

# NOTICEBOARD



*News and Events from the Diocese of Southwark  
JULY - AUGUST 2023*

## Places of worship: Home Office scheme to fund security measures for places of worship

Please read this information and pass it on to Churchwardens and other PCC members, church volunteers and staff who may have specific responsibilities for your church building.

### Church security funding

A further round of the Government's Places of Worship security funding scheme has recently opened for grant-applications. As in previous years, this allows eligible places of worship to apply for funding for protective security measures at their premises (such as the installation of CCTV cameras, intruder alarms or external security lighting) where they might be vulnerable to religiously-motivated crime. The deadline for this round of applications is **Tuesday 15 August 2023**

### Key points:

- to meet the criteria for consideration for funding, your application must demonstrate that your place of worship has experienced, or is vulnerable to, hate crime based on religion or belief
- funding will not be available for measures to tackle anti-social behaviour or other criminality (e.g. theft of lead roofing material) unconnected with hate crime
- only buildings used for worship are eligible for funding; vicarages and other house, and church halls or community centres are not part of this scheme
- successful grant-recipients must themselves seek the appropriate permissions for the work to be carried out (e.g. planning permission; faculty or 'List B' consent, as applicable) and bear the costs of making such applications (such as Local Authority fees or architect's drawings).

Further information and details of how to apply can be found on the [Home Office's website](#).

You are encouraged to talk to your Archdeacon and your PCC's insurers at an early stage, if you wish to explore this further.

# PERSONNEL

## CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

**The Revd Simon Winn**, presently Vicar of Greenwich, St Alfege has been commissioned as Area Dean of Charlton, on 6 June, by the Bishop of Woolwich.

**The Revd Russ Snapp**, presently holder of the Bishop of Southwark's PTO, was licensed as Associate Priest of Upper Tooting, Holy Trinity w St Augustine, on 25 June, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Chidiebere Mbanude**, presently Assistant Curate of Croydon, St Andrew, was licensed to Clapham, St Paul, on 26 June, by the Archdeacon of Lambeth.

**The Revd Elizabeth Petra Gray**, most recently Rector of Incarnation Anglican Church, Arlington Virginia in the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Anglican Church in North America, was licensed as Chaplain of JAGs School, on 28 June, by the Archdeacon of Southwark.

**The Revd Sue Clarke**, presently holder of the Bishop of Southwark's PTO, was commissioned as Diocesan Retirement Officer as well as Kingston Episcopal Area Retirement Officer, on 1 July by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Olukayode Oyebode**, presently holder of the Bishop of Southwark's Permission to Officiate, was licensed as Assistant Priest (SSM) of Catford, St Laurence, on 2 July, by the Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich.

**The Revd Colin Boswell**, presently Priest-in-Charge of Honor Oak Park, St Augustine of Canterbury, is to resign on 7 July, to take up the Bishop's PTO, and also to be commissioned as Canon Emeritus of Southwark, Cathedral Church of St Saviour & St Mary Overie on 8 July, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Benjamin Forbes**, presently Curate of Deal, St George the Martyr in the Diocese of Canterbury, is to be licensed as Associate Vicar (parish funded) and 'Head of Community Life' of Reigate, St Mary Magdalene, on 22 July, by the Bishop of Croydon.

**The Revd Juliet Evans**, presently Priest-in-Charge of Lewisham & Hither Green, St Swithun, is to be collated as Vicar of Eltham Park, St Luke, on 3 September, by the Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich.

**The Revd Dr Nigel Griffiths**, presently Associate Vicar of Reigate, St Mary Magdalene, is to be instituted as Team Rector of Merstham & Gatton Team Ministry, on 5 September, by the Bishop of Croydon.

**The Revd Kathryn Fleming**, presently Residential Canon of Coventry Cathedral, is to be licensed as Canon Precentor of Southwark, Cathedral Church of St Saviour & St Mary Overie, on 10 September, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Benjamin 'Ben' Bell**, presently Vicar of Hoxton, St Anne & St Columba in the Diocese of London, is to be instituted as Rector of Southwark, St George the Martyr, on 11 September, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Priscilla 'Pru' Dulle**, presently Curate of Cliftonville, St Paul in the Diocese of Canterbury, is to be instituted as Rector of Betchworth & Buckland United Benefice, on 2 October, by the Bishop of Southwark.

**The Revd Carol Coslett**, presently Assistant Director of Lay Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark is also to be licensed as Assistant Priest (SSM) of West Wickham, St Francis & St Mary, date to be confirmed, by The Bishop of Southwark.

