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Letter from the Chaplain



Churches in the High Street

*St James' is like an undertaker's,
Silent and clean and full of big grey tombs.
A lychgate leads to neat undaisied
grass broken by headstones.
Most of the time you manage to ignore it,
But you know that it's there when
it's needed.*



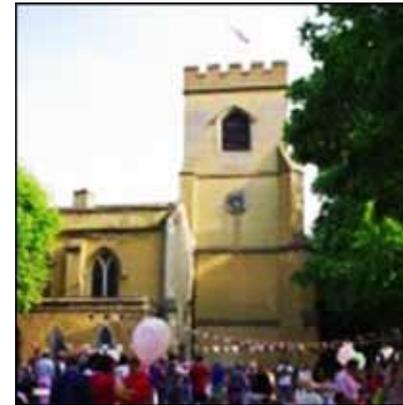
St James' church - demolished in 1962

*St John's is like a village shop,
full of incessant private conversations:
What he said, then what she said, and so on.
Patiently fuming, the stranger waits for
a pause in the endless flow,
then asks "What sort of cheese?"
hoping for farmhouse,
but it's plastic Cheddar, or else Kraft slices.
"There's no call for the fancy stuff
round here."*



St John's church

*St Mary's is a market stall:
'Pick where you like, mum,
rock-'ard salerd tomaters, any one you like!'
'50 a pound yer best bananas, just to
clear them up'
And 'Get yer iced cakes here, mum'
Noisy and brash and cheerful.
The High Street wouldn't be the
same without it.
Shame that I don't in fact want what
they're selling.
The loss is mine, I'm sure.*



St Mary's church

*St Peter's is my kind of church,
a well-stocked newsagent, with sub-
post-office at the back.
The weekly liturgy of pensions and
postage-stamps
runs smoothly, never interfering with
the browsers,
lottery queues, folk dropping in for chocolate.
Among the racks of cards, occasional
offices are celebrated:
birthdays and weddings, good luck,
get well soon.*

I must admit, I mostly shop at Sainsbury's, but St Peter's is my kind of church.



St Peter's church

News from the Diocese

Last month I and the other Area Deans were invited to join the Bishop's Staff Meeting, where we heard about how, both nationally and in our diocese, the Church of England is planning for the future. We were able to explain to the national church (the island church, as Bishop Robert calls it) just how different our diocese is from the other 41, and we had a first sight of "Walking Together in Faith – A Strategy for the Diocese in Europe", which you can read on the next page.

Finally, this week came the announcement of the first Archdeacon who can devote all his time to the work, without doubling as a Chaplain in one of the churches. Colin Williams, who will be based in Frankfurt, has an area covering Germany and Northern Europe and the present Eastern Archdeaconry. We hope that he will start work in time to attend the Nordic and Baltic Deanery Synod in September.

Barbara Moss



Walthamstow High Street

Churches in the High Street

In a recent conversation with some Swedish friends, I tried to explain to them my love of English cheese. This took me back to a poem I wrote when I lived in Walthamstow, supposed to be the home of the longest street market in England. The husband of one of our churchwardens was a shop-keeper (in fact the manager of a corsetry business), and remarked that he didn't see why our church couldn't function more like a shop and "give the punters what they want." So, reflecting on local churches and shops I knew well, I wrote:

THE TEXT OF THE AGREED STRATEGY

'WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH – A STRATEGY FOR THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE'

We seek to build a common purpose throughout the diocese by:

- Knowing ourselves as the beloved children of God
- Loving God and our neighbour and sharing the Good News
- Generating a shared sense of direction in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Providing a focus for all that we do.

