

# Diet – Diocese in Europe Times No. 9

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



## **ALL HUMAN LIFE IS HERE . . .**

That was at one time the banner headline of the now defunct News of the World newspaper. This edition of our occasional newsletter from the Communications Committee, with input from Brussels and London offices, tries to reflect most areas of human church life to keep Clergy, Readers and Lay Leaders,

Churchwardens, Secretaries and Treasurers updated about news and developments in our diocese.

As usual it includes some items which may have appeared on our website news pages as well as matters of more domestic interest to churches and chaplaincies. The e-newsletter can be read on screen and need not be printed out. Any material may be copied and included in church newsletters or magazines. Feel free to forward it to anyone in your congregation who would appreciate its contents.

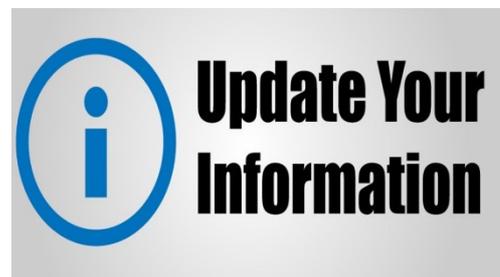
If you have information about courses, events or useful links for materials which could usefully be shared please contact [communications@europe.anglican.org](mailto:communications@europe.anglican.org) for inclusion in our next edition.

## **PLEASE TELL US - SO WE CAN BE BANG UP TO DATE**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in our churches in March and April have been held. Clergy and church members are probably breathing a sigh of relief that it is over for another year. Wardens, Treasurers, Safeguarding Officers and other officers have been appointed.

This year too is election year for Archdeaconry / Deanery Synods where Chaplaincies and congregations have

elected their lay representatives to serve for three years, with effect from 1st June 2017.



The names and full contact details of everyone elected at the AGM should be included in the annual return of Chaplaincy Officers, which was sent to churches (and is also available as a website download). [APCM elections Return](#) (.doc) listed on page <http://europe.anglican.org/resources/downloadable-forms>

It is important that this is sent to Diocesan Office as soon as possible so that our central database can be updated and diocesan communications can be accurate and timely.

## **LATEST PRAYER NEWS AIDS OUR INTERCESSIONS**

The three-monthly diocesan prayer diary is included in the June edition of The European Anglican (covering July, August and September) Thanks to Anthony Cummings for planning and editing the diary.

The online website version with a direct one-click link offers the very latest information including special services involving our bishops or other diocesan events. Clergy and Reader names are also updated for our online Prayer Diary as people move away or new folk join us. Now you can access this in print or online the rest is up to you. Take the time to be faithful and regular in your personal prayer support for our mission and ministry.



## NEW WEBSITE IS ALMOST READY

The diocesan website has been undergoing a major facelift with a new, fresher look and much simpler navigation to find news and information more easily.

The new site will also appear more clearly on iphones, smartphones and tablets which is an important facility to help newcomers discover the wealth of our diocesan life.

The task of transferring and updating website information has been time consuming. A major challenge has also stemmed from the fact that, at the same time, our central diocesan database has been vastly improved and will now feed the most up-to-date information directly onto the website. You will then have fuller information when, for example, you need to look up the details of individual chaplaincies.

We apologise for the delay which has meant that some information on the original site is out of date or unavailable until the launch of the new site in early Summer. However. . .

## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Safeguarding principles and practices have seen huge changes in recent years. We are grateful that most of our churches have adopted the policies and are operating safely for the protection of all, especially children and young adults.

The diocesan approach will be assessed in a national audit towards the end of the year when our activity at diocesan and local church level will come under scrutiny.

Our safeguarding service is a 24/7 provision to deal with urgent and serious concerns. We also try to respond to general queries and requests for help in fulfilling church obligations, completing paperwork or basic problems of understanding how safeguarding works in churches.

If you are in contact with our safeguarding team, there have been some personnel changes in recent months. Mark Gregory, Safeguarding Administrator, left us at the end of April. The Safeguarding Team currently consists of:

- Ian Carter, Safeguarding Manager
- Tola Akinde-Hummel, Assistant Safeguarding Manager
- Mona Sathyadevan, Safeguarding Administrator –joined us in May
- Majeane Stanley, Safeguarding Training Administrator – joined in March
- Katherine Harris, Safeguarding Audit Administrator – started work in April

Safeguarding Manager, Ian Carter, reports that “The introduction of Level 2 Training has been very successful in most areas and, in the vast majority of cases, it has been well-received with complimentary feedback.

