – is being monitored throughout the Conference if you have queries or require assistance.

Feedback questionnaire

A survey will be sent to all delegates within the week following the Conference. Please complete and send back electronically. For those without email access, please collect a hard copy of the survey from the help desk and return to us. We greatly appreciate your participation in completing this.

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Conference hosts



Rt Hon Sir Simon Hughes

Simon has been a member of the Christian church since baptism as a baby, and a disestablished Anglican since confirmation whilst at school in Llandaff. He joined the Liberal Party when studying Law at Selwyn College, Cambridge, following which he studied and worked in Bruges, Brussels and Strasbourg. In 1977 Simon moved to just off the Old Kent Road, first to Camberwell where he helped as a voluntary youth worker, and then to Bermondsey. In 1983, after six years as a barrister, Simon was elected as Liberal MP for the northern two fifths of Southwark, holding the seat for over 30 years until 2015. During this time, he was his party's President and then Deputy Leader for four years each, and UK Minister of State

for Justice and Civil Liberties from 2013-2015, but failed in bids to be elected London Mayor and Liberal Democrat leader. Since then, Simon has worked for The Open University and Patentes Talgo, a Spanish train company. Amongst other things, since 2018 Simon has been a senior Trustee of London Football Association and Millwall Community Trust, Chancellor of London South Bank University and Chair of Bacon's College Governing Body.

Simon's special loves are his saviour God, his family, Godchildren and friends, reading, theatre, sport, the outdoors and Wales. He is looking forward to the conference stimulating him to be better Christ Centred and Outward Focused.



Revd Carol Bates

Carol is currently serving at St Michael, East Wickham, as an Assistant Clergy and has recently been elected as a clergy member of General Synod.

In February 2022 she delivered her maiden speech at General Synod on the subject of Faculty Jurisdiction, which led to her becoming firmly involved with the debate on the Church's commitment to becoming Carbon neutral.

Prior to training for Ordination Carol was a Licensed Lay Reader at St Mildred, Lee and has been involved in Christian ministry since she was a teenager at St John with Holy Trinity, Deptford.

Carol also has a 24-year career in teaching, ranging from teaching missionary children in the Amazon jungle with Wycliffe Bible Translators to working with teenagers with severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties in schools in Southwark and Lewisham.

Carol is married to a retired London fire-fighter and is mum to three children aged 21, 20 and 17 years.

Carol is excited that the Conference is bringing together both clergy and laity for a shared experience of learning from inspirational speakers and about how the experience might impact the future of the Church in Southwark.

Getting the most out of the Conference

Goals Consider the context and theme of the Conference, how it relates to you and what you hope to gain from attending. Set yourself some achievable learning goals, making these as concrete and specific as possible.

Take notes This is a good way to remember key things you learn during the conference sessions and who you have met. Take a moment at the end of each day to summarise the key takeaways.

Stay focused You will not learn well if you are distracted so put your mobile away, delegate where appropriate and fully engage with each session.

Network For those attending in person, do take the opportunity to build your network. If you find networking more challenging, why not set yourself a target of making 2-3 new connections each day?

Reflect and Act Conferences lose their purpose if you are unchanged and unaffected afterwards. You should feel encouraged to implement positive change, to do something differently or do something new.

Share your Learning This is a great way to make things 'stick'. How can you pass on new knowledge within your own parish and share accountability for positive change?

Visit the Marketplace We have a wide range of ministry partners participating and this will be a great chance to learn more about tools and resources that can help you in your ministry.

Practical tips Conferences can be tiring so try to get a good night's sleep the night(s) before attending. If coming in person, plan your journey ahead of time. If attending online, then take a break from your computer between sessions.

Social Media Do take the chance to post about your Conference experience – use the hashtag #SDC2022 – and see who else is commenting.

Schedule Thursday 1 September

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER/LEADER	VENUE/STREAMED
Available from 5am	Morning prayer	Canon Andrew Zihni	https://bit.ly/3Pbc7Hh
9.30am	Doors open		Refreshments in the Canteen and access to Marketplace
10.30–10.45am	Gathered worship	The Venerable Moira Astin, Archdeacon of Reigate	Main Hall and live streamed
11–11.15am	Welcome and introduction	The Bishop of Southwark, Sir Simon Hughes and Revd Carol Bates	Main Hall and live streamed
11.15am–12.15pm	Communicating forgiveness to a culture that's forgotten it	Francis Spufford	Main Hall and live streamed
12.30pm	Lunchtime Eucharist	The Bishop of Woolwich	Chapel
12.30–2pm	Lunchtime		Canteen
2–3pm	Making friends and wasting time: Can the church learn anything from university?	Revd Dr Melanie Marshall	Main Hall and live streamed
3–3.30pm	Refreshment break		Dining Hall and seminar rooms
3.30–4.30pm	Seminars: How can we create a mental health friendly church? Seeing differently Connections between church and home in nurturing the faith of children and young people Intergenerational ministry: Why it is biblical and how it works How do we engage/re-engage with young people and create space within our congregations for them to thrive? Together for change: Your role in ending the need for foodbanks in the UK What has COVID taught us about the Eucharist? Singing the tough stuff with integrity Spirit, water & pigment	Patrick Regan Brother Samuel Revd Mary Hawes Keli Bolton & Joanna Cox Josh Moxon, Chris Henriette, Daniel Bonsu Revd Jessica Foster & Ruth Koch The Very Revd Andrew Nunn Revd John Bell Alastair Gordon	Main Hall and live streamed First Floor Library and live streamed Ground Floor Yellow Wing Ground Floor Yellow Wing Ground Floor Yellow Wing Ground Floor Blue Wing Ground Floor Green Wing Ground Floor Music Room First Floor Art Room
4.45-5pm	Evening Prayer	The Venerable John Kiddle, Archdeacon of Wandsworth	Main Hall and live streamed
5.15pm	Evening Eucharist	The Rt Revd Peter Wheatley, Hon Asst Bishop	Chapel

