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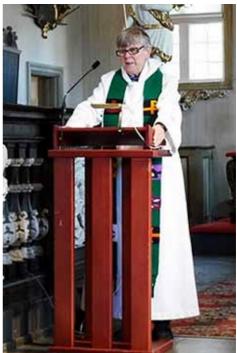
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Letter from the Chaplain

When I met Archdeacon Jonathan in Copenhagen last February, the week before he returned to England, he encouraged me to announce my retirement in good time, so that the process of searching for a successor could begin. Copenhagen were fortunate in having the services of a retired bishop as their locum chaplain for most of 2014. The new Chaplain there, Darren McCallig, took up his post in January, and I attended his installation service in February.

Following Archdeacon Jonathan's advice, I have written to Bishop David submitting my resignation as from 1 January 2016, which is my 70th birthday. This will come as no surprise to many of you, as I have made no secret of my intention. 70 is the official retiring age for clergy in the Church of England, and I am looking forward to seeing more of my family in England and having time to travel further afield while I still have the energy to do so. I do not yet know whether I shall follow the example of my immediate predecessor here, John Askey, and offer my services as a locum chaplain in the Diocese for short periods, but in any case 2016 will be a year of adjustment, with no church commitments. I bought a flat in Greenwich Millennium Village (London south of the Thames) last September, being afraid that if l left it to the last moment, housing prices would have risen still further.

After a formal announcement in church on Sunday I March, the Diocesan Appointments Secretary will make an official announcement and send the Church Committee a package on information about what happens next. Bishop David will be visiting us for the Confirmation service on 26 April, and Archdeacon Peter will meet the Church Committee on I0 May to take them through the procedure. Isay "them", not "us", as quite rightly I shall have no part in the appointment.



It's too early to write my nice retirement letter. There will be three more magazines published before I leave. It's business as usual for the next 10 months – though, having said that, there are loose ends to tidy up, professionally as well as personally.

One of these is our web site. Shortly before I came, Nancy Fjällbrant arranged for St Andrew's to have free use of the platform provided by the Diocese of Gothenburg, now replaced by a new platform used throughout the Church of Sweden. This has given us good service, with very little downtime and the possibility of sharing the task of editing between several people – in our case, the Chaplain and the Webmaster. Ten years ago this feature was not as widely available as it is now. On the negative side, we had the clumsy and misleading address www. svenskakyrkan.se/goteborg/st.andrews and a prominent svenskakyrkan banner on every page. We addressed the first problem before Christmas, by buying the shorter address www.standrews.se and pointing it to the existing site. We have now launched the new site at www.standrews.se. Please have a look at it and let me know what you think. The more often you visit the new address, the more likely visitors are to find it via Google. The old address will remain in force for the time being, with a redirect to the new site, but will not be updated so often.

Every blessing for Lent, Eastertide, and Pentecost,

Barbara Moss



Greenwich Millenium Village

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If you want to see the photos in colour, look at the magazine section of our web site.

🕸 Services: March — May 2015

Unless otherwise stated, there is just one service on Sunday: Parish Communion at 11.00

MARCH I, Lent 29.30Holy Communion11.00Family ServicePrayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

MARCH 8, Lent 3LA:Ann Gustafsson, Alan TaylorPrayers: Alan Taylor

MARCH I5, Mothering Sunday
Family Communion with BaptismLA:Gisela Barnard, Ann GustafssonPrayers: Heather Wray

MARCH 21, (Saturday) 18.00 A musical meditation for Lent

MARCH 22, Lent 5LA:Alan Taylor, Gisela BarnardPrayers: Cecilia KlevedalSunday School meets during the service

MARCH 29, Palm Sunday LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor Prayers: Gisela Barnard

APRIL 2, Maundy Thursday 18.00 Eucharist

APRIL 3, Good Friday 11.00 The Way of the Cross

APRIL 5, Easter Day Family Communion LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor Prayers: Jeanette Munro

APRIL 12, Easter 2LA:Alan Taylor, Ann GustafssonPrayers: Ron Jones

APRIL 19, Easter 3LA:Ann Gustafsson, Gisela BarnardPrayers:Gillian ThylanderSunday School meets during the serviceAnnual General Meeting after the service