We will be able to undertake a more in-depth analysis to provide any learning we are seeking from the experience so far, and then we can begin to look at the impact on safeguarding practice.”

There is a need for more Level 2 Trainers to be made available and better geographically matched to areas of need. Our Archdeacons are helping to identify suitable candidates for another “Train the Trainers” event to be held at the end of November 2017. Potential new trainers need to be identified by 30 June 2017 for this event to be successful. If you would like to be considered or can recommend someone, please tell your Archdeacon or Area Dean as soon as possible.

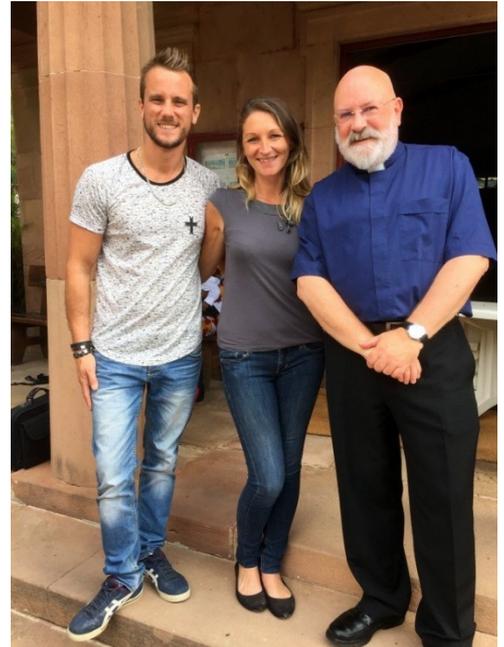
## LENT APPEAL – AN ENCOURAGING RESPONSE

The Lent Appeal has been very generously supported for funding help with a project at The Menedékház Foundation, Budapest, Hungary. Thanks for your generosity and vision.

The total at the end of April stood at just over £16,000 with the expectation of more donations still to be sent in.

Another Lent Appeal story which shows our diocese working with other parts of the church family is how Rt Rev John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh in the Scottish Episcopal Church, chooses two charities as recipients of his Lent Appeal - one close to home and one overseas.

This year Bishop John chose Collective Calling as the overseas recipient. (See *The European Anglican Summer 2016 and Spring 2017*). Founded by Paul and Gemma Carr from the Costa del Sol West Anglican Church and sponsored in Scotland by Fr William Mounsey, a priest of the Diocese of Edinburgh and regular locum in the Diocese in Europe, Collective Calling's work among refugees and migrants was supported by over sixty congregations in Edinburgh, Lothian and the Scottish Borders.



## BREXIT – LOCAL BRIEFINGS KEEP US IN TOUCH



After the British government invoked the Treaty article 50 to begin the process of leaving the European Union, our churches report some local meetings with Ambassadors and their staff to keep up a two-way information process.

The undercroft at Helsinki Cathedral was one meeting location and in late April in Copenhagen the British Embassy hosted a Brexit briefing for members of St Alban's congregation (pictured left)

Bishops Robert and David have also been vocal in support for the Dean of Gibraltar and members of the Cathedral church over concerns about Spain's role in discussing the future of the Rock during negotiations between the UK and EU.

## THY KINGDOM COME – LATEST NEWS - MAY 2017

Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> sees the launch of the Let the Light Shine campaign to encourage Christians to get on board with Thy Kingdom Come next month. The organisers say: "The aim is to get people to make their 'pledge to pray' on our website – and let their friends know by posting a photo of themselves with a candle or other light, as we seek to light up the world with prayer. (For the camera shy, just the candle or other light will do...). We're going to encourage as many people as possible to take part – and get their friends, family, small groups, or even whole congregations involved too.

You could just use simple candle or tealight, but maybe you want to capture that beautiful light shining through the window – or the way your child's light sabre cuts through the air. Would your entire congregation hold up their lit mobile phones? Be creative and have fun!

Once people pledge to pray on the website, they'll be supported with daily prayers and videos throughout the eleven days of Thy Kingdom Come.

You could help to inspire people to take the pledge and let the world know? If you're up for it, just share your own image of light on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (or all three, if you're like us), and use either this text or any variation you'd like on it:

I've made my #Pledge2Pray for #ThyKingdomCome. Make yours today and **let's light up the world with prayer!** <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2Pray>

And if you could share our posts about the campaign from Thy Kingdom Come on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), that would be great too.

## ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CLERGY IN RETIREMENT



Rev Dr John Marvell, our Retirement Officer, met members of the Bishop's senior staff in April to report on his work in the diocese. He spoke about the schemes available to help clergy find a home after retirement and the additional considerations if someone was retiring from within the Diocese in Europe to live in the UK. He is available to advise on housing and other practical issues.

