

DIET – DIOCESE IN EUROPE TIMES NO. 4

An e-bulletin of news, information and notes for clergy and lay leaders sharing in the ministry within the Diocese.



Welcome to our occasional newsletter from the Communications Committee, keeping Clergy, Readers and Lay Leaders, Churchwardens, Secretaries and Treasurers updated about news and developments in our diocese. You will find here some items which may have been featured in The European Anglican or on our website new pages but also matters of more domestic interest to our churches and chaplaincies.

The benefits of this electronic newsletter are that it can be read on screen and need not be printed out (saving resources) and it includes links to other sources with more detailed information.

If you are aware of courses, events or information which could usefully be shared please contact paul.needle@churchofengland.org so we can include it in our next edition. If other church officers in your locality might benefit from this resource please share a copy with them by email.

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EUROPE – WORK IN PROGRESS FOR REFERENDUM

Although the referendum on Britain's continuing membership of the European Union is not until Thursday 23rd June, the British media is busy rehearsing the arguments for "In" or "Out" on a daily, even hourly, basis. Although the Diocese in Europe is not involved in the politics and it is clear that Christians on either side are involved in the debate there is bound to be much interest in the vote and its aftermath.

There are opportunities to reflect the referendum and its effect in the diocese, in countries inside and outside the EU.

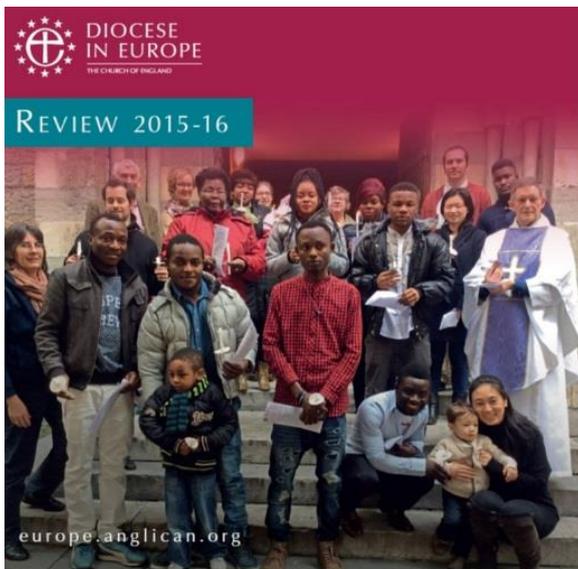
A Church of England blog which has featured Bishop Robert and some diocesan clergy is well worth a look <http://www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk/> .

We are looking for views, reflections and more across the full spectrum of opinion within the diocese for the news section of the website and for a special feature in the June edition of The European Anglican magazine. Send comments or observations from around the diocese to paul.needle@churchofengland.org

Many "Ex Pats" who have lived on the European mainland for some years may be concerned about whether they will be entitled to vote and how to go about ensuring they are represented, if possible. A good source of answer to these questions can be found <https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/did-you-know-you-may-be-eligible-to-vote-in-the-eu-referendum>

A useful document from HM Government on possible effects on Gibraltar and on Ex-Pats living and working in Europe can be found in website news <http://europe.anglican.org/news/news/post/1031-uk-government-report-adds-detail-to-the-referendum-debate>





ANNUAL REVIEW PUBLISHED

The Diocesan Annual Review has just been published and will be sent to churches around the diocese during March.

It is a valuable resource for regular worshippers and visitors and gives an informative (and readable) twelve-page summary of the scope of diocesan activity, special events and developments during the past twelve months and a useful source of statistics – which we highlight below.

From this year the Review will also be available online on the diocesan website.

Inventive use of the Review (and the quarterly European Anglican magazine) helps us to promote the mission and ministry of our unique diocese across the Church of England and beyond.

Please let us know if you have difficulties with deliveries of these publications (wrongly addressed, change of address etc.) or if you need more copies. Contact bron.panter@churchofengland.org

The online edition of The European Anglican is available here

<http://europe.anglican.org/downloads/resources/tea-magazine/tea--69---spring-2016-web.pdf>

The online edition of the Annual Review can be found here

<http://europe.anglican.org/downloads/resources/tea-magazine/annual-review-2016-web.pdf>

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Safeguarding is still a top priority within the diocese and Safeguarding Manager, Ian Carter has been at the Gibraltar Archdeaconry Synod to keep delegates from local church updated and informed so that they can pass the message back to their individual congregations

Ian says he is happy to be invited to other archdeaconry or deanery Synods to spread the message and to meet people from our churches. At the Gibraltar Synod in Torrevieja a number of Safeguarding Officers were able to consult him about tricky issues and found the face-to-face contact invaluable. Contact him on ian.carter@churchofengland.org



The online training for safeguarding children and young people is getting increased take-up now that it is accessible directly online.

STOP PRESS – apologies that technical difficulties beyond the diocese have meant it has been unavailable for some days recently. This should be resolved soon.

A new online training package relating to vulnerable adults (and most of us have been or are vulnerable at some stage in our lives) is also available. Please encourage people to take the course and gain their certificate.