Schedule Friday 2 September

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER/LEADER	VENUE/STREAMED
Available from 5am	Morning prayer	Canon Roxanne Eversley	https://bit.ly/3Pbc7Hh
9.30am	Doors open		Refreshments in the Canteen and access to Marketplace
10.30–10.45am	Gathered worship	The Venerable Alastair Cutting, Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich	Main Hall and live streamed
11–11.15am	Welcome and introduction	Sir Simon Hughes and Revd Carol Bates	Main Hall and live streamed
11.15am–12.15pm	Helping children thrive, not just survive	Mark Russell	Main Hall and live streamed
12.30pm	Lunchtime Eucharist	The Bishop of Croydon	Chapel
12.30–2pm	Lunchtime		Canteen
2–3pm	Missing pieces lead to missing peace: why no one should be left behind for a Christ Centred church to be outward focused	Revd Azariah France-Williams	Main Hall and live streamed
3–3.30pm	Refreshment break		Dining Hall and seminar rooms
3.30–4.30pm	Seminars: God is not a white man: And other revelations	Chine McDonald	Main Hall and live streamed
	Vital Signs – Why evangelism matters?	Revd Peter Rouch	First Floor Library and live streamed
	Living well: supporting young people in these challenging times	Kate Middleton	Ground Floor Yellow Wing
	Growing faith: building good relationships between churches and schools	Fiona Foreman, Wayne Dixon & Revd Dom Hubbuck	Ground Floor Yellow Wing
	A way of council: a new tool for prison & parish ministry	Wendy Stephens & Revd Tim Clapton	Ground Floor Blue Wing
	Stand in the rain & stand in the sun: faith, football & feeling alive	Dr Nick Shepherd	Ground Floor Green Wing
	Let's go outside	Rachel Griffiths	First Floor Blue Wing
4.45-5pm	Evening Prayer	The Venerable Jonathan Sedgwick, Archdeacon of Southwark	Main Hall and live streamed
5pm	Conference reception (for pre-registered delegates only)		Dining Hall and Main Hall

Schedule Saturday 3 September

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER/LEADER	VENUE/STREAMED
Available from 5am	Morning prayer	The Very Revd Andrew Nunn	https://bit.ly/3Pbc7Hh
9.30am	Doors open		Refreshments in the Canteen and access to Marketplace
10.30–10.45am	Gathered worship	The Venerable Simon Gates, Archdeacon of Lambeth	Main Hall and live streamed
11–11.15am	Welcome and introduction	Sir Simon Hughes and The Revd Carol Bates	Main Hall and live streamed
11.15am–12.15pm	Everyday faith, everyday faithfulness	Mark Greene	Main Hall and live streamed
12.30–2pm	Lunchtime		Canteen
2–3pm	Arts and Christianity: A lay, purpose-driven approach to the miracle of life in church	Adjoa Andoh <i>In conversation with The Rt Revd Rob Gillion</i>	Main Hall and live streamed
3–3.30pm	Refreshment break		Dining Hall
3.30–5pm	Conference Eucharist	The Bishop of Southwark	Main Hall and live streamed

Notes

Keynote speakers

Day 1 – Thursday

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Francis Spufford

Francis is a writer, and also teaches writing at Goldsmiths College in New Cross. Recently, he has been best known as a novelist. *Golden Hill*, out in 2016, won the Costa First Novel Award, and his novel of time and eternity in South London, *Light Perpetual*, was long-listed for the Booker Prize in 2021. But before that he published award-winning non-fiction, including, in 2012, *Unapologetic*, a 'sweary' attempt to make a case for Christian faith that could be heard in contemporary culture.



Revd Dr Melanie Marshall

The accent you can hear is a vestige of Scottish – Mother Mel grew up in Aberdeenshire but has lived in South East England all her adult life, studying and teaching Latin and Greek languages and literature before training for priesthood. She has worked as a university chaplain since 2015 and lives in Oxford with an academic husband, Bruno the ginger cat, and a baby called Clement. As Associate Priest at St Mary Magdalen's Church she gets to sing the mass, see her friends and talk about poetry with other Christians.

Day 2 – Friday



Mark Russell

Mark was appointed as Chief Executive of The Children's Society in 2019. He is passionately committed to social justice and fighting for children and young people to feel hopeful and happy. Mark has 10 years' experience as a youth worker, supporting young people in England and Northern Ireland. Before joining The Children's Society Mark served as Chief Executive of Church Army for almost 13 years. Mark has been a Trustee of The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England and has served as Chair of The Marylebone Project, the largest women-only homeless project in the UK. He is a Governor of a high school in Hampshire, an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts. In his spare time he loves to travel, keep fit and a good red wine. If he were ever on Mastermind, his specialist subject would be *The West Wing!*



Revd Azariah France-Williams

Azariah is Rector of Ascension Church, Hulme, a member of the HeartEdge Network. He is a broadcaster with BBC Radio who contributes to Pause for Thought. Azariah is the author of *Ghost Ship: Institutional Racism and the Church of England*, published by SCM Press, and his second book *Flag Ship* is available for pre-order. Azariah is a Visiting Scholar with Sarum College in Salisbury and co-hosts the podcast (G)race with Revd Winnie Varghese, an Episcopalian priest serving in Atlanta, Georgia.

Day 3 – Saturday



Mark Greene

Mark – ex-New York Adman, ex-LST Vice-Principal, is Mission Champion at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC). A pioneer of workplace ministry and whole-life discipleship, his books include *Thank God it's Monday*, *Imagine how we can reach the UK*, *Fruitfulness on the Frontline*, and, with Catherine Butcher, the million-copy selling *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*. He is married to Katriina, a Finn, and they have “three splendidly different adult children.”

Photo by Suki Dhanda



Adjoa Andoh

Adjoa is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Diocese and one of Britain's leading screen and radio actors, winning global acclaim as Lady Danbury in Netflix's *Bridgerton*, for which she was nominated for Outstanding Supporting Actress at the 2021 NAACP Image Awards. In 2020, she played Dr Isaacs in the psychological thriller, *Fractured* and DI Nina Rosen in BBC1's *Silent Witness*. In 2021, she starred as Nenneke in the Netflix fantasy drama, *The Witcher*. Her many other television appearances include regulars in *Dr Who*, *Casualty* and *Law & Order UK*.

Adjoa has been celebrated for lead roles at the National Theatre – Condoleezza Rice in *Stuff Happens*, and Serafina Pekkala in *His Dark Materials*. She played Portia in *Julius Caesar* at The Royal Shakespeare Company, *Ulysses* in *Troilus & Cressida*, and Helen of Troy in *The Odyssey*. In 2019 she conceived, co-directed, and played *Richard II* at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre – UK's first all women-of-colour production. In 2009, she starred alongside Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon in Clint Eastwood's *Invictus*. Other film appearances include *Adulthood*, *Brotherhood*, and *I Is A Long Memored Woman*.

Adjoa is an Associate Artist at the Royal Shakespeare Company and Senior Associate Artist at The Bush Theatre. She is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, British Shakespeare Association, Rose Bruford College, Arts University Bournemouth and the Shakespeare Association of America. She was recently appointed as the Cameron Mackintosh Visiting Professor of Contemporary Theatre (University of Oxford), joining a distinguished list of past professors that includes Stephen Sondheim, Arthur Miller and Sir Ian McKellen.