Pre-retirement courses are available in the UK. John stressed the need for retired clerics to keep in touch so we can keep in touch with them. He spoke about the value of membership of the Retired Clergy Association

<https://rcacoe.org/>

John also mentioned our gratitude to retired clergy living in our diocese who assist their colleagues in sharing ministerial duties. John's useful guide for retired clergy (or for clergy beginning to think about retirement) can be read or downloaded from the Resources section of our website or via this link. <http://europe.anglican.org/downloads/resources/clergy-retirement-brochure-2016-draft.pdf>

## ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FOR INTERIM MINISTRY

An advertisement publicising an innovative form of ministry in the diocese resulted in many inquiries and applicants to train as "Interim Ministers" with special roles in carefully selected chaplaincies. The aim is to encourage and equip churches who would benefit from experienced leadership in transition.

The clergy selected during interviews in May will attend a five-day residential training course in September led by Rev Molly Dale-Smith who has written the major textbook on Interim Ministry and is a trainer for the Interim Ministry Network in the United States.

Clergy on the new scheme will then be employed for between six and eighteen months in churches who have enjoyed a long incumbency or are in a lengthy interregnum. They will also assist any chaplaincy facing serious difficulties, conflict or underperformance or when a need for a change of direction has been identified.

## FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE

The Friends annual Eucharist will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Full details will be in our September edition.

## BISHOP'S COUNCIL

Meets in London on Thursday and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October

## CLERGY ON THE MOVE

An advertisement for the Diocese in Europe. It features the text "DIOCESE IN EUROPE" at the top, followed by "THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND" and a logo of a cross with stars. Below that, it says "The Bishop of the Diocese in Europe invites experienced priests who are looking for a challenge to serve as an INTERIM MINISTER". At the bottom, it reads "We are looking for wise and able leaders with good interpersonal skills whose experience includes conflict solving. We will provide training for this innovative, specialist ministry."

## WELCOME TO

**The Reverend Canon Leonard Wallace Doolan**, currently Vicar of the Benefice of Cirencester with Watermoor (Gloucester) to be Chaplain of the Anglican Church of St Paul, Greater Athens, Greece (Europe) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

**Jennifer Lynn Craycraft Pridmore** with Permission to Officiate in the Archdeaconry of North-West Europe to be Chaplain of The Anglican Church of St Mary, Rotterdam from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

**The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes**, currently Vicar of St Michael the Archangel, Alcombe, Minehead (Bath and Wells) to be Chaplain of the Anglican Church of St Ursula, Berne, Switzerland (Europe) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

**The Reverend Robert John Kean**, currently Team Vicar of Witham and Villages Team Ministry (Chelmsford) to be a Chaplain in the Anglican Church of St Vincent, the Algarve, Portugal (Europe) with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## LEAVING US

**The Reverend Canon Malcolm Bradshaw MBE**, currently Senior Chaplain of the Anglican Church in Greater Athens, Greece (Europe) to resign with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

**The Reverend Canon Kenneth Ray Dimmick** currently Chaplain of the Anglican Church of St Catherine, Stuttgart, Germany (Europe) to resign with effect from 30 September 2017

**The Reverend David Alan Hart**, currently Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of St John, Menton, France (Europe) to resign with effect from 17 April 2017

**The Reverend Christopher David Lyon**, currently Chaplain of the Anglican Church in Luxembourg (Europe) to retire with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

**The Venerable Dr Brian Russell**, currently Senior Chaplain of the Anglican Church of St Edmund, Oslo with oversight of the Anglican Church in Norway (Europe) to resign with effect from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**The Reverend Canon Simon Edward Stephens** OBE currently Chaplain of the Anglican Church of St Andrew, Tangier, Morocco (Europe) to resign with effect from 16 April 2017

**The Reverend Rosamund Wilkinson**, Assistant Curate of the Anglican Church of the Resurrection, Istanbul, Turkey (Europe) to resign with effect from 12 March 2017.

## CHANGE OF LOCATION/TITLE

**The Reverend Erik Cornelius (Rik) Florentinus** currently with Permission to Officiate for the Archdeaconry of North-West Europe is to have a General Licence for the Archdeaconry of North-West Europe with a Commission from the Bishop for his ministry within and for the Community of OZ 100 from 5 April 2017

## IN MEMORIAM

**Rev David Stonebanks**, Chaplain in St Catherine's, Stuttgart, with Heidelberg and Strasbourg (1973 – 1980), Holy Trinity, Geneva 1980 – 1986, St Andrew's Zurich 1986 – 89. A memorial service took place in February at St George's Crowhurst.

