

DIET – DIOCESE IN EUROPE TIMES

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. It includes some items which may have appeared on our website news pages as well as matters of more domestic interest to our churches and chaplaincies.

This 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 benefit from it.

If you have information about courses, events or useful links for materials which could usefully be shared please contact paul.needle@churchofengland.org so we can include it in our next edition.

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A PRAYER BEFORE THE EU REFERENDUM

The referendum on Britain's continuing membership of the European Union is on Thursday 23rd June. Bishop Robert and others within the Diocese have been keeping up contributions to a blog dedicated to the topic <http://www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk/>



The Church of England has circulated this prayer for the EU referendum campaign.

God of truth, give us grace to debate the issues in this referendum with honesty and openness.

Give generosity to those who seek to form opinion and discernment to those who vote, that our nation may prosper and that with all the peoples of Europe we may work for peace and the common good;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DATABASE AND WEBSITE UPGRADES AHEAD

Technology is changing rapidly and some of our diocesan systems are being modernised. Two improvements are due in the next three months. The diocesan database is to be redeveloped, using a more comprehensive information system. This is being rolled out in other Church of England dioceses and Europe is the fourteenth to go live with the system in June. This will enable our contacts and communications to be more focussed and easily accessible to staff who need the information.

The diocesan website www.europe.anglican.org/ is also getting a makeover to reflect technological improvements and to make web navigation simpler.

DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETS IN JUNE



Diocesan Synod members meet over 5 days in Cologne from Monday June 13th for the first time in a three-year group of sessions (known as the Triennium). On the agenda, in addition to the daily Bible Studies, worship and informal fellowship, some of the major items will be “Walking together in Christ” (the developing strategy for the diocese) and the facilitated discussions on human sexuality.

Towards the end of Synod elections will take place for members of Bishop’s Council (which meets in October and consists of roughly half of Synod members) and for some of the committees, including the Communications group. Pray for your local delegates and encourage them in their important synodical role.

In a clergy by-election following Autumn elections to Diocesan Synod Rev Peter Jackson from Nice with Vence was the only nomination so is elected for the French Archdeaconry.

SAFEGUARDING LATEST

Apologies for the problems with access to the new online training package relating to vulnerable adults. After promoting it on the website and in the last DIET newsletter there was a major technical problem which meant that the company from whom we buy the online service was forced to change their provider and this took several weeks to set up.

Both the safeguarding children and young people as well as the vulnerable adults online training are fully operational again. Some 500 people have now completed the first and take-up is increasing with the newer one.

Final planning is underway for the “Train the Trainers” course in Cologne from 4th to 6th July. After this, every Archdeaconry should have several people who can lead face-to-face courses at a local level in addition to the online materials.

The Safeguarding team are keen to stress that this is an area of church life and Christian commitment which is ongoing. Clergy and Readers are aware of this because they will be asked to renew their security clearances on a regular basis and an up-to-date safeguarding certificate is essential for anyone who is licensed or granted Permission to Officiate within the diocese.

In a letter to clergy Bishop Robert writes:- “The attention given to safeguarding has led to a big increase in activity. Since September 2015 our central team has responded to 784 safeguarding enquiries, processed 382 safeguarding checks and investigated 18 safeguarding cases.

“I am very grateful to all those chaplaincies who have responded to the new safeguarding protocol and policy. I appreciate that in some cases this has required a lot of effort. The emphasis on safeguarding is a significant cultural change for many of us. Thank you to those lay and ordained folk who have got stuck into this.

“I exhort those chaplaincies which have not yet engaged with safeguarding to do so. We have just submitted all our central policies to the Justice Goddard enquiry into sexual abuse of children. In 2017 there will be an external audit of our safeguarding and that will extend to chaplaincy records. So do get your records and policies in order now to avoid stress and pressure when the auditor calls.”

THE QUEEN’S BIG CELEBRATION



On April 21st Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 90th birthday although official celebrations are planned for the weekend of 10-12 June. A number of churches in the Diocese in Europe are planning services and/or social events to mark the birthday and her role as The Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Here is a reminder of special prayers with can be used – follow the link . . .