We will work towards this by:

- **Building up the Body of Christ and fostering growth**
Within the Anglican tradition through each congregation and in partnership with other Churches by:
 - Deepening faith and practice in prayer and worship
 - Teaching the faith and promoting Christian education
 - Encouraging and supporting the vocation of all the baptised
 - Nurturing new disciples especially young people
- **Sharing, with other churches and agencies in the evangelisation of Europe by**
 - Proclaiming the Good News
 - Valuing and sustaining a culture of welcome, invitation and hospitality
 - Seeking opportunities for growth
- **Striving for the creation of a just society and a sustainable environment by**
 - Defending the poor, the disadvantaged, and those in need
 - Promoting a discipline and culture of safeguarding
 - Combatting slavery and human trafficking
 - Challenging the comfortable
 - Encouraging care for creation
- **Working for reconciliation**
 - Within the Church at all levels
 - Among nations, ethnicities and religions
 - By intentional engagement with the institutions of Europe
- **Resourcing through**
 - Stewardship of our gifts and talents
 - Increasing numbers of full time clergy and candidates for ordained ministry, attending to
 - Recruitment
 - Retention
 - Resources
 - Well structured archdeaconries

Services: June — August

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

JUNE 7, Trinity 1 — Family Communion

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

JUNE 14, Trinity 2

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Gillian Thylander

Lottery Draw after the service

JUNE 21, Trinity 3

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Alan Taylor

JUNE 28, Trinity 4 (Saints Peter & Paul)

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Heather Wray

JULY 5, Trinity 5

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Gisela Barnard

JULY 12, Trinity 6

Andrew Wingate presiding and preaching
LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

JULY 19, Trinity 7

Andrew Wingate presiding and preaching
LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson
Prayers: Jeanette Munro

JULY 26, Trinity 8

Andrew Wingate presiding and preaching
LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Opeoluwa Adebayo-Omolade

AUGUST 2, Trinity 9

11.00 Family Communion
LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor
Prayers: The Willy Family

AUGUST 16, Trinity 11

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor
Prayers: Keith Barnard

AUGUST 23, Trinity 12

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Jeanette Munro
Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

AUGUST 30, Trinity 13

K G Fridman presiding and preaching
LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard
Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

SEPTEMBER 6, Trinity 14

11.00 Family Service
Alan Taylor officiates
Prayers: Deborah Angono

(This is not our Harvest Festival, which will be in October)

Morning Prayer:

8.00 Monday to Friday (except as announced)

Midweek Mass/Onsdagsmässan

Wednesdays at 19.30

finishes for the summer on June 3.

Resumes on September 9 at 19.30

Our Vision for St Andrew's
*Seeking God's will through
prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community*

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

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Chaplaincy News



Baptism of Mathew Mark Kjarr

Mothering Sunday

The 4th Sunday in Lent is Mothering Sunday in the Anglican calendar. Mothers received a small flowering twig from the children in church. We also baptised Mathew Mark Kjarr on this day.

Musical meditation for Lent

A concert on Saturday evening the 21st March was given by our student organist Anna Stepler and several of her student friends. We heard wonderful singing and playing — an extremely memorable event, which we unfortunately do not have any pictures of. We will miss Anna's organ playing when she leaves us shortly.

Alan Taylor



The procession round the church on Palm Sunday

Easter at St Andrew's



After our Good Friday Service - THE WAY OF THE CROSS - some of our congregation gathered together at Barbara's home for Hot Cross Buns



The Easter Candle procession

On the evening of April 2nd, Maundy Thursday, we celebrated Eucharist with the washing of feet and stripping the church.

Good Friday started with "The Way of the Cross" service. Afterwards the congregation was invited up to Barbara's flat to taste Hot Cross Buns.

How nice it is to finally reach Easter Sunday. We enter the unlit church. The Easter Candle, decorated this year by Gillian, is lit



Barbara and Gillian with the Easter Candle

and is brought to the front of the church as "The Light of Christ" is exclaimed. Then all the other candles and lights in the church are lit up.

The front of the church is decorated with Easter Lilies donated by those of the congregation who wish to remember loved ones departed in this way.

The Easter Garden, placed on one of the return pews, is there to remind us of what happened nearly two thousand years ago when Christ was crucified and then rose from the dead. The children are invited to come forward to the garden to listen to the Easter story.

Each Easter Service is the same, but yet it is at the same time so moving for those of us who have this tradition.