## SUMMER PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS

On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** in St George's Paris, Bishop David will ordain Rev **Nicolas Razafindratsima** Priest (to continue serving as assistant curate in St George's)

On **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** in the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Brussels, **Guy Diakiese** will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop Robert. Guy will serve as assistant curate at St John and St Philip in The Hague

## DIOCESAN SYNOD 2017

Diocesan Synod in Cologne will begin with a Eucharist on Monday 29th May at 5.30 p.m. and conclude with the final formal session will be late afternoon on the Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

You can follow sessions and reports throughout the Synod via the Diocesan Website and Twitter. The agenda will include:-

- An address from Rt Rev Johan Bonny, Bishop of Antwerp (formerly in Rome's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II).
- An address from Canon Robin Gill on Religiously inspired violence.
- A session led by Dr Clare Amos (Director of Lay Discipleship) on the Rule of Life
- Canon John Newsome (Diocesan Advisor on Spirituality) will speak on Spiritual Direction.
- There will be discussion on Diocesan Strategy led by Archdeacon Colin Williams
- Follow-up reports from the General Synod 'take-note' debate on the House of Bishops' report about Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after Shared Conversations.
- There will be meetings by Houses: also a meeting of the Cathedral Chapter.
- Bible study to be led by the Right Reverend Martin Wharton.

## USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

### WALK TO JERUSALEM BEGINS IN NOVEMBER



Planning is well advanced for The Amos Trust's pilgrimage walk in November which passes through our diocese. Just Walk to Jerusalem is a bold initiative to mark the centenary of the Balfour Declaration and 50 years of military occupation of the Palestinian Territories.

More information can be found in the June Summer edition of The European Anglican magazine with suggestions about how you could get involved or offer practical help.

See their website <http://www.amostrust.org/diary/just-walk-to-jerusalem-2017/> or contact [katie@amostrust.org](mailto:katie@amostrust.org)

### BROKEN RITES REPRESENTATIVE

Vivienne Tillin has been the Broken Rites representative for the Diocese in Europe for the last 10 years working for the organisation which is an international group offering mutual support and information to separated and divorced spouses/partners of clergy, ministers and Church Army Officers. <http://www.brokenrites.org/> She has now handed over to Rev Helen Oxley, 11 Ashbrook, Tullow Hill, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Republic of Ireland. Email: [revheleno@gmail.com](mailto:revheleno@gmail.com)

### DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE HYMNBOOKS?

A new congregation is being formed in Switzerland and they are trying to find up to 20 words only copies of the Hymnbook "One Church, One Faith, One Lord". If any church has some of these which they no longer use the Archdeacon of Switzerland would be pleased to pay for the postage to receive them. Contact Adele Kelham [kelham@bluewin.ch](mailto:kelham@bluewin.ch)

### FREEDOM SUNDAY - NOTE THE DATE

This year 'Freedom Sunday', which is dedicated to remembering the plight of those caught up in human trafficking and modern day slavery, will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> October. It is always the Sunday

nearest to the official European Day Against Trafficking in Human Beings on 18<sup>th</sup> October.  
[http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/trafficking-in-human-beings\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/trafficking-in-human-beings_en)

Please get this date into your church diaries and plan, if possible, to have a focus on this issue in the preaching for that Sunday? Resource material for this is available from Bishop Robert's Attaché David Fieldsend [david.fieldsend@europe.anglican.org](mailto:david.fieldsend@europe.anglican.org) who can also put you in touch with the contact for this subject in your archdeaconry. Following the Archbishop of Canterbury's joint declaration on this subject with Pope Francis in March 2014, a conference was held in Istanbul in February this year at which Archbishop Justin signed a similar joint declaration with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the leader of world Orthodoxy. Following that strong lead by our Archbishop, and the priority given to activity to highlight this issue for prayer, concern and appropriate action in our new Diocesan Strategy, one Sunday a year dedicated to this is hopefully not an excessive ask.



## RESIDENTIAL SINGING WEEKEND

**9-11 June 2017**

Following the success of our first four Residential Weekends we are returning to Renouveau for another chance to experience and sing different types of worship music, this time under the leadership of Adrian Lucas, Head of Choral Studies at the RSCM and director of the Millennium Youth Choir. A former organ scholar of St John's College, Cambridge, Adrian was Master of the Choristers at Worcester Cathedral for fifteen years. During that time he directed the Three Choirs' Festivals that took place in Worcester, five in all. Four years ago he left the cathedral appointment to develop an international career as a freelance conductor, organist and examiner and set up his own recording company, Acclaim Productions.