Members of the Bishop's senior staff and Area Deans were given an intensive one-day training course in February about managing safeguarding situations. The course included some practical scenarios based on real life situations in Britain and participants were challenged to consider their responses and the implications of dealing with a serious safeguarding issue. The March meeting of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Committee is due to discuss developing safeguarding communication to ensure the important messages are reaching everyone who needs them.

Face-to-face safeguarding training for smaller groups within each Archdeaconry will also be available at regional level from later this year after a special course in Cologne from 4th to 6th July aimed at "Training the Trainers!" A few places are still available for people offering to use potential training skills. Contact Ian Carter, Safeguarding Manager, at Diocesan Office.

In late February we welcomed two new team members in Diocesan Office. Tola Akinde-Hummel is the Assistant Safeguarding Manager. She comes from a safeguarding career, having worked mainly in Ofsted. She will be working on a half-time basis.

Mark Gregory, who graduated last year in Theology from Durham University, is the new full time Safeguarding Administrator (building on work done by Katherine Harris who has been working on a long term temporary contract.) Katherine leaves shortly with the good wishes of all diocesan staff.



GENERAL SYNOD FEBRUARY SESSIONS



Team Europe (our members of the Church's parliament, General Synod) met for the second time in London in February. They found the business fascinating and, at times, challenging. Rev Tuomas Makipaa kept up a contemporary record of events on the diocesan Twitter site – the first time we have had such rapid reporting (thanks Tuomas!).

The team, pictured in the diocesan office during a hurried lunch break, have compiled this report of the synod sessions.

<http://europe.anglican.org/downloads/diet/GS-february-2016-report.pdf>

THE QUEEN'S BIG CELEBRATION

In the last newsletter we featured events in the UK on the weekend of 10-12 June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and her role as head of the Church of England. A number of churches in the Diocese in Europe are planning services and/or social events to mark this.

The Church of England has published some suitable prayers, collects and graces which may be useful – e.g. Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these ninety years and for all that she has given to her people.

Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her, and as you gather us together in celebration, unite us also in love and service to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The full range of prayers can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2016/02/prayers-for-hm-the-queen%E2%80%99s-90th-birthday-published.aspx>

MINISTRY DIVISION DEVELOPMENTS

There has been a change in the titles and responsibilities of members of the Ministry Team in the diocese, with a new post being added.

- Canon Ulla Monberg continues her role as Diocesan Director of Ministerial Development
- Canon William Gulliford is Diocesan Director of Ordinands
- Rev Elaine Labourel is Diocesan Director of Reader Ministry

The appointment process continues for a Director of Lay Discipleship.

REMINDER ABOUT CHRISM EUCHARISTS IN HOLY WEEK

Two celebrations of Chrism Eucharists are planned for Holy Week when the oils that are used throughout the following year for ministry to the sick, for Christian initiation, and for ordination are solemnly blessed in an episcopal service. It is also the occasion at which the clergy and Readers of the diocese are invited to reaffirm the promises and commitments they have made in their ministry, before the bishop.

The locations this year are in

BRUSSELS - Tuesday 22 March, 12.00 noon at The Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Bishop Robert presiding and The Ven. Colin Williams preaching. A simple lunch will follow the service.

NICE - Tuesday 22 March, 12.00 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Bishop David presiding and preaching. A simple lunch will follow the service.

Clergy who cannot attend but who wish to receive supplies of oil should contact Mrs Bron Panter at the diocesan office on + 44 020 7898 1155 (or bron.panter@churchofengland.org), who will keep a list of requests. More details <http://europe.anglican.org/downloads/experimental-downloads/2016--chrism-eucharists-letter.pdf>

NEW HELP FOR CLERGY FAMILIES IN TIMES OF NEED OR DISTRESS



Carol Johnston, who has been appointed Bishop's Visitor in the diocese writes; "It is well known that the church holds marriage in high regard and clergy spend a lot of time and effort preparing couples for marriage and supporting them through their married lives. Sadly still many marriages breakdown and the church can provide support during these difficult times. Clergy marriages are not immune from difficult times and because of the particular stresses that can effect clergy families regrettably some of these breakdown too.

"For several years the Church of England introduced a system whereby each Diocesan Bishop appoints a lay person to the role of Bishop's Visitor who works alongside the non-ordained spouse following a complete breakdown of their marriage. Bishop Robert has invited me to undertake this role in the Diocese in Europe following the retirement of Mrs Gillian Lack.

"The role is a practical one; it involves giving information rather than professional advice and therefore the Bishop's Visitor acts as a facilitator. The role is not to provide counselling either but to offer support both emotionally and spirituality and to have regard to the well-being and needs of any children effected by the breakdown. As this is a very personal and private role it is the Diocesan Bishop who will refer people to me.

"I feel privileged to have been invited to undertake this role, but I hope and pray that I will not be required too often. However, if I am called upon to exercise this ministry, I will do it to the best of my ability.

THE EUROPEAN ANGLICAN

The copy deadline for the June (Summer) edition is 20th April 2016. If you have ideas for features or items of interest we are always looking for new contributors. Please send ideas, pictures and copy to paul.needle@churchofengland.org

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS, MOVES AND RETIREMENTS

In DIET we are able to include the full formal announcement and keep more up to date details of these moves than is possible in The European Anglican magazine.