Alan Taylor



The Easter Lilies



The Easter Garden

Confirmation



Bishop David Hamid outside the church together with those who have just been baptised and confirmed



After the Confirmation we all gathered outside to enjoy refreshments supplied by the candidates' families

International Service



The African group singing one of their many songs



A colourful group of ladies showing of their dresses

On May 3rd we held our International Service.

During the service we sang songs from different parts of the world. Some of the ladies were dressed in colourful traditional clothing from their own countries. An African group sang and later drummed us out of the church.

The weather was kind to us, and so afterwards we could sample many tasty food dishes out in the garden. The occasion was all very enjoyable.

Ann Gustafsson

Bazaar and Garden Party



Esther and Eva serving refreshments



Britta and Gisela selling home-made produce

On May 30th we held our annual Bazaar and Garden Party. It was a successful occasion in spite of the cold and rain.

The choir opened it all with a "Halleluia Song." Magdalena played her clarinet, Anna played the organ and then also duets on the piano together with Noriko. Meanwhile people came and went, browsing through the books, meeting old friends and enjoying refreshments in a warm and cosy church.

Many thanks to everybody for all the hard work, which made it all worth while.

Ann Gustafsson

❖ Rangitata between two Worlds - 1945

Seventy years ago, when I was ten years old, I returned with my mother to a war-torn England after being away for seven years - three of them in Burma and four of them in Australia. When we undertook the six-week voyage on S.S. Rangitata my father had returned to Rangoon to help set up schools again. He was a lecturer in education at Rangoon university but had to spend some years teaching in Sydney and Geelong following a splenectomy. Like so many oth-

ers he had suffered from denghi fever and jaundice in the Tropics.

I did not write the "poem" when I was ten years old, of course, but the voyage between two worlds obviously made an indelible impression, which I decided to recall for an earlier church magazine (2003 I think).

The Rangitata by the way had a twin called the Rangitiki - both Maori names. These ships were used for carrying troops during WW2.

Updeck and down I tramped, round and round,
occasionally visiting the purser for a word.
All the rest lay below in the dormitory, knocked out by the rough night past Sydney Heads.
There were only waves to look at, as big as the highest houses I'd ever seen.
Curious and unafraid, I stared at them for hours.

There was plenty of life to watch from the ship's rail on other days.
Glittering sprays of flying fish,
A frolicsome school of porpoises,
A lonely and majestic whale spouting in the distance.
One morning an enormous, awesome albatross seemed to appear from nowhere.
Was it then my mother quoted the whole of *The Ancient Mariner*?

The humans on board this floating township organized themselves.
We must have had meals in relays.
We even had school.
The unescorted ladies returning "home" from unrequested exile or internment
dressed up in their gladdest rags and curled their hair for dancing with the officers of the fleet air arm.
Two beautiful ex- POW girls, Snow White and Rose Red, particularly fascinated me.
One sailor, survivor of five shipwrecks he said, used to talk to us children and sometimes gave us a thrill by dangling us over the water!

Boat drill was still obligatory, of course. Sirens and scrambling to "our" boat with life-jackets on.
We even had black-out at night. We had to live on tins of pineapple as we didn't call in at New Zealand due to rumours about a Jap submarine.