The Rt Revd Rob Gillion

Bishop Rob is the Vicar of Christ Church, Streatham and also Bishop to the Arts in Southwark. He studied theology at Salisbury and Wells Theological College and was subsequently ordained in Norwich Cathedral. Bishop Rob's international ministry includes ministering in Hong Kong at St John's Cathedral, church planting, working as a Chaplain to a high security prison, and as Head of Religious Broadcasting before returning to London after ten years to become the Bishop's Officer for Evangelism, and a member of the Archbishops' College of Evangelists. Bishop Rob has also been the Diocesan Bishop of Riverina in NSW Australia, an outback diocese.

Bishop Rob is the founder of a 'Theatre Church' called *Intermission*, which uses the performing arts to involve ex-offenders and vulnerable young people at risk in London.

Seminar speakers

Day 1 – Thursday

Brother Samuel

Brother Samuel has been a member of the Society of St Francis since 1975, for a substantial part of that time based at Hilfield Friary in Dorset. He is co-author of *Seeing Differently – Franciscans and Creation* and now lives at the Franciscan Friary in East London.

Patrick Regan

Patrick is CEO and co-founder of Kintsugi Hope. Previously, he led the urban youth work charity XLP, which he founded in 1996 and ran for 22 years. Patrick has received the Mayor of London Peace Award and was also awarded an OBE from Her Majesty the Queen for services to young people. Patrick is an Honorary Fellow of the South Bank University for his contribution towards justice and well-being.

Ruth Koch

Ruth is the Trussell Trust Network Lead for London, leading the team that supports food banks across Greater London. She lives in South-West London and is passionate about the role the church can play in bringing about change.

Revd Jessica Foster

Jessica is Head of Church Engagement at the Trussell Trust and is an Anglican Distinctive Deacon. For the last ten years she has worked with churches and people of different faiths to encourage social action and is keen to see churches become places where people can build relationships that transform communities and change lives.

Keli Bolton

Keli works on the Children and Young People Team for the Diocese and is very enthusiastic about intergenerational ministry and the impact it has in church communities.

Joanna Cox

Joanna heads up the Diocesan group 'Southwark and Ageing' (SAGE) and is passionate about all ages, from the youngest to the oldest, being included in church life.

Josh Moxon

Josh is Associate Minister at Holy Trinity Clapham, formerly overseeing the children's and youth work at the church and is involved in youth work in various contexts for nearly 15 years.

Daniel Bonsu

Daniel is currently the Youth/Community Worker based in St Mary's, Peckham. He was formally a therapeutic children's home manager and a behavioural support lead in a school before discovering his passion for working with young people in the church.

Chris Henriette

Chris is an ordinand at St Luke's & St Mark's Downham. He is a former youth work manager with a 20 year career working with young people in the Mental Health Sector, Church, SEN, State Secondary Schools and PRUs.

Alastair Gordon

Alastair is an award winning artist, writer and lecturer and co-founder of Morphē Art, a mentoring charity for artists. His paintings feature in international exhibitions and art fairs. His latest book, *Why Art Matters* was published by IVP last year.

Revd Mary Hawes

Formerly the national church's Children & Youth Adviser and developer of the Growing Faith Adventure, Mary is an Associate Priest in a South London parish. Having been involved in ministry with and among children and young people since the age of 14, she has a wealth of experience to share.

Revd John Bell

John is a Resource Worker with The Iona Community, who lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across denominations. He is a hymn writer and author, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. Based in Glasgow, John works in the areas of music, worship and spirituality.

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn

Andrew became Dean of Southwark in 2012 having been Sub Dean and Canon Precentor from 1999. He grew up in Leicester and studied for a degree in Public Administration before reading Theology at Leeds University prior to ordination. He was formed for the priesthood at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

Day 2 – Friday

Chine McDonald

Chine is Director of Theos, the religion and society think tank. She was previously Head of Public Engagement at Christian Aid. She is the author of *God is not a white man: and other revelations* (Hodder & Stoughton, May 2021). Chine regularly contributes to programme slots such as the BBC's Thought for the Day on Radio 4's Today programme, Prayer for the Day and The Daily Service.

Fiona Foreman

Fiona is an education adviser for the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education. She works across the Diocese supporting secondary schools with their Religious Education provision, all schools in their mental health, well-being and character education provision and works with the chaplains across the many further education and higher education institutions.

Kate Middleton

Kate is a psychologist with a particular interest in the way our emotions affect us. She's passionate about helping people keep emotionally healthy in spite of what life throws at them, and making sure they reach their full potential. She's a church leader, speaker and author and is also project leader of Headstrong, an online well-being space for teenagers and young people created as a partnership with Youthscape.

Wendy Stephens

Wendy was commissioned as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA) in 2014. She has devoted much of her SPA ministry to work in prison chaplaincy, first at HMP High Down and now HMP Wandsworth. Wendy has been full-time Anglican Chaplain at HMP Wandsworth since July 2021, where they use Way of Council as part of their Sunday service.

Revd Peter Rouch

Peter likes being in warm places cooking food for people he loves... or being at the Southwark Diocesan Conference. Ordained in Southwark, Peter was then research fellow at St Stephen's House, a vicar in Manchester, Archdeacon of Bournemouth, and consultant to Transforming Effectiveness, before becoming CEO of Church Army UK & Ireland.

Revd Dominic Hubbuck

Dom is full-time Chaplain for the Koinonia Federation of schools in Greenwich and Woolwich. He is Assistant Priest in the East Greenwich Team Ministry and uses his background in play, youth work, social care and community networking to try and make the world a more playful, joyful place.

Dr Nick Shepherd

Nick is a Senior Vision and Strategy Consultant for the Church of England and national champion for 'everyday faith'. Nick is a Reader at the Good Shepherd, Lee where his wife, Bridget, is the vicar. Nick lives in hope that Crystal Palace will one day win the FA Cup which, by the time of this talk, will either have happened or ended in the crushing bitterness of another Wembley defeat.

Rachel Griffiths

Rachel is a theatre teaching artist, facilitator and community organiser using theatre practice to enable individuals and communities to create the change they want to see in themselves and their communities. She works with socially marginalised groups combining theatre practice with community organising; writes on participatory theatre; and works internationally, coaching corporate clients and business schools.

Wayne Dixon

Wayne has been involved with schools ministry for over 30 years. He currently works with Christian Connections in School (CCiS) in Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead, making Jesus known to children, young people and staff.

Revd Tim Clapton

Tim Clapton, ordained over twenty years ago, has a background of mainly Chaplaincy ministry and is currently a part-time Anglican Chaplain at HMP Wandsworth. He has a special interest in spiritualities which speak particularly to men and developing projects inside and outside of prison which provides a space for men to explore authentic masculinity and contemplative spirituality.