APRIL 26, Easter 4

II.00 ConfirmationPresident: Bishop David HamidLA: Alan TaylorPrayers: Confirmation Candidates

MAY 3, Easter 5 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service Prayers: The Willy Family

MAY 10, Easter 6
President: Archdeacon Peter Potter
LA: Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Keith Barnard
Sunday School meets during the service
MAY 14, Ascension Day
11.00 Ecumenical Service at Friluftskyrkan, Slottsskogen
MAY 17, Easter 7
LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Ann Gustafsson
MAY 24, Pentecost

Family Communion LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor Prayers: Deborah Angono

MAY 31, Trinity Sunday LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

JUNE 7, Trinity I 9.30 Holy Communion II.00 Family Service Prayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

Morning Prayer: 8.00 Monday to Friday (except as announced)

Midweek Mass/Onsdagsmässan 19.30 Wednesdays to June 3



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The Willy family lighting the advent candles



The choir getting ready for one of the two Carol Services



Candlemas with the procession and blessing of the candles

A Season for Lights and Candles

Winter is a time when it gets very dark and rather depressing for some of us here in Sweden. But it brightens up with the coming of Advent. The streets and shops are alive with Christmas decorations and lights. In church we start each Advent Service with the lighting of the Advent candles, and in time for the Carol services we have Christmas trees lighted up.

Soon after Christmas when the Christmas celebrations are over we celebrate Candlemas, when the candles we will be using during the year are blessed.

Alan Taylor



Julia Olsson piano and song and Joel Hynsjö drums



Concerts in church

In January we have had three Friday Lunchtime concerts. Young musicians played a variety of music from classical to jazz flavoured tunes. Emma and Eric Nyman have played for us a few times and are now at the end of their formal studies. We are hoping to hear them, the Karin Birgersson quartet and Julia Olsson with Joel Hynsjö again soon. But first it will be the Loda ensemble and the Hungarian Organist Dávid Magda in March. Something to look forward to.

Gisela Barnard



Marriages

24 November 2014 Nils Viktor Tobjörn Johansson and Juliet Janet Ivarsson

28 February 2015 Nathalie Jerdén and Mikael Sobozak





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"We are an Easter People and Hallelujah is our Song!"

The great St. Augustine of Hippo wrote these words 1600 years ago and they have spoken to people through the ages down to our own time. Being an Easter people means that resurrection is part of our life experience. Easter celebrates how Jesus dies and rises in each of us – in our personal lives and in the community of the church. Easter celebrates how Jesus is present in our daily work, our relationships, the joys and sorrows of the world.

We are an Easter people, in a Good Friday world. Within Europe, many countries continue to live with the grinding effects of austerity. In the South of the continent, we have a whole generation of young people growing up without work. Eastern Ukraine has faced the misery and devastation of armed struggle. This is in addition to the conflicts in the wider world – in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Syria and Iraq - with their tragic humanitarian consequences.

In this kind of world, it could seem that the only God in whom we might believe, or refuse to believe, would be a deist god – that is, a god who may have created the world back in the mists of time but has since then left it alone to run down by itself. Whilst philosophers might find it interesting to debate whether or not such a god exists, the deist god would not make any practical difference



to the way the world is.

By contrast, the Christian Easter insists that God is not a god who is far off, but one who in Jesus draws very near. In Jesus, God himself comes among us. As the Church Fathers insisted, "what God has created, only God can redeem". In his bursting from the tomb on Easter Day, God releases new energy into the world. Far from allowing his world to decay, according to a relentless law of entropy, God in Christ initiates a programme of renewal. Beginning with the first disciples a new community is created that exhibits a remarkable degree of joy, hope, and love. 2000 years later, the Easter people is still growing rapidly in number, especially in Africa, in China and in some other Asian countries.

Unfortunately, in the old continent of Europe, the churches (or at least the traditional churches) are generally not enjoying numerical growth. Our own Church of England has been declining at the rate of about 1% per year for many years. On top of this, the average age of our church has increased so that it is now much higher than the average age of the UK population. This means that, even if we manage to replace all those who leave the church, we will still decline as a large proportion of our current membership comes to the end of their lives. Moreover, a bulge in the clergy age distribution means 40% of our clergy are due to retire in the next 10 years.