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2016/02/prayers-for-hm-the-queen%E2%80%99s-90th-birthday-published.aspx>

St Alban's Church in Copenhagen has managed to put Denmark firmly on the map with their planned celebrations and suggest other congregations around the diocese do the same. Check the link below to see what they have done. The lower link will tell you how to get your church noticed with the rest of the Church of England.

<https://twitter.com/AnglicanDK/status/720511023451631616>

This is what you do . . .

https://twitter.com/CofE_Churchcare/status/718359778788057088

If your church has something planned please send your pictures (best action shots please!) for inclusion on the website news – as soon as possible after the event. Send to

paul.needle@churchofengland.org

DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF LAY DISCIPLESHIP

Dr Clare Amos has been appointed the **Diocesan Director of Lay Discipleship**: This is a part-time and voluntary position and her responsibilities are to:

Take key leadership in encouraging the laity to grow and flourish in their baptismal calling, through supporting the clergy and Readers in their work of catechesis and promotion and nurture of Christian discipleship in the congregations. The Director will work particularly in strengthening the role of the laity, overseeing diocesan initiatives and opportunities for the laity to deepen their faith and daily discipleship.



Dr Amos has a life-long interest and commitment to the theological empowerment of lay people, particularly through the medium of biblical studies. She brings to this post a wealth of national and international experience in the Church at every level. At present she is on the staff of the World Council of Churches where she serves as Programme Coordinator and Executive for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation. For many years she was the Honorary Editor of the *Reader* magazine. In 2012 Clare was awarded a Lambeth DD by the Archbishop of Canterbury, related to her work in biblical studies, interfaith concerns and commitment to broadening of theological education in the life of the Church. She is a regular worshipper at Holy Trinity, Geneva. Clare will begin her duties on the team from Autumn 2016.

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 Colin Butler, Army Chaplain, to be Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of St Nicholas of Myra, Ankara, Turkey (Europe) with effect from 20 April 2016

The Reverend Robert James Horrocks, currently Team Rector of the Seven Saints Team, Bolton (Manchester) to be Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of St James, Fuerteventura (Europe) with effect from 1 January 2017

The Reverend Anthony David Lomas, currently Rector of the Leadon Vale Parishes, Redmarley (Gloucester) to be Chaplain of the Anglican Church in Aquitaine, France (Europe) with effect from 1 August 2016.

The Reverend Canon Simon Edward Stephens OBE, who currently holds a Permission to Officiate in this Diocese (Europe) to be Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of St Andrew, Tangier, Morocco (Europe) with effect from 23rd March 2016.

LEAVING US

The Reverend Nicholas John Clarke, currently Chaplain of the Anglican Church of St Peter, Chantilly, France (Europe) to be Team Rector of Radipole and Melcombe Regis, Weymouth (Salisbury) with effect from 4th September 2016.

The Reverend Dr Donald Paul Dalzell, currently Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of St John the Evangelist, Montreux, Switzerland (Europe) to resign with effect from 17th July 2016.

The Reverend Stephen Foster, currently Chaplain (Team Vicar) in the Anglican Church in Costa Blanca, Spain (Europe) to resign with effect from 28th March 2016

The Venerable Peter Maxwell Potter, currently Chaplain of the Anglican Church of St Ursula, Berne, Switzerland and Archdeacon of Switzerland (Europe) to resign with effect from 13th July 2016.

The Reverend Caroline Sackley, currently Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of All Saints, the Vendée, France (Europe) to resign with effect from 30th September

READERS CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR

Planning is now under way for the second diocesan conference for Readers and readers in training, the first was in 2012. The planning team are pictured, with the Director of Reader Ministry, the Revd Elaine Labourel, the Administrator, Debbie Cunningham and Readers Celia Paterson (Madrid), Angela Mirani (Varese), Victoria Wadsworth-Hansen (Copenhagen) and Richard Medcalf (Maisons-Laffitte). The dates are 19 - 22 May 2017, in Kardinal Schulte Haus, Cologne. And Bishop David, Warden of Readers, says that with our 120 Readers and about another 30 in training at present a full gathering is expected.