Southwark Vision

Southwark Vision 2017–2025 is the Diocesan context in which we seek a common vision to serve the people of God in South London and East Surrey through our ministry, our worship, our witness and our life together as we seek to be Christ Centred and Outward Focused.



The Southwark Diocesan Conference is an important opportunity to be reminded of the Fruitful Future we set ourselves as ministers and leaders, privileged to serve our parishes, yet mindful of the cost of the pandemic to the health and well-being of ourselves and those we serve, and the impact on our strategic priorities as we move into the second half of the eight year period of *Southwark Vision*.

During the Conference we will see for ourselves the opportunities to strengthen the vision of our Fruitful Future: Walking, Welcoming and Growing together. The opportunity to deepen our own discipleship, pray and worship together and learn further how we can best enable a church that reflects our diverse communities is available to each of us.

For *Southwark Vision* there are five strategic objectives.

Firstly, to grow attendance by 5% and secondly to increase the number of worshipping communities, for example, through Fresh Expressions and in areas of population growth.

Whilst the pandemic has deeply impacted attendance, the growth of online church and the new initiatives bearing fruit as churches consider imaginatively their next steps, are green shoots for us all to celebrate. Parishes have developed new initiatives; we need to replicate exciting new projects across the Diocese and enable parishes to come alongside each other as 'hub' churches and resource each other. There are sessions at the Conference that will encourage our work with young people and stimulate our imagination, through arts ministry.

This is part of the way we have approached our Strategic Development Funding applications which speaks to **our third objective. This relates to finance, ensuring we have healthy reserves and enabling us to continue to invest in mission.**

The Diocese is financially resilient, and we are encouraged to continue to seek national funding for new initiatives. We ensure that these initiatives relate to our commitment to our parish structures, and we are so fortunate that giving generously is not only part of our Fruitful Future vision but the lived reality in this Diocese. Most recently, The Ascension, Balham has received a £250k Innovation grant, the maximum possible, from the National Church to help replicate 'Bubble Church' for young children and their families and carers.

Our fourth and fifth objectives relate to how we grow those that minister and serve and touch the very heart of the conference. **We seek to grow ordained and lay vocations by 50% by 2025.** We have had some exceptional growth in ordained vocations and have recently introduced some new lay ministries. We are committed to more curates and to having 100 pioneer ministers, lay and ordained, within 10 years, many of whom are already in our parishes. This year, more than half of our new deacons are pioneer curates across the Diocese and across churchmanship. We also seek to ensure our leadership reflects the communities we serve; we have launched our *Anti Racism Charter* whilst initiatives such as the Woolwich Youth Forum



'Bubble Church' at Ascension in Balham.



Addington Palace, Croydon.

and their contributions to our Synod meetings bring diversity in leadership to the very fore.

As we gather for our first Diocesan Conference in eight years, I know this will provide a hospitable and convivial setting for us to continue our journey and you can take heart that despite the challenges of the last two years, the Diocese is making good progress with *Southwark Vision*.

Ruth Martin, Diocesan Secretary (Lay Canon)

A fruitful future

We share a vision for the future in which we will see:

- growing churches, new worshipping communities and new Christians
- deepening discipleship: engaged, prayerful and informed Christians
- growth in vocations to existing and new ministries
- generous giving and prayer supporting all we do
- justice and peace built up, and violence challenged, in our local and global community
- a shared commitment to the integrity of creation
- a church for all which reflects our diverse community in membership and leadership.

Thinking, speaking and acting generously

Just over a third of Britons, surveyed by *PayPal* in 2021, said that the pandemic has caused them to be more financially generous but 60% of respondents admitted they never volunteer for charity. Director of Giving and Parish Funding, Gabby Parikh, reflects on the generosity of parishes across the Diocese.



Whitworths' research from 2018 concluded that the average Briton does "just 12 good deeds a month – and three of these because we want something in return" and that included making cups of tea or taking in a neighbour's parcel!

And yet, as I journey around parishes, I see so many acts of generosity from people opening homes to refugees, supporting people in grief, transforming lives through work with families or debt counselling, faithfully serving and caring for their church or simply making the journey to put out the church bins each week. And this is before I mention tales of generous and sacrificial financial gifts or the sustained support for the Parish Support Fund.

Our Diocesan vision talks of "generous giving and prayer supporting all that we do" and we all have different personalities, skills and abilities, and something to offer.

As Adjoa Andoh said in her introductory video, this Diocesan Conference gives us the opportunity to

reflect on "how we use the gifts and perspectives we bring in service to our faith to our community and to God's wider creation. We abide in the miracle and the abundance of God's creation; we celebrate and are grateful for both and yet we see that both the miracle and the abundance are not always extended to all. What is our purpose-driven gifted response?"

As disciples of Jesus, we are all called to share with others as generously as God has shared with us.

***"Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;"***

Developing a *Christ Centred, Outward Focused* generosity is a lifestyle that takes time and is challenging, perhaps even more so in these turbulent times. We are called to have the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, (Philippians 2 v1-8), who always has others' interests in mind. Yet we live in a materialistic culture which is far from Paul's words of "being content in any and every situation" and

face political and economic uncertainty following a pandemic which has exposed our vulnerabilities. Daily problems can threaten to overwhelm us and we miss the positives in our day. However, if we can give thanks and focus on what we have in Christ, rather than on what we have or might lose, then we allow gratitude to foster both generosity and hope. Henri J M Nouwen wrote:

“I think that generosity has many levels. We have to think generously, speak generously, and act generously. It has to come from hearts that are fearless and free and are willing to share abundantly all that is given to us.”

May we grow in being fearless, generous and cheerful givers; generous with our time, words and possessions. As we worship together this week, and go home, let us give thanks for all that God has blessed us with and pray for God’s spirit of generosity to continue to transform our congregations and communities. May we explore how we can be generous to our neighbour, personally and as a church community – recognising this is indiscriminate, including people we disagree with, people we’ve never met and could involve grappling with forgiveness or challenging our perceptions in order to serve others.



*“Generous God,
who out of abundant love
shower your blessings upon us;
may we
with open-handed generosity
share all that we have,
with humble gratitude
receive what others give
and with faith, hope and love
respond to the challenges we face,
that your kingdom may flourish
wherever the Good News is heard.
Amen.*



I am excited by the interesting speakers, topics and Marketplace stands all here to help us explore missional opportunities for ourselves and our churches. Please do come and visit the *Giving Generously* stand in the Marketplace where we can share resources and stories to encourage you in your journey of generosity, whether personally or as a congregation. Meet the team from *CollecTin* or *Parish Giving Scheme* and find out about national Generosity Week and their resources.

How could you encourage volunteers or increase giving? How might you talk about legacies or set up online giving? We would love to support you in growing a culture of generosity in your church and life, so do come and say hello.