Faced with this reality, one approach would be to dig our heads in the sand and either pretend that decline wasn't happening or that it doesn't matter. If our God was a God who had simply left the world to decline in its own way, than that might be permissible. But as an Easter people we simply daren't do this!

Aware of the great challenge facing the church, the General Synod at its meeting in February approved a range of reports that constitute an ambitious programme of 'Reform and Renewal'. At the heart of these is a renewed commitment to personal discipleship across all dioceses. There are plans to alter the way in which central church funds are distributed so that the church particularly addresses areas of deprivation and possibilities for growth, plans to increase the number of candidates for ordained ministry by 50%, proposals to simplify the process of church planting, all backed by a significant investment programme from the Church Commissioners.

The February General Synod was a gathering of some historic significance, and it left me with a real sense of hope in the future of our church. But all of us are aware that 'renewal' is not something that can be programmed or managed centrally. Renewal happens personally and locally. It is in our local congregations that lives are touched by the love of Jesus. It is through personal friendship and invitation that people come to know and follow the Lord. It is in the gathering for worship of our local communities that minds are challenged and hearts transformed.

This Holy Week, I will be spending Palm Sunday in Naples and Easter Sunday in Florence. I am deeply thankful to all our clergy and lay people who will be involved in the preparation and conduct of worship for Holy Week and Easter. I pray especially for those who will be endeavouring to communicate the Easter message in ways that will connect with regular churchgoers and visitors alike. I hope there will be an expectancy that people will come to faith in Jesus through the welcome and worship we offer. We have a great story to tell and a wonderful song to sing!

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter,

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

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Bishop's Lent Appeal 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Earlier this month I travelled to Athens. During my stay I had the opportunity to visit two detention centres on the outskirts of the city where irregular migrants are held. One of the centres is a dedicated facility for unaccompanied minors. The other is an adult prison, with a sector set aside for unaccompanied minors. The young people I met were mainly from Afghanistan and Pakistan; some were from the Middle East and a few were from Africa.

What these youngsters have in common is that they have all fled, for good reason, from their home countries. They are not criminals. But they are being held in prison conditions, for periods of 18 months or more. The conditions, particularly at the adult prison, were appalling. The children were kept in containers surrounded by gravel and razor wire. They lacked proper shoes. They had no entertainment – not even a football. They looked thin and some were evidently traumatised. I was truly shocked that, in modern Europe, children are being kept in these kinds of conditions.

This situation contravenes the basic rights of the child. But, of course, Greece has no money and migrants are at the bottom of the pile. Children are put in detention centres because there is nowhere else for them to go.

The Greek Orthodox Church is doing what it can to provide assistance. In particular, they have set up and are operating a reception centre for unaccompanied refugee minors.

My appeal for Lent 2015 is therefore devoted to "Hestia", (meaning "Home") a hostel for unaccompanied minor refugees in Athens.

"Apostoli", a social action charity operat-

ing under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Church offers Hestia as a safe place for unaccompanied children and young adolescents. The Hostel can accommodate up to 20 residents. Since its foundation, in 2012, it has supported more than 100 children and young people. It currently looks after children from Syria, Palestine, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Gambia and Guinea.

As well as food and lodging, the Hostel provides basic social and health care services. Young refugees also benefit from activities aimed at their social integration, such as schooling, occupational therapy, participation in several educational and cultural activities and basic training in the Greek language.

The cost of running the hostel is 25,000euros per month. The hostel is supported by various partners and by an EU programme. However, there are difficulties in sustaining the continuity of some funding streams. So extra funding is urgently needed.

The Greek Orthodox Church greatly values its partnership with the Anglican Church.

I hope we can make this partnership real, through offering some sponsorship of Apostoli's 'Hestia' hostel.

Please do consider this project for your charitable giving and/or bring it to the attention of your mission committee.

This is a very practical way in which our diocese can come to the aid of some of the most vulnerable children in Europe. Money collected for the Lent Appeal should be sent, as usual, to the Diocesan Office.

