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Letter from the Chaplain

In the Steps of a Shipwrecked Saint

When Bishop Geoffrey invited me to be a Canon, I looked up what I had previously considered to be one of the most boring and unnecessary sections of the Diocesan Yearbook to find out what Canons were supposed to do.

There are two sorts of Canon in the Church of England: Cathedral Canons, who, together with the Dean, make up what is called the Cathedral Chapter, responsible for the worship and administration of the Cathedral, and Honorary Canons whose title, according to Wikipedia “is usually awarded in recognition of long and dedicated service to the diocese.” In the Diocese in Europe, most of the Canons are Honorary Canons, and most if not all of the Area Deans are now Canons. They are members of the Cathedral Chapter, each allocated to a named seat (called a stall) in either our Cathedral in Gibraltar, or one of our Pro-Cathedrals in Brussels and Malta. I shall be “installed” in the new stall of Edith Cavell at a meeting of the Brussels Canons in mid-March.

So what do Canons in the Diocese in Europe do? The Cathedral Chapter, I am told, meets once every three years, during the Diocesan Synod meeting. So what else do they do? I quote the yearbook for 2013:

“Each member of the Chapter undertakes (a) to use daily the prayer provided from time to time by the Bishop; (b) to pray regularly for other members of the Chapter; (c) to observe in some suitable way the Feast of the Holy Trinity and the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul in Malta (10 February).”

The last bit is what intrigued me, and I decided to make a start by deferring my post-Christmas break this year until Febru-



ary and travelling to Malta to “observe” the Shipwreck. Maybe next year I shall try to get to Gibraltar for Trinity Sunday, and in 2015 I expect there will be some event in Brussels to commemorate the centenary of the death of Edith Cavell, the patron saint of my stall.

The Feast of the Shipwreck is a public holiday in Malta. However, this year 10 February clashed with the pre-Lent Carnival, and the Maltese authorities decided to move the holiday, and associated celebrations, two weeks earlier – after I had booked my flight. On the other hand, 10 February did fall on a Sunday, which meant that Shipwreck Sunday, for the Anglican Pro-Cathedral of St Paul, was the Feast Day itself. Like St Andrew’s Day, the celebration included a meal; there was also the dedication of a painting of St Paul, a sermon by David Richardson, Director of

the Anglican Centre in Rome, and, between the Mass and the lunch, a lecture by a church architect which happened to pick up David Richardson's theme: "Sacred Spaces". David talked about the character of the sea shore as a borderland between earth and water, "a place of encounter with oneself and others."

I had wondered about using the word "celebrate" in connection with a shipwreck. But, for the Maltese, Paul's arrival was not a disaster, but the occasion of the conversion of the island to Christianity. It was not a disaster for Paul, either. His credibility among the sailors who were conveying him to Rome as a prisoner must have grown enormously, when he correctly prophesied that none of those on board would be drowned in the storm, and then managed to shake off a poisonous snake which had attached itself to his arm. As for the Maltese people, Paul's companion St Luke recorded that "The natives showed us unusual kindness, and when we sailed, they put on board whatever we needed."

Among those attending the service were 20 pilgrims from a London parish. I was sitting next to one of them in church, and asked him where they had been, to check what important sites I might have missed. On the whole, we had visited the same ones: St Paul's Bay, with a distant view of the island where the shipwreck may have happened, which can be visited by boat in fine weather; St Paul's Cathedral in the Citadel on the island of Gozo; and the Church of St Paul's Shipwreck in Valletta. The latter has the unfortunate inscription over the door "St Paul Shipwrecked Church". Well, some people probably think he did; but remember that his letters were written before any of the gospels in their final form. And, after a week on the island, I feel more kindly disposed to their famous visitor.

Then there's St Paul's Anglican pro-Cathedral, with the new painting of the saint poring over the text of one of his letters. The outside is very splendid, with columns like the British Museum, and the architect intended it to be the Cathedral of the Diocese, but Gibraltar got there first. The tourist map describes it as "St Paul's pro-Anglican Cathedral." Well, at least it isn't anti-Anglican!