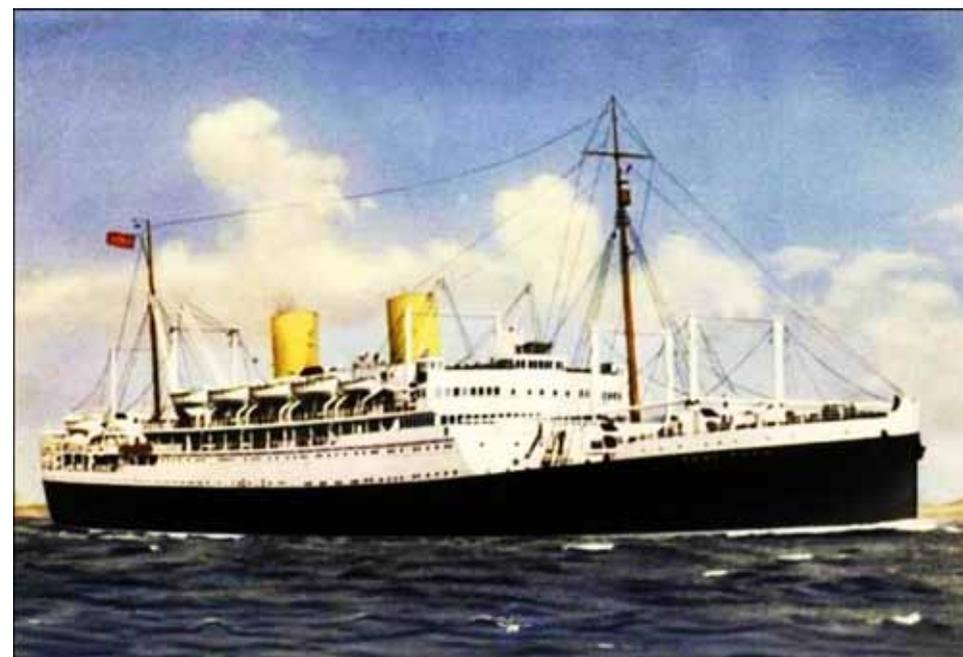
One morning we seemed to have become becalmed on a silver sea.
Clambering on board were all these gum-chewing Americans with seemingly endless supplies of nylons for the ladies. The Panama Canal. Going from east to west - because of the isthmus.

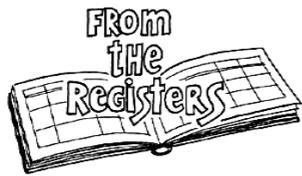
Soon the vessel was being pulled laboriously by small engines alongside.
Suddenly the sky turned dark and sheets of water fell from the sky.
This happened daily at noon I was told.

We went shopping in Colon. I still have the finely tooled crocodile-skin purse I bought. I never used it -the zip broke. I keep it with a box of tiny pink cowrie shells from Apollo Bay, a flimsy silk handkerchief and a tiny book that some friends from Burmese days gave as a farewell gift.

Finally, inching past the Needles, delayed because of a mine scare, we arrived at Southampton, about ten days after they dropped the Bomb.
In six weeks we had moved from gum-trees, sheep, heatwaves, parched gardens, red dust-storms, sharks, kookaburras and blue-tongue lizards and people whose drawl my new teacher said I had picked up,
To a green hedged-in country, a patchwork-quilt seen from the train, streets of old brick houses with odd gaps here and there, rosy-cheeked children and adults who, according to my mother "looked as if they had crawled out of holes." To my dismay I found that my grandparents did not live in the Cotswolds.
I was to discover margarine, sweet rationing, the II+ and chilblains.

Gillian Thylander





Baptism

15 March 2015
MATHEW MARK KJÄRR
26 April 2015
SUSAN CARLQVIST

Confirmation

26 April 2015
ELEANOR CALLENDAR
LILY CALLENDAR
SUSAN CARLQVIST
JOSHUA ELLIOT
HAPPINESS EZEILO
BLESSING EZEILO
PRAISE EZEILO

Funeral

9 May 2015
BARBRO CHENNEL



Lunchtime Concerts

Fridays at 12:15 (tickets on door, 60 kr;
pensioners 40 kr; students free)
5 June: FYR: a sextet from Gothenburg with
five wind players and vocals
12 June: Rikard Nord (violin) and Rose-
Marie Björklund (violin and viola)
7 August: Duo Drifta: Mike (viola) and Vida
(piano)
14 August: Frank Zimpel (organ and
trumpet)

Programmes will be posted on our web site
www.standrews.se and in GP-guiden online
when available.

Pilgrimage Walks

6 June: Kåsjön. Meet at 513 bus stop at 11:00
4 July: to be decided
1 August: Brännö
5 September: Vrångö

See our web site for further details or join
the pilgrimage mailing list.

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