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Lay ministry

For many years lay people and clergy have worked together to help to bring in the Kingdom of God in this Diocese. We are all called to be workers in God's vineyard and given different gifts and skills to ensure that the people of God have all that is necessary to help God's Kingdom to come here on earth.



Our conference theme encourages us all to be Christ Centred and Outward Focused, and those involved in lay ministry of one sort or another are often wonderful examples of what this means. So many are deeply focused on prayer and worship and this focus means that they are moved to take action when they see injustice or need. Members of our congregations are involved in helping at foodbanks and night shelters, in visiting the sick and elderly and in many other tasks out and about in the community.

But they also play a vital part in helping to keep our churches going through their work in helping to nurture our children and young people, acting as readers of lessons or intercessors, helping with pastoral work or preaching as a Reader, or acting as a liturgical server. They often also offer hospitality to those who come to our churches by welcoming people as they arrive and serving tea and coffee at the end of the service, they clean the church, arrange flowers and make sure that all that is necessary for services is there.

Here in Southwark Diocese, we want to welcome and encourage the way in which all God's people work together and so in the last year we have added some new lay ministries to those which we already offered. We have had Readers in the Diocese (and across the country) for many years now and here in the Diocese of Southwark we have had Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs), who help with many different types of pastoral work. In addition, we have had Church Army Evangelists – both Captains and Sisters.

Now there is a whole host of new lay ministries to which people may feel called.

There are three different pathways to explore:

- There are Affirmed Lay Ministers who are chosen within the local parish where they will serve. Training for these ministries usually happens in the parish or deanery in which the person will minister.
- Then there are Commissioned Lay Ministries. Commissioned Lay Ministers serve in their local parish or communities. They are recommended by

their parish and then undertake a discernment and selection process organised by the Diocese. The Diocese organises their training. Commissioned Lay Ministers can usually continue their ministry if they move parish within the Diocese.

- Licensed Lay Ministers may serve in their parish, deanery or in the wider community. Like Commissioned Lay Ministers they are recommended by the parish and then selected and trained by the Diocese. The difference is that these ministries are recognised nationally and so if a Licensed Lay Minister moves Diocese they can usually continue their ministry there after an appropriate time.

These different types of lay ministry have a number of different focuses and we hope that you will want to encourage those in your parishes to explore whether God might be calling them to one of these ministries. Might God be calling them, for instance, to be a Reader, or a Licensed or Commissioned Pastoral worker, or a Church Army Evangelist, or a lay pioneer, or to work with children, young people and families?



Diocesan SPA and Lay Chaplain – HMP Wandsworth, Wendy Stephens.

It's not necessary for people to be affirmed, commissioned or licensed to be involved in helping with ministry at their church, but for some people this feels like the right way forward. It will give them the chance to get some training and support to do the things that they feel God is calling them to be involved in.

There are so many exciting and encouraging ways for people to be able to get involved in sharing God's Good News with those around them and so many opportunities for service. Please do pick up some leaflets at the conference to take back to your parishes and share and think and pray about the many possibilities that you might encourage others into (or think about new things for yourself that God might be calling you to).

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Children and Young People Mission and Ministry

Our vision is to see children and young people (CYP) with hearts on fire for Jesus, growing in faith with the confidence to share it and contributing to the life of the Church and its mission, at every level.



Southwark Cathedral 'Does Messy Science' (2022).

The whole Church has a role to play:

walking alongside CYP by supporting households to grow in faith together and by walking alongside schools;

welcoming and hearing the voices of all CYP, whatever their background or ability; and

growing expressions of church where CYP are actively involved, as we seek to grow God's Kingdom both numerically and spiritually.

We offer bespoke training for volunteers, including the basics of working with children and young people; money for activities and training; help with planning and the development of your work; running a "listening event" with young people; presentations; connecting you to other groups or churches; and advice on employing a children's, families' or youth worker.

Here are some specific resources and ways we can help:

Welcoming CYP Toolkit

To help you to reimagine the way that you welcome CYP, walk alongside them and encourage them to grow in their faith. We offer four Welcoming Children and Young People tool kits (bit.ly/3B63JVM):

- First Steps, covering the basics of Children & Young People Mission & Ministry (whether you have one or not)
- Spirituality and Relationship with God
- Mission and Outreach
- Decision-Making and Inclusion

Small grants up to £300

For training your volunteer team – in-house, sending someone to training or an event elsewhere, or for projects where you need new equipment, resources, travel costs etc. Terms and conditions apply, (see bit.ly/3zt4VS6).

Youth Forums

The Youth Forums run in each episcopal area of the Diocese: Woolwich, Croydon and Kingston. They exist as an opportunity for young people aged 13+ to speak about topics that are important to them and to the life of our Diocese. Young people's voices are heard by senior leadership, Diocesan Synod and beyond, usually in video format. If you have young people in your church who would value a place to share their views and connect with other young people, please have their parent/guardian sign them up at the correct link below and we will invite them to the next event:

- Woolwich Youth Forum (bit.ly/3AXzP65)
- Croydon Youth Forum (bit.ly/3o7qAZE)
- Kingston Youth Forum (bit.ly/3IMu7pl)

Southwark Diocese Resource Library

Our free lending library of equipment for parishes and schools is available, with free delivery and collection of smaller items (Terms and conditions apply). Download our catalogue and borrow items from bit.ly/3PgdUvv



Southwark Cathedral 'Does Messy Science' (2022).



Street art at Woolwich Youth Forum Day.

Ministry and Training library

The Ministry and Training library is open and includes a section of up-to-date CYP Mission and Ministry books. Contact the CYP team to find out more.

CYP Reps

Every church should have a CYP Rep – someone who is the main contact for CYP Mission and Ministry so that we can keep you connected. Please update Keli if there are any changes in paid workers and/or the CYP Mission and Ministry Coordinator.

Paid Children, Youth and Family Workers WhatsApp group

If you are a paid worker, please e-mail Keli with your mobile number to be added to the CYP paid workers' WhatsApp group.

Stay connected...

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Arts ministry

Southwark Diocese is a place where the arts and artists are valued, especially within Christian worship and mission, and where the creativity of all God's people is nurtured and celebrated.

The importance of the arts in ministry has long been recognised in our Diocese and is shown in the appointment of a dedicated Diocesan Bishop to the Arts, The Rt Revd Rob Gillion, and an Arts Pioneer Minister, The Revd Betsy Blatchley, to lead the Diocese in innovative artistic ministry initiatives that share the gospel.

Photo by Charlie Round-Turner



Revd Betsy Blatchley at the Nine Elms Advent Event, 2021.