Barbara Moss



"St Paul Shipwrecked Church" and St Paul's Cathedral
Photographs by Barbara Moss

<p style="text-align: center;">Lent Groups</p> <p>Alan Taylor is arranging a weekday evening group based on one of the York courses, as in recent years, on Tuesday evenings from February 19, at his flat. Please contact Alan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Way of the Cross</p> <p>Words and Music for Passiontide St Andrew's, Sunday 17 March at 18.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Services and Sunday School</p> <p>Our 11.00 service on Sunday will be a Family Service on 10 March (Mothering Sunday) 5 May (International Family Service) and 2 June.</p> <p>Family Communion on Easter Day, 31 March</p> <p>Sunday School (ages 5-11 or thereabouts) will meet during the 11.00 service on the following dates: 17 March, 14 April, 12 May.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Meeting of the Congregation</p> <p>At 12.30 on Sunday 21 April in St Andrew's Church.</p> <p>Make sure you are on the Electoral Roll if you want to vote.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Midweek Mass</p> <p>A short simple service with bible reading and songs in English and Swedish, adjourning afterwards to a local café, on the following Wednesdays at 19.30:</p> <p>13/3; 27/3; 10/4; 24/4; 8/5; 22/5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Concerts</p> <p>Friday lunchtime concerts at 12.15: March 8: David Magda (organ, piano) and Gergely Kalmár (tuba) March 22: String Quartet with Nadja Galaktionova, Aleksandra Liubomirova, Sebastian Lee and Johanna Niederbacher Further concerts: April 12 and 26, May 31. For details, see web site.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pilgrimage Walks</p> <p>usually on Saturdays, 2-3 hours walking.</p> <p>Provisional programme:</p> <p>March 16: Ramberget April 20: Marstrand May 9 (Ascension Day): Angered</p> <p>Meeting times and places on web site, or join our Email list.</p>



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Services: March – May

Unless otherwise stated, there is a service of Parish Communion at 11.00 on Sundays, and any other details refer to this service.

Once a month, we have a Sunday School for children aged 5 to 11 in Haga Församlingshem during the service. The children meet in church and walk to Haga together. For details, see our web site or contact Jeanette Munro, 0709 876 581, jeanette.munro@telia.com.

MARCH 3, Lent 3

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Amelia Delmendo-Bock

MARCH 10, Lent 4, Mothering Sunday

10.00 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Service
Preacher: Andrew Wingate

Followed by Hat Parade

MARCH 17, Lent 5

LA: Alan Taylor,
Prayers: Gillian Thylander

18.00 The Way of the Cross:
Words and Music for Passiontide

MARCH 24, Palm Sunday

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Barbara Moss

MARCH 28, Maundy Thursday

18.00 Sung Eucharist with Footwashing

MARCH 29, Good Friday

11.00 The Way of the Cross

MARCH 31, Easter Sunday

Family Communion
LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

APRIL 7, Easter 2

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Gisela Barnard

APRIL 14, Easter 3

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Opeoluwa Adebayo-Omolade

APRIL 21, Easter 4

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Ron Jones

Annual Meeting at 12.45

APRIL 28, Easter 5

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Heather Wray

MAY 5, International Family Service

10.00 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Service

MAY 12, Sunday after Ascension

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Ivy Liu Leeyung

MAY 19, Pentecost

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Alan Taylor

MAY 26, Trinity Sunday

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

JUNE 2, Trinity 1

10.00 Holy Communion
11.00 Family Service
Prayers: Jeanette Munro and family

JUNE 9, Trinity 2

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Barbara Moss

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Christmas



The choir at one of the two carol services



Luke at the crib

Baptisms



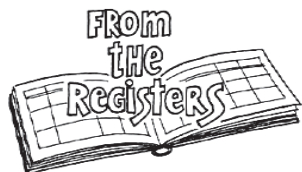
At Sadie Engren's baptism



At Sven Caspersson's baptism



Fredrik Skog being baptised



Baptisms

6 January 2013

SADIE INGELA ENGGREN
born 27 August 2012

3 February 2013

SVEN ALEXANDER CASPERSSON
born 11 March 2012

3 February 2013

FREDRIK GÖRM SKOG, adult

Weddings

21 December 2012

PER OSCAR MATTSON and
JENNIE CHARLOTTE BRAMER ÖBERG

Funerals

28 January 2013

JOHN PACKER (at Lundby Nya Kyrka)

19 February 2013

COLIN HAYWARD

2 February 2013

NILIMA SEN

Have you registered?