With every blessing,

+ Robert Gibinley in Europe

Lent Study Group The Lent Study Group will be meeting on Wednesdays at 18:00, beginning on 4 March. The study this year is called: "Where is God?" We meet at the home of Ann and Alan Taylor at Nordostpassagen 23. Contact Alan for further details.	Concerts Lunchtime concerts, Fridays 12:15 6 March: Loda Ensemble - a kind of jazz 27 March: David Magda - organ 17 April: Karin Birgersson - piano & violin 8 May: Blommor inomhus 22 May: Karin Birgersson - trio playing Schubert Further details will be advertised on our web site.
Passiontide to Easter Special Services Saturday 21 March at 18:00 A musical meditation for Lent Sunday 29 March at 11:00 Procession of Palms and Passion Gospel Thursday 2 April at 18:00 Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Footwashing Friday 3 April at 11:00 Good Friday: The Way of the Cross Sunday 5 April at 11:00 Easter Day Family Communion	Pilgrimage Walks One Saturday a month plus Ascension Day 7 March - Kungälv 4 April - Vättlefjäll 2 May - Styrsö* 14 May - from Pilgrimscentrum* with ecumenical service in Slottsskogen * = organized by Pilgrimscentrum, book 10 days in advance Please see our web site or Email st.andrews.got@telia.com for details.
Special Sundays Annual General Meeting Sunday 19 April at 12:30 Confirmation Sunday 26 April at 11:00 International Family Service Sunday 3 May at 11:00	Bazaar/Garden Party Saturday 30 May 11:00-15:00



When visitors ask me "How many people work in this church?" I sometimes reply "Most of them" but then add "but they don't get paid for it." This church, like every voluntary organization, depends heavily on the work of volunteers who give their time to keep us going and to build up our common life.

Have you ever thought about how many people have a special job on Sunday mornings – let alone the rest of the week? We have a loyal and enthusiastic choir to lead us in the musical part of our worship. They practise before the service, as well as on Fridays at 17:00 for those who are able to come then, go through the hymns, and learn anthems for special occasions. At the moment, the choir is particularly short of sopranos and altos, but Gillian would be delighted to hear from any keen singers who would like to join us. You don't have to audition, and you don't need to be able to read music - she will help you to learn.

As well as the choir, we have lay assistants who conduct part of the service and help with the distribution of communion, and intercessors who lead us in prayer. But those are just the people on the official rota, mentioned in the magazine. What about checking the microphones before the service? Handing out hymn books? Taking the collection? Making and serving coffee, not forgetting clearing up afterwards? And those who may not think of themselves as volunteers at all, who contribute to the friendly atmosphere by welcoming newcomers and chatting after the service. That's why I say "Most of them" when asked how many people work in the church.

But there are other tasks, outside the Sunday services, no less dependent on people



willing to give freely of their time, however much or little that might be. Many, most of them members of the Ladies' Evening Group but also the tent-erectors, contribute to the success of our annual bazaar/ garden party. And there are some jobs left undone because no one has taken responsibility for them. I'd love to have someone who can check some of the Gothenburg English language web sites from time to time and say nice things about St Andrew's, and in general boost our publicity.

A key role is played by those who serve on the Church Committee. At our annual meeting, we elect our two Churchwardens. the leaders of the congregation and those who work most closely with the Chaplain. They are elected for one year at a time, for a maximum of six years. We also elect for a three-year term the ordinary members of the Committee. The idea is that, each year, two of the six members are elected, to give some continuity while bringing in fresh enthusiasm. They may stand for a second threeyear term, but this year we shall be looking for at least two new members. The Committee meets about five times a year, after the Sunday service.

Deanery Synod elections happen every three years. Last year we chose Jeanette Munro and Amy Delmendo-Bock to be our lay representatives on Synod. Sadly, Amy died last summer, so we have a vacancy for the remaining two years. The Synod has a residential meeting, usually in September, running from lunchtime on Friday to after church on Sunday, for which our church committee pays travel and other expenses. Synod representatives have a great opportunity for keeping in touch with what is going on in other Chaplaincies, and they are also members of the Church Committee so that they can share information and ideas in both directions.