It is recognised that the arts have been one of the hardest hit sectors from COVID-19 and the championing of arts and artists, by and within the Church, will continue to be particularly crucial for us in the months and years ahead.

Bishop Rob will continue to work with churches and local communities to affirm the transformative nature of art and culture in all its forms, ultimately challenging, inspiring and enriching lives, and mirroring the transformative nature of the Gospel.

Here, in the Diocese of Southwark, clergy and lay leaders are encouraged to engage with faith through the arts and to develop initiatives with an underpinning theme of *Arts in Mission*. This can vary from an arts forum for prayer to a Resident Artist in Parish.



The Rt Revd Rob Gillion, Bishop for The Arts.

The Church will always be a kind of theatre, where the greatest story ever told is told again and again every week, as if for the first time, through drama, visual arts and music.

“Strong partnerships are being built between us and arts organisations, such as the West End Gospel Choir to whom we currently offer free space for rehearsal and recording” said Bishop Rob.

He continued, “We are also engaging with Intermission Youth Theatre, a charity with a focus on transforming disadvantaged young people and making a positive difference in their lives.” Bishop Rob will be travelling to Jerusalem this year to explore the potential for an exciting new Diocesan project with Intermission Youth Theatre, exploring “what does it feel like to live in peace?”.

Arts Ministry in the Diocese also covers pastoral support for those working in the arts industry, which is imperative in itself, and can bring new mission opportunities, not just for these individuals but also for the wider community. Bishop Rob works closely with The Revd Lindsay Meader, of Theatre Chaplaincy UK, with a focus on theatres and venues within the Southwark Diocese.

Clergy and Lay Leaders are encouraged to reach out to Bishop Rob who is here to help and support parishes and artists within churches to explore developing the arts and establishing an arts ministry.

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Conference artwork

“Accepting an art commission, whether this is an icon or a pottery request, is always a moment filled with emotions”, writes the Revd Cécile Schnyder.

“There is excitement with a tinge of pride and bucket loads of anxiety. Will it work? What will it look like? Will I be able to transform the expectation of the client into reality?”

The brief was simple: to design a painting onto thick cotton canvas that might serve as a backdrop to the main stage in the hall of Bacon’s College. The initial idea was of a colourful Latin American cross, adapted to reflect the ethnic diversity of Southwark Diocese.



As I pondered the idea and the space, I realised that a triptych was needed in order to give the artwork the desired width as well as height. The brief may have been simple, the execution less so. How do you work on an artwork that is three times the size of your living room?



Revd Cécile Schnyder.

As we are an Eco Diocese I decided not to buy the material but use something most churches have. There was a tea towel appeal earlier in the year and, as you look at the artwork, that’s what you can see – recycled/up-cycled tea towels from various churches across the Diocese. A simple tea towel as a symbol of service and outreach mission, of hospitality and welcome.

In the centre panel you will find the risen Christ, arms outstretched as if He wants to embrace you.

I hope the artwork will help you to ponder God who stands among us, the centre of our mission.

I hope the artwork will inspire you to pray for those you serve.

I hope the artwork will allow you to discover in it something about you or your congregation.

Christ Centred, Outward Focused.”

The triptych artwork in production.



Rotherhithe – did you know... ?

Source: Wikipedia

The name 'Rotherhithe' is thought to derive from the Anglo Saxon meaning 'landing-place for cattle'. The first recorded use of this name was in about 1105, as Rederheia.

In July 1620, the *Mayflower* sailed from Rotherhithe and proceeded on to Southampton where it loaded supplies for its voyage to America. The ship's Master, Christopher Jones, died shortly after his return in 1621 and is buried in an unmarked grave at St Mary's Church.

Notable people with a Rotherhithe connection include Marc Isambard Brunel (1769–1849) and his son Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806–1859) who built the Thames Tunnel between Rotherhithe and Wapping; Michael Caine, actor, born in Rotherhithe; Thomas Coram, philanthropic sea captain, retired to Rotherhithe from where he campaigned for the establishment of the Foundling Hospital.

The Daily Mail and Evening Standard newspapers were printed at Harmsworth Quays in Rotherhithe from 1989 to 2012. The site is now the Printworks events venue.

The Jubilee line arrived in 1999 and the London Overground in 2010 providing quick connections to the West End and City of London.

Bacon's College

Courage – Compassion – Respect – Faith – Integrity

In the late 1600s, trade along the River Thames developed rapidly. Traders and merchants prospered and began demanding a better skilled workforce. Josiah Bacon, a leather merchant born in Bermondsey, made provision in his will "That the Master shall teach the Children the art of Spelling and Distinction of Syllables... they shall be taught Arithmetic and Merchant's Accomplishments that they may be fit for Services and apprentices...". Hence, in 1703, Bacon's Free School was founded.

Bacon's College is now a fully inclusive Church of England Academy, open to students of all faiths and none. Its mission is to encourage every student to achieve the academic and personal excellence that will lead to university or skilled work and to a fulfilled life. Academic

achievement is important, but students are also expected to contribute to the school community and wider society to develop character, compassion and an ethos of service. This commitment to high achievement, within a community of care, is underpinned by Christian values, encouraging the development of students' moral and spiritual well-being alongside academic success. The gospel of Christ is explicitly linked with the life of the school through daily collective worship led by the College Chaplain.

For more information on the school please visit www.baconscollege.co.uk/



Bust of Josiah Bacon on display at the College.

Source: baconscollege.co.uk & Wikipedia

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Thank you

The creation of the Southwark Diocesan Conference 2022 has been long in the making. Bishop Christopher's vision for a conference of lay and ordained priests, ministers and leaders has evolved and adapted through this period of COVID and other significant changes that our nation and world faces.

To deliver such a Conference requires trusted partnerships with many people. We particularly note our gratitude to the following:

Bacon's College and its staff and Principal, James Wilson. They have been immensely supportive in offering a venue, personnel and resources to host us.

All our speakers and seminar leaders who have given up their time and offered their wisdom.

Our partners in ministry represented in the Marketplace. Christian mission is never done alone, but always in community. These organisations enrich our ministries and deepen our knowledge of God's world.

All those who volunteered their time, skills and experience to contribute to the success of the Conference, whether in an advisory capacity, stewarding or contributing to the sense of worship, well-being and community that a conference offers.

Among those, we particularly extend our thanks to Sir Simon Hughes and the Revd Carol Bates for acting as our Hosts for the Conference; and to Henry Metcalf and Emmanuel Worship for providing

music for our worship.

We thank the Ash Event Production team for helping to ensure the Conference reached our online delegates; and Ecclesiastical for their contributing sponsorship.

We are grateful for the contributions of so many and if we have omitted to mention you specifically in our thanks, then please accept our sincere apologies – your contribution is no less valued.