Forms are available for registering church membership according to Swedish requirements and/or joining our Electoral Register (list of voters). Please take one if you are a regular worshipper and have not yet filled one in.

In Memoriam



JOHN PACKER, or “Jack” as he was better known, died on December 22nd, after a long illness aged 80.

Jack was Chairman of the British Club for nearly eighteen years during a period of great growth in the club. He was extremely popular and renowned for his wonderful humour, warmth and kindness. He always had the right words to say at any time, usually with a little joke to fit the occasion. His talents were soon recognised after his arrival at Gothenburg in September 1975 by his colleagues at Arla, where he worked and was on the board. Jack made early contact with the British community, and the British Consulate General, and compeered the celebrations for the Queen’s Silver Jubilee and the Millennium concert and helped arrange parties for dozens of Royal Navy visits with the full backing of the British Club. In 2001 he was one of the founding members of the Royal British Legion Branch in Sweden, and became a

successful auctioneer for the Poppy Appeal. He assisted in laying wreaths for the Legion on Remembrance Sunday and Anzac Day. He helped St Andrew’s Church, in many ways, by being their auctioneer, attending functions, but mostly being the secretary of the British Factory, an organisation devoted to the upkeep of the Church.

Jack was honoured by being appointed MBE (Member of the British Empire) by Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace in the nineties. It was well deserved and Jack was very proud. He was made our first and only honorary member of the British Club on his eightieth birthday. Jack was special in many different ways.

Jack was born in Buxton Derbyshire on the first of February 1932. Collected scrap metal etc at school, like all the other kids, for the war effort, joined the Royal Artillery and served in Germany from 1950 to 52 and then the territorial army from 1952 to 54. He was a lorry driver by trade and there were few places he had not visited in Great Britain over a period of some thirty years.

Dear Jack is missed by us all, but will always be a wonderful memory. A smile will appear on all the faces of those who knew him every time their thoughts pass his way. Yes we will remember Jack, and thank him for giving us so much joy.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to his widow, Marianne, family and friends.

Alan J. White.



NILIMA SEN

NILIMA SEN was one of the most steadfast members of the St. Andrews Ladies Guild, and up until the time she had her first minor stroke in 2006, never missed a Guild meeting. She always livened up the conversation and brightened our days with her wonderful, colourful saris and jewellery.

Nilima was vice president of the Guild and supported the committee and members to her utmost. She provided many tasty sandwiches and cakes when it was her turn to “make the tea” and one especially good cake was the one we had when Nilima and Asoke, her husband, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2005.

When it came to Bazaar time, Nilima was the Guild representative in charge of the “White Elephant” stall. It was a lot of work to set it up and then to sort out the unsold items afterwards, but Nilima made it her responsibility and sat in all weathers for hours on end selling items which some of us thought no one would ever buy!

Nilima loved the small Guild lottery we had at every meeting and really enjoyed coming along to the annual lunches in different Gothenburg restaurants. These annual outings together were partially funded by the proceeds of the lottery and Nilima was rather sad when we stopped our lottery due to lack of support

When I joined the Guild in 1984 it was to provide a regular outing for my mother (sadly suffering from Dementia) and I remember Nilima being so kind to us and especially to my mother, who loved to hear her laugh and listen to her jolly stories.

We all remember Nilima in different ways, a colourful lady: a good, kind friend: a loving wife and mother: a proud grandmother and great grandmother. And most of all a devout Christian and worshipper at St Andrew’s church.

We do miss you Nilima.