JOINING THE OFFICE TEAM IN BRUSSELS



Caroline Gaumy began working at the Bishop's Office in Brussels in February as an Administrative Secretary. Before joining us Caroline ran her own restaurant with her sister but took a break to raise her two children to school age. Her business experience is standing her in good stead today, as her principal tasks are to deal with all matters relating to finance as well as Bishop Robert's travel schedule. Caroline is Belgian, from Brussels, married to an American. She says she loves to travel whenever she gets the chance. Caroline trained as a graphics artist and in her spare time pursues her art in particular painting and mosaics.

She will be working part time Monday to Friday 09.00 -13.00. Her contact details are: admin@europe.anglican.org

SUMMER ORDINATIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Two Deacons and two priests are due to be ordained in three separate services this Summer. On Saturday 2nd July in Christ Church, Vienna, Bishop Robert will ordain priests Rev Mike Waltner who is serving as assistant curate, Christ Church, Vienna and Rev Rosamund Wilkinson who will continue to serve as assistant curate, the Church of the Resurrection in Pera, Istanbul.

The following day in St George's, Paris Bishop Robert will ordain Nicolas Razafindratsima a Deacon to serve in that church.

On Sunday 3rd July Bishop David will be in St Paul's, Athens to ordain Christine Saccali a Deacon to serve in Athens.



NOTES, NEWS AND HELPFUL LINKS

CROSSLINKS – FUN FOR YOUTH, GREAT TRAINING FOR LEADERS

Crosslinks run a series of Summer camps in Belgium, France and Hungary. They offer a great opportunity for youngsters from our churches as well as providing good training opportunities for older youths who work as leaders. Check out the article on page 5 of this recent European Anglican <http://europe.anglican.org/downloads/resources/tea-magazine/tea-68---winter-2015-web.pdf> and go to Crosslinks Interaction camps <http://www.crosslinks.org/projects/interaction-france-and-belgium>

TOOLS WITH A MISSION



Many of us in churches across Europe get used to uprooting and moving home. This often involves “downsizing” or clearing out items we no longer need. We commend the organisation **Tools with a Mission** who sent us this publicity. Perhaps your unwanted items could be

used in a distant location as a practical gesture of Christian love. Could your congregation take up the challenge too?

Please accept this card as a message of love from **Tools with a Mission** and all our supporters.

We are a Christian charity sending tools, equipment and school books across the world.

We do this because we love and serve Christ Jesus and want to follow His example of reaching out with love and compassion. We are humbled and privileged to be part of His Ministry today.

Our prayer is that as you receive these tools you too will know that His love never fails and His faithfulness is new every morning.

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SONGS OF PRAISE SUMMER SINGING COURSE IN FRANCE

The Royal School of Church Music is running a residential singing weekend, titled; “CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS” from 24-26 June 2016 with a chance to experience and sing different types of worship music, under the leadership of Miles Quick, Head of Congregational and Instrumental Music at RSCM. He is based in Taunton, where he is Director of Music at St Mary Magdalene Church and studied music at Durham University and the Royal Academy of Music. There will be practical sessions, services, and an informal concert, including music by Handel (Zadok the Priest), Paul Isom and Vaughan Williams, plus traditional and modern hymns suitable for different situations and for the theme of Her Majesty the Queen’s 90th birthday. 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. More at www.rscmfrance.org

RSCM NORTH-WEST EUROPE - This year’s RSCM North-West Europe Archdeaconry Choral Festival will be hosted by the Chaplaincy of St. John’s Anglican Church, Gent on Saturday 4th of June. For more details contact saintjohnsghent@gmail.com

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The copy deadline for the September (Autumn) edition is 20th July 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

NEXT EDITION OF DIET – is scheduled for mid-July

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