2015-6 will be a particularly important year for the Church Committee, with my retirement and the process of appointing a new priest. They may ask others to help in working out and producing the parish profile (a description of the church) and person specification (what qualities your next priest should have). These will be sent to prospective candidates.

Our Annual Meeting this year is after the service on April 19. You can prepare yourselves by making sure you are on the electoral roll so that you can vote, reading the annual report which will be available a week before the meeting, turning up on the day, with your ideas and enthusiasms for the future of St Andrew's Church, and praying for your committee and for all those who help our church in so many different ways.

Barbara Moss



When I was a student at London University in the 1950s we had a campaign called War on Want. It was a question of raising money for the millions of poor in the world. We in the Western World are still pretty good at raising money to help the victims of one catastrophe after another and salving our consciences, without supporting more sustainable ways of ensuring a good life for all. In 1962, after I moved to Sweden, Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* was published. It warned about the consequences of the indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides. This continues.

After I became a member of Amnesty International, in the late eighties, I learned that many poor farmers had lost their land to rebel factions or to greedy and ambitious members of their own governments who wanted to attract foreign investors and industry or grow cash crops such as soya and sugar cane on an industrial scale, even ones like coca, parts of which if mixed with other chemicals become cocaine. Today so-called factory farming is claimed by some to be essential for feeding the growing world population – now over 7 million. (See the world population clock ticking on the site How many?org on Google). Instead it has led to the widespread destruction of millions of acres of good farmland, the dwindling of water supplies, exposure to ever more extreme weather conditions and soil erosion, and large areas of toxic waste. And will lead to more disease, hunger, death and doom.

One solution, of course, is to reduce the number of children being born, by improving the lives of women, showing them proper respect, empowering them to make their own decisions, and giving them access to birth control. But we also need to save millions already born from starvation, disease and premature death. We ourselves must return to healthy eating and refuse to eat rubbish foods of all kinds. This would not only reduce the cost of caring for all people with diabetes, obesity and heart disease in the Western world and elsewhere, but should release money for investment in supporting schemes to grow the right kind of food, to reclaim land, save the remaining forests and re-enrol the traditional small-scale farmers in the task of keeping us all alive.

Philip Lymbery, the CEO of the organisation Compassion in World Farming has joined award-winning journalist Isabel Oakeshott to tell the story of our global farming system gone mad. This story is called *Farma*geddon: The True Cost of Cheap Meat.

"Fascinating and terrifying in equal measure, *Farmageddon* documents an investigative journey behind the closed doors of the factory farming industry. It busts the myth that factory farming is needed to feed the world. With stories from the UK, Europe and the USA, to China, Argentina, Peru and Mexico, the book shows that none of us are safe from the factory farming machine."

I have not read this yet but feel I should. Gillian Thylander





Once again we are at the beginning of a New Year, and we remember all the wonderful poems that have helped so many of us on our spiritual journeys. What a wonderful gift to have the ability to put thoughts into words, to be able to give comfort to so many people.

These are three of my favourites.



Ann Gustafsson

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,

"You promised me Lord,

that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

Mary Stevenson, 1936

Faith

When you walk to the edge of all the light you have and take that first step into the darkness of the unknown, you must believe that one of two things will happen: There will be something solid for you to stand upon or, you will be taught how to fly. by Patrick Overton

from Lessons to be learned

sung by Barbra Streisand

... no matter how many times you stumble or fall the greatest lesson is loving yourself through it all why did the right road take that wrong turn why did our heart break why'd we get burned just like the seasons there are reasons for the path we take there are no mistakes iust lessons lessons to be learned



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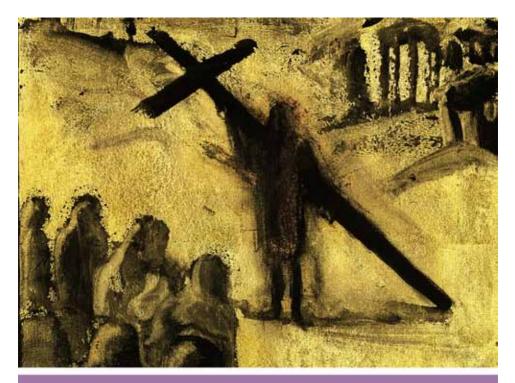












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