Finally, thank you to all our delegates, whether attending in person or online.

When we leave the Conference to return to our Parishes I hope that we will continue to reflect on our learning and time spent together in fellowship; that we will share our Conference experience with others; and that, in some way, we are all inspired and enabled to be better Christ Centred Outward Focused.

Canon Jay Colwill,

On behalf of the Project Board of SDC2022



Canon Jay Colwill.





A photographic reflection across our parishes in the Diocese of Southwark. Location photos © Eve Milner and Ryan Prince.

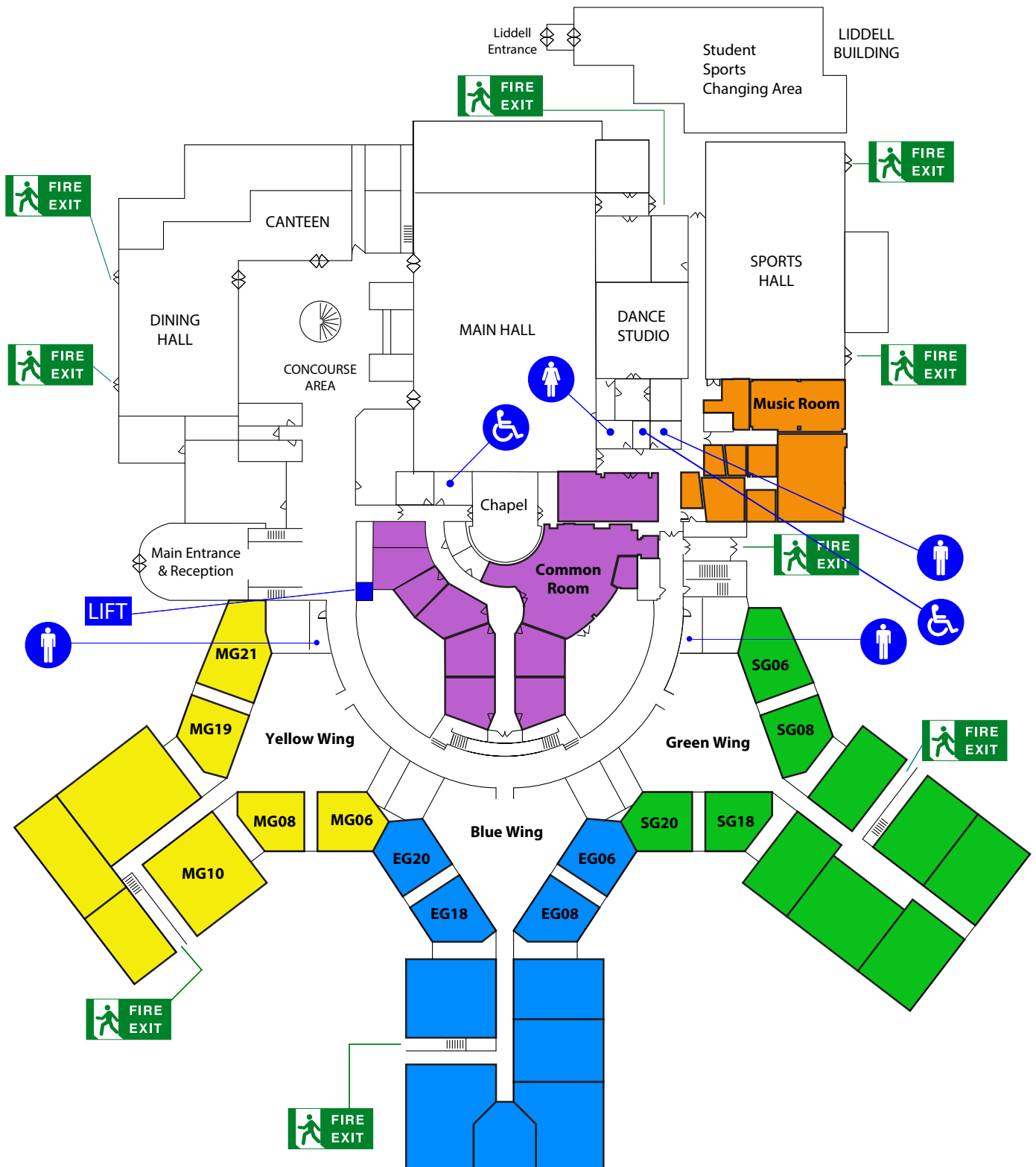
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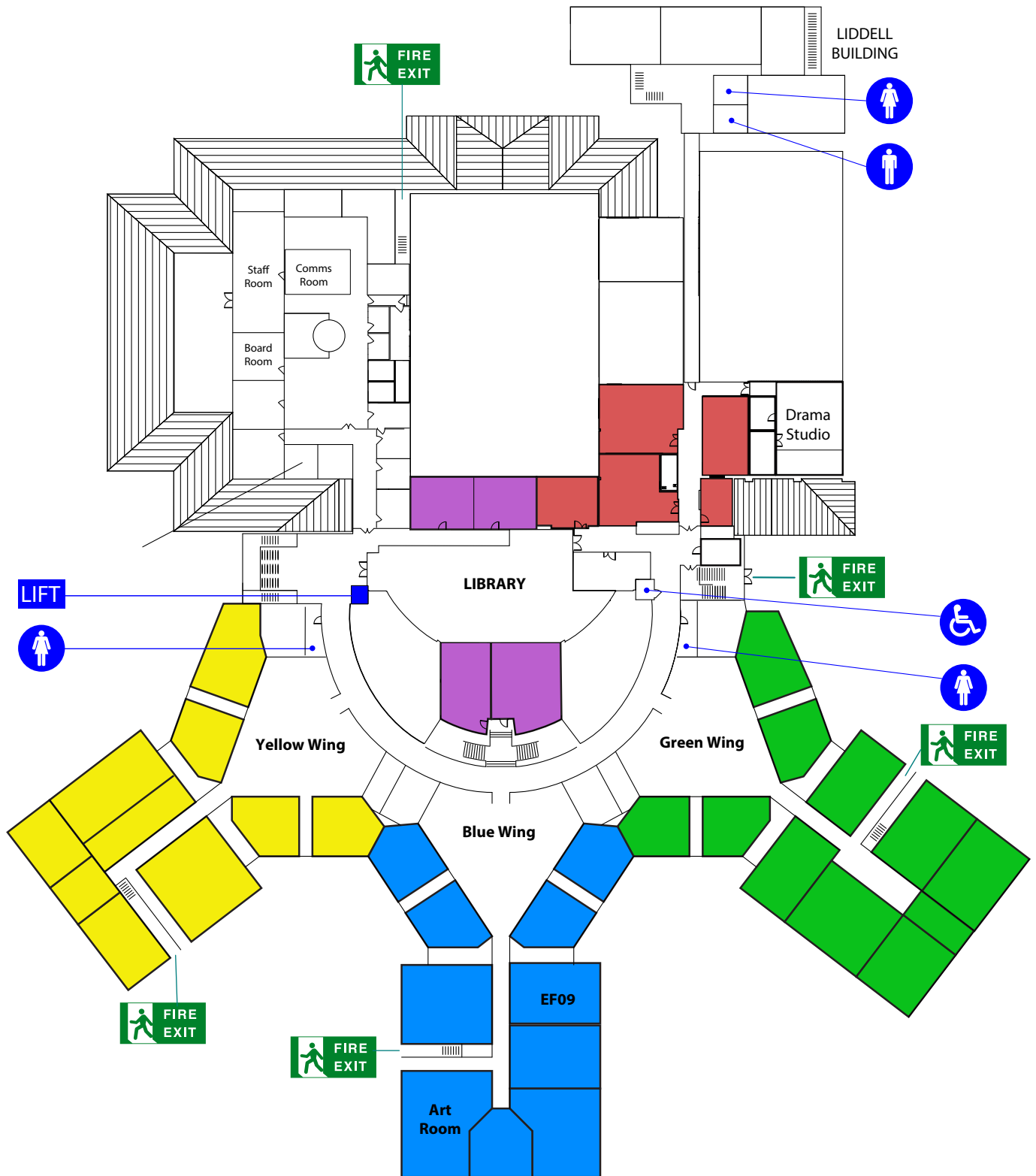
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<p>Christ Church, South Nutfield Central Zimbabwe Link Committee All income from the sale of '<i>Cathedrals of Light and Life</i>', a book featuring the 42 Cathedrals of the Church of England, will go to support the Central Zimbabwe Link. https://seasonimages.com/cathedralbook/</p>
<p>Church Army A mission-focused community of people passionate about addressing social needs and injustice. Partnering with others, we deliver life-changing work through our evangelists, staff and supporters and are committed to sharing the Christian faith, through words and action, across the UK and Ireland. https://churcharmy.org/</p>
<p>Church House Bookshop One of the largest Christian bookshops in the UK, located in Church House, Westminster, we aim to serve Christians of all denominations nationwide. For those unable to browse our bookshelves in person, we also operate a website to ensure that nobody misses out on new titles and offers. https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/</p>
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<p>Giving Generously! Resources and stories to encourage you in your journey of generosity, personally or as a congregation. Meet representatives from CollecTin and Parish Giving Scheme; find out about the national Generosity Week; and get tips on how to encourage volunteers, talk about legacies or set up online giving. https://southwark.anglican.org/giving/ https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/ https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/</p>
<p>KICK A national charity with the mission of transforming young people's lives, with God's love, through sport and support. We deliver services in schools – including PE, dance, mentoring and chaplaincy – and train churches to deliver sports ministry projects, called KICK Academies. https://kick.org.uk/</p>
<p>Kintsugi Hope A UK charity focused on mental well-being. Through creating safe and supportive spaces for people to grow and flourish, and providing tools for self-help in a facilitated, peer mentoring style setting, we want people to see a world where mental and emotional health is understood and accepted. https://kintsugihope.com/</p>