There will be practical sessions, services, and an informal concert, plus traditional and modern hymns suitable for different situations. As last year, those who play instruments are encouraged to bring them to enhance the accompaniment, and the Sunday morning communion service will be at St John's Church, St Raphaël again. There will also be opportunities for participants and accompanying family/friends to enjoy the facilities of this lovely holiday venue. The Residential Singing Weekend is open to RSCM Affiliates, Members and Friends and non-members alike. Dress casual – no robes.

**Bookings & information:** Shirley Rowson (Secretary) Tél: 04 94 50 38 46  
Email: [rscmfrance@gmail.com](mailto:rscmfrance@gmail.com)

## FORGET ELECTIONS, REFERENDA ETC. TRY THIS COUNCIL

The Church of England Youth Council (CEYC) is a youth-led council that aims to serve God by actively representing, enriching, and engaging with young people in the Church of England. It represents and reflects 14 – 25s across the church and aims to have their voices heard at local and national levels. To find out more head over to our website!

CEYC is looking to engage with people across the Church. We have created an online forum to help us do this throughout the year not just at our two annual events. We'd love to invite anyone aged 14 to 25 in the Diocese in Europe to join us as members and anyone over 25 to become a friend and support CEYC.

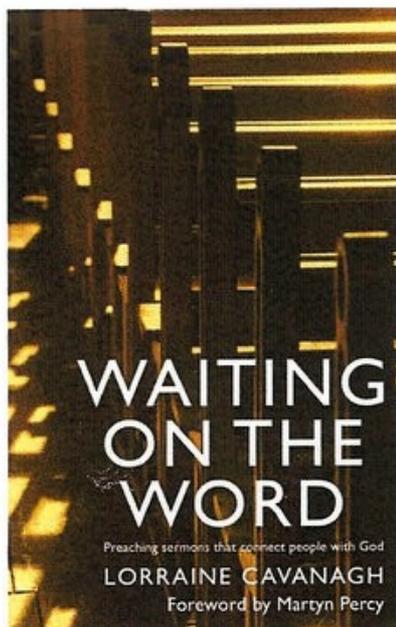
After engaging with us around one of the topics of our events, Worship and Witness – looking at how our lifestyles are witnessing for and worshipping God, members have made

changes to the world around them in many different ways. Leah, one of our members, has created an Ethical Living Facebook Group to encourage and enable members to live a more ethical, lower impact life. She saw the need for a support forum in the UK so created one! This group now has 160 members all striving to reduce the impact their choices have on the world around them! By becoming a friend, you can submit polls to the members, suggest quotes and access resources. As a member, you can take part in polls, write blogs for us, petition our general synod reps and share stories and ideas.

Blogs are a great way our members can share their experiences of Church in their locality, ideas that work, or even explorations of theological ideas or social themes with other members! We've received some great entries on everything from Synod experiences to St Thomas Aquinas! We really hope that you will sign up through our website, [www.ceyc.org](http://www.ceyc.org) and support and engage with CEYC!

## RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOOKSHELF OR BEDSIDE

Here's a new book with some thoughtful comment about the spirituality behind our preaching and some very practical advice on becoming a confident preacher and ministering at specific services.



### Waiting on the Word

*Preaching sermons that connect people with God*

by Lorraine Cavanagh

*'A good sermon always changes us: nobody who hears one can ever be the same again. How important it is, then, that Lorraine has written this fine exploration of the need for the preacher to find space and peace to connect with God in order truly to connect with those who hear her talk.'*

**Martyn Percy**, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford

*Waiting on the Word* is an exploration of the gift of preaching and of becoming an effective communicator – someone who is able to connect with people's innate desire for God.

(Published by Darton.Longman+Todd)

## THE EUROPEAN ANGLICAN

The Summer edition is at the printers and should be with churches and online at the start of June. We always welcome ideas for features or items of interest and are also always looking for new contributors. The following edition is dated September 2017 and copy deadline is mid-August. Please send ideas, pictures and copy to [communications@europe.anglican.org](mailto:communications@europe.anglican.org)

NEXT EDITION OF DIET – is scheduled for July 2017

If you have any diary dates, information you would like to share or other material please contact [communications@europe.anglican.org](mailto:communications@europe.anglican.org)

# AND FINALLY, YOUR REWARD FOR READING THROUGH TO THE

**END** – And because you tell us you enjoy these!!



Where else would you expect your cat with cataracts to get the best treatment?

A lesson for teachers and preachers? The information may be useful or superfluous but it is up to you about how you use it