Marie Lygonis



COLIN HAYWARD

We remember Colin stepping out of his red sports car (one of his great passions) on a Sunday morning, in time for church. He was a tall handsome man, quietly spoken, stubborn at times, but oh so kind. He was often accompanied by his loving daughter Isabella, who was the shining light in his life. The two of them had visited many countries around the world, seeing and experiencing many wonderful things. Colin was so proud of his daughter and rightly so. I'm sure Isabella will continue making her father proud.

Colin was always ready to offer his help to anyone who needed it, whether it be a lift in his car, helping with heavy shopping bags, changing tyres or helping senior citizens with their mobile telephones, and doing lots of odd jobs in church. He also helped so many people moving house from the UK to Sweden and vice versa. Colin would always be one of the last to leave after a church service. He always made sure everyone had somewhere to go for lunch, and if not he would

invite them to his home for a meal, especially after church services. He never wanted anyone to feel lonely.

Colin was a member of several clubs, the British Club and Anglo Swedish to name two. We will always remember the exciting bus trips he organized, and the delicious spread of cheese and wine served after shows.

We all have our own special memories of Colin. Let us cherish them.

Colin, we will miss you dear friend. Rest in peace.

Ann Gustafsson

Easter lillies



If you wish to remember a loved one at Easter you can order a lilly from Ann Gustafsson for 50 kr.



Some news about SST

There has recently been a change in the attitude of the Swedish Government towards religious organizations and “foreign” churches such as the Anglican Church in Sweden. In the the “Budgetproposition” for 2013 it was stated how really important religious “trossamfund”, or faith communities, are for the Swedish society. Many different aspects are mentioned, such as integration and social responsibility for children, youths, elderly and neglected people. It is also very important for the members of the religious communities being able to meet each other within and outside their own congregation.

The channel from the Government towards faith communities is SST, “*The Swedish Commission for Government Support to Faith Communities*”. SST has recently been moved from the Department of Culture to the Department of Social Security. Faith Communities are regarded not only as cultural phenomena, but also as actors in shaping and improving the Swedish community.

“Trossamfund”- faith communities- which fulfill certain criteria with respect to “grundläggande värderingar”- help to maintain and enhance the fundamental values that are essential to society- and depending on the total number of members and “betjänade personer” (people served) can get support in a variety of ways. One important aspect is financial support. The amount of money to SST from the Government for 2013 and 2014 has been increased, as has SST’s yearly “organisationsbidrag”, or organizational grants, to St Andrew’s (which amounts now to over 100 000 SEK).

There has recently been a notable change in the way SST tries to increase integration and understanding between the various faith communities and between these and the

general public.

This can be seen partly in what is happening at the meetings of SST’s “Råd”, or Advisory Group, which meets twice a year, and also in other types of meetings which SST has recently organized.

During the last two years there have been changes in the “Råds” meetings under the new Secretary General, Åke Göransson. The meeting in spring 1911, was held near a Syrian Orthodox Centre in Botkyrka. There was also a visit to a Mosque in Fittja, and a small Buddhist temple in Mälärhöjden, all in the outskirts of Stockholm and very interesting to see. The recent meeting in November 2012 lasted for two days and took place in Örebro at the Theological High School Centre. Accompanying persons were also allowed to come, at their own expense, to take part in lectures and visits, so both Nancy and I went. There was a very interesting visit both to the Syrian Orthodox Centre and its Church in Örebro as well as a Buddhist Centre. This centre had both an imposing Temple and a “Stupa” for prayers, inaugurated by Dalai Lama, and a meeting room. These were visited in the middle of a big forest area outside Fellingsbro in a raging snowstorm! We were taken there by a bus on small curving and snowy roads through the forest. There was also an interesting lecture about the Mandeén congregations in Sweden, which I never have heard about before. They are a sizeable community in Sweden with twelve congregations and nine priests. Their religion is related to Christianity and dates from about year 200. The Mandeéns were severely persecuted during the 600 century.