<p>Persecuted Church/FoRB (Freedom of Religion or Belief) alongside Christian Solidarity Worldwide and Open Doors UK. Be inspired by stories of the persecuted church, see the real action taken on by FoRB and pick up a Toolkit to run creative events for all ages. https://www.ukforbforum.org/ https://www.csw.org.uk https://www.opendoorsuk.org/</p>
<p>Pioneering and Fresh Expressions This department helps parishes reach new people in new ways through support, training and Pioneer ministries. https://bit.ly/3vIBXkw</p>
<p>Power The Fight Launched in 2019 in response to the UK's rapid increase in serious violence affecting young people, and its disproportionate impact on vulnerable and minority communities. We promote and advocate for the mobilisation of communities to address these systemic issues through training, online resources and support for families and young people. https://www.powerthefight.org.uk/</p>
<p>SAGE (Southwark and Ageing) A working group with a brief from The Bishop of Southwark to resource churches to address "Spiritual, Pastoral, Missional and Ethical issues relating to an ageing population." https://bit.ly/3S3MVVE</p>
<p>Southwark Diocese Mothers' Union Part of the worldwide Mothers' Union, a Christian charity that has been supporting families for 146 years and now has 4 million members in 84 countries. https://www.mothersunion.org/diocese/southwark</p>
<p>Southwark Diocesan Readers Are you called to encourage others in their faith? Readers have a teaching and preaching ministry and are teachers of the faith, enablers of mission in the everyday, and leaders in church and society. https://bit.ly/3PQWJAU</p>
<p>Southwark Pastoral Auxiliaries (SPAs) Pastoral Ministers are at the forefront of practical, Christ-centred, pastoral care, working in a parish or the wider community and seeking to bring wholeness and well-being to the individuals and communities they serve. https://bit.ly/3cMxMld</p>
<p>SPIDIR (a contraction of 'Spiritual Direction') An informal, ecumenical, Christian network promoting spiritual direction. It includes members of a wide range of other Christian churches and communities in South London and other parts of South East England. https://spidir.org.uk/</p>
<p>The Synergy Network Churches and Communities Taking a Stand is a growing coalition of churches, para-church groups, Christian agencies and organisations working to end serious youth violence in Britain and Ireland. https://wearesynergy.org.uk/</p>
<p>Together Southwark A Diocese of Southwark charity that supports the Diocese's vision, particularly in the area of social action. Through mission, ministry and practical action in response to human need in our parishes and communities, we enable and support the work of our churches in alleviating poverty and deprivation. Meet us alongside some of our partners – Safe Families, Linking Lives and Acts 435. https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/faith-in-action/together-southwark/ https://safefamilies.uk/ https://linkinglives.uk/ https://www.acts435.org.uk/</p>
<p>Unite: The Faith Workers' Branch Open to all employees and office holders of any faith organisation. We campaign for and support faith workers and have a specialised Church of England section. https://bit.ly/3BCpOfh</p>
<p>Welcare Provides child and family support services throughout the Diocese of Southwark, striving to empower families and change lives for the better through offering practical and emotional support to overcome a wide range of life's challenges. https://welcare.org/</p>
<p>Wyhcroft The Southwark Diocesan Training Centre in the Surrey countryside. Open to all religious groups, we resource the mission of God by providing a comfortable place for training, learning, prayer, nurture and reflection so that you leave feeling refreshed and resourced for daily life. https://bit.ly/3PDtSQr</p>

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First floor plan



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For more information visit
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