WELCOME TO

The Reverend Nigel Stephen David Gibson, currently Chaplain at the Anglican Cathedral of St John, Hong Kong (Hong Kong) to be Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of St Edward the Confessor, Lugano, Switzerland (Europe) with effect from 11th May 2016

The Reverend Alan Michael Strange, currently Rector of Holy Trinity, Norwich (Norwich) to be Senior Chaplain of the Anglican Church of Christ Church, Amsterdam (Europe) with effect from 22nd May 2016.

LEAVING US

Rev Dr Elizabeth Rosalind Koepping, Priest-in-Charge of Heidelberg in Germany will resign from April

CHANGE OF STATUS / TITLE

Revd Tuomas Mäkipää, Chaplain of St Nicholas, Helsinki, to be Assistant Area Dean for Finland from 7 February. Tuomas' ministry as Assistant Area Dean will include providing pastoral care and support for the clergy and people of our congregations in Finland, alongside the Archdeacon and Area Dean.

NOTES, NEWS AND HELPFUL LINKS

READERS CELEBRATE 150 YEARS

Readers from the diocese will be involved in a national special event in July this year.

FOLLOW 2016, a Christian Day Festival for 21st Century Disciples, will be held on Saturday 16 July at De Montfort Hall, Leicester from 10am – 4pm. The event will feature a wide selection of resources to encourage and equip Christian disciples. There will be representatives from, among others, Street Angels and 24-7 Prayer as well as a practical resources Centre. Activities include motivational teaching, Messy Church, worship, a chat show and a magician; Paula Gooder, Mark Russell and Mark Greene are among the speakers. There will be a short musical by Roger Jones and bouncy castles too. We are celebrating 150 years!

This event is open to all; advance booking has now opened, and tickets cost £5 (under 5's free). Bookings are subject to a single £3 Booking Fee, therefore bulk booking is recommended. Tickets available online at <http://www.demontforhall.co.uk/events/events.php/2016/1499/follow-2016/> and by telephoning 0116 233 3111.

Further information from Julie Batchelor julie.batchelor@yahoo.co.uk and also from Facebook Follow 2016 or Twitter @follow20_16. The Reader website can be found at www.readers.cofe.anglican.org

TOO LATE FOR EASTER?

Most churches will have sorted out their Easter publicity but for last minute orders or for future festivals or special events DIET has been sent a publicity pack from CPO (Christian Publicity Organisation) with a wide range of posters, leaflets or flyers which can be overprinted locally or by them. They are one of the leaders in this field and worth a look. www.cpo.org.uk or on Facebook at /CPOresources. They have also produced an evangelistic booklet called ONE FRIDAY which could be useful for distribution in church.

A STITCH IN TIME

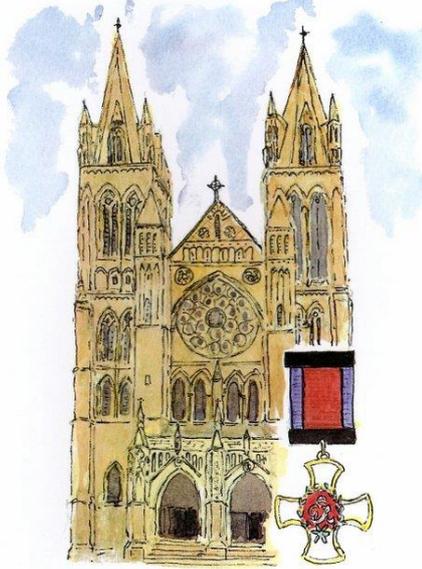


Rev Peter Ford who was recently licensed as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral in Gibraltar and Port Chaplain is keen to promote the work of the Mediterranean Mission to Seafarers, which is part of the mission of the Cathedral and Diocese. He is encouraging people to knit woolly hats and scarves for crew members. He invites a wider response around the diocese and will send the knitting pattern. Email him peter.ford75@yahoo.co.uk

GLORIOUS MEMORIES

Celtic Dean

A memoir of the Very Reverend Henry Lloyd



Philip Cousins

Canon Philip Cousins, a former Chancellor of St Paul's Pro-Cathedral in Malta has written a book about the life of Henry Lloyd, who was the ninth Dean of Gibraltar before going on to become the first Dean of Truro.

It tells of the Dean's wartime experiences as a young curate before he enlisted as a naval chaplain and became a war hero during an attack on his ship while in the harbour at Valetta (Malta) in January 1941

His Mediterranean ministry continued during some "interesting times" on the rock of Gibraltar where pastoral work helped the development of what was to be the Diocese in Europe.

The book is only available from the Truro Cathedral bookshop, as all the proceeds are going to the Cathedral. It costs £4.95 plus p. & p. Contact Truro Cathedral Shop, Wilkes Walk, Truro, Cornwall TR1 2UF. (Tel. 01872 275125)

NEXT EDITION OF DIET – is scheduled for mid-May

If you have any diary dates, information you would like to share or other material please contact paul.needle@churchofengland.org

WE WISH YOU A BLESSED HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