SST also arranges interesting lectures during the year in Stockholm, which unfortunately are a bit expensive for us to go to from

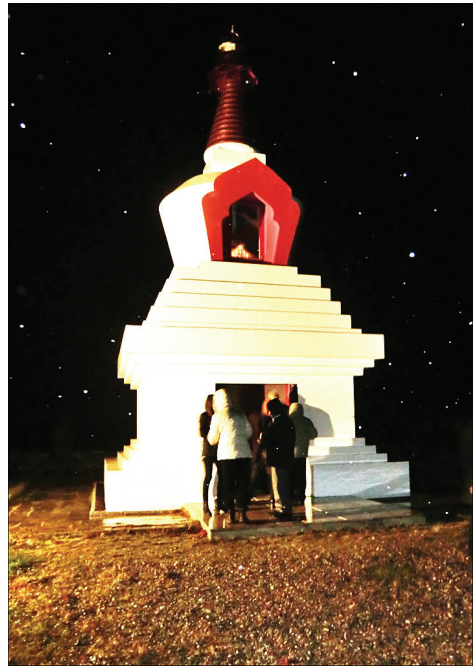


Gothenburg. On 22nd of January there was a meeting here in Gothenburg about “Trossamfundet i det Svenska Samhället”, which Barbara, Nancy and I attended. SST is also at the moment planning a brochure with a short description of every “samfund”.

It is important to note, that because of the increased support from the Government to SST, SST has reopened the possibility for “trossamfund” to apply for a 30% project support for building and renovation projects, so called project grants. A certain focus is also on faith communities with immigrants. Both Barbara and Alan White have been given detailed information about the applications.

So in all we can be grateful for the recent development and that St Andrew’s has connection with SST.

Tore Fjällbrant



Stupa north of Fellingsbro

A Stupa is intended to be a place for people from all cultures to meet and find inspiration. It is also called Monument for Peace, and was inaugurated in 1988 by the Dalai Lama.

❖ Unsustainable Development

or HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?

The continuing scramble to reach the remaining fossil fuel reserves, for instance, under the dwindling Arctic ice cap, tends to make me despair of the human race. Are we capable of turning our backs on profit, of sharing not competing for resources, or of preserving what remains of our common heritage – the earth with its wonderful store of plants and animals? Some good things are happening though.

The **UN CLIMATE CONFERENCE** in Doha took place just before Christmas when the church choir and their friends were busy preparing for the carol services. So I had no time to follow what was happening there. Apparently, it did just manage to keep the fight to

combat global warming alive – 194 countries agreed to extend the Kyoto Protocol and to put in place a new agreement by 2015. The extension avoids a major setback in climate negotiations, but it does not fully reflect the urgency of the problems facing the warming planet.

I read recently that the planet has not been warming up quite as fast as during the 1990s, but I think that means we need to take advantage of this respite and wholeheartedly support all the interesting projects devoted to, among other things, finding alternative sources of fuel and energy, alternative forms of housing, food production, marketing and education at ground level.

It would be possible to fill the whole of



One of many bicycle-powered inventions

Ladykillers - a lovely play performed outdoors in summer at Gunnebo Slott

Last year i took 4 envelopes of lottery tickets to sell (being very enthusiastic) and gave 2 envelopes to friends. A few days to the draw i had unsold tickets in about 4 envelopes!

I started filling the gaps with my childrens' names and then at the draw, voilà, something happened that had never happened before, my children won some prizes!

I was very pleased (well, i had paid for the tickets, never won before) although i had never thought much about it before, since i was equally happy to inform those who had bought from me that they had won.

Tunde, my son won 2 tickets to see Ladykillers a play running for a month at Gunneboslott. He was not very excited, i was hoping he would go with a friend to see it but that was unheard of, i was going off to

England and it was only running for two days before i left so i called and immediately the premiere was sold out (which after seeing the play i understood why) fortunately, they had 2 seats the next day.

Tunde and i go and see the play starting off with nowhere to park the car, (that's how fully packed the play was) and Tunde, not understanding why i had to take him and not someone else....we got there, everyone was seated, he looks around and says i'm the youngest here... anyway, it didn't need more than 5 minutes into the play and everybody was laughing (including Tunde)!

It was a really nice play, we both enjoyed it and i enjoyed having a good excuse to have a mother-son outing which are rare at this stage of his life.

The play and the whole experience is something both of us will remember for a long time.

Kristina Ayode



Scene from the play at Gunnebo



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