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The Revd Aimee Summers, presently Curate of Epping District, All Saints & St John the Baptist, is to be collated as Vicar of Caterham Valley, St John the Evangelist, on 25 September, by the Bishop of Croydon.

The Revd Susan Lepp, presently Priest-in-Charge of Hambleton Valley, comprising Fawley, Fingest, Hambleton w Frieth, Medmenham, and Turville, is to be licensed both as Lead Chaplain to Gatwick Airport and also as Priest-in-Charge of Sidlow Bridge, Emmanuel, & Charlwood, St Nicholas on 10 October by the Bishop of Southwark.

## RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

The Revd Linda Fletcher, presently Team Vicar (Pioneering) of Warlingham w Chelsham & Farleigh Benefice, is to resign on 18 July to take up the post of Vicar, St Catherine's, Stoke Aldermoor with New Century Park in the Diocese of Coventry.

The Revd John Watson, presently Vicar of Dulwich, St Barnabas and Christ's Chapel and Foundation Chaplain is to resign to take up a post in the Diocese of Los Angeles, date to be confirmed.

The Revd John Walker, presently Vicar of Walworth, St John is to retire on 1 October

## Finance and Generous Giving July Newsletter

It was shared with Treasurers and other officers working with parish finances this week. It contains information on Parish Support Fund 2024, news about training on growing generosity, top tips on hall hire, electricity and IT savings, free wills and news about contacts as John Jackson moves to an exciting new post.

A copy can be viewed [here](#).

## NOTICES

### Parish Support Fund pledges for 2024

We were delighted to share the 2024 Parish Support Fund brochure and videos with parishes at the end of June. Please be encouraged by Bishop Christopher's and others' messages, read and share the stories of hope, even in our challenging environment, which can also be viewed [on our website](#). The links to the online pledge system have also been sent to incumbents and parish officers - **please submit your pledge, or advise us of a delay, by 15 September** using your parish's online link. If you have any questions, please contact [Gabby Parikh](#) or your Archdeacon.

**Thank you** for your continued commitment and generosity to the PSF in 2023.

### Generosity Week 24 September - 1 October

From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace (John 1.16). Generosity Week is a chance for churches to celebrate God's generosity, and to consider their own generous response. The dates are flexible - we're called to be generous year-round, so choose a time that works for you.

To support you and inspire your church, there are a variety of free resources: flexible packs for two Sunday services, themed around generosity and gratitude, fun daily challenges, and children's and young people's activities.

Southwark's Giving Team wants to help churches grow in confidence in talking about money. Please contact the team if you'd like to hold a Generosity Week, or for any advice on giving.

Gabby says: "Giving generously is a natural part of the Christian life. Sometimes churches feel awkward about a 'money talk. Generosity Week can provide a helpful nudge to open up conversations."

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### Southwark Mothers' Union Festival Service

**Saturday, 15 July, 11.30 am,  
Southwark Cathedral**

Everybody is welcome to the Eucharist service. Bishop Karowei will be preaching and presiding. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the South Transept.

### Croydon Youth Forum

**Saturday 16 September, 1 - 3pm,  
Free, Bishop Rosemarie's House**

Do encourage your young people (aged 13+) to join the Bishop and Archdeacon of Croydon to have their say on topics that are important to them and build connections with other young people.

Register for the Croydon Youth Forum [here](#)

### Online Parish Returns

The Church of England's Online Parish Returns System which we use for capturing church membership data (also known as 'Statistics for Mission' or 'congregational count'), parish finance and energy usage data, is still open for you to input your information. The deadlines are as follows:

- Statistics for Mission 31 July
- Energy Footprint Tool 31 July

The online system can be accessed here: <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>.

Please contact us at: [data@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:data@southwark.anglican.org) if you have any queries or need help accessing the online system.

### Croydon Episcopal Area CYP Paid and Volunteer Worker Celebration

**Saturday 15 July, 10am -1pm,  
Free**

Book your place at the Croydon CYP Paid and Volunteer Worker event [here](#). Do you work or volunteer with children or young people in a church in the Croydon Episcopal Area? If so, you are invited to a celebration event. Come and eat, receive training and build connection with other CYP workers and volunteers

### Towards a Mixed Ecology of Church

**Sunday 25 November from  
10am - 4pm, Christ Church,  
Blackfriars**

A day for anyone interested in or involved in pioneering, fresh expressions, or any new worshipping community. Everyone is welcome, whether you are just curious, starting out or have years of experience.

Join us to learn from other people's stories and share your own helping us learn together.

We have planned a series of seminars led by practitioners who'll be sharing their stories of how they've engaged with God's mission through a mixed ecology journey and the lessons they've learned.

The ticket price is £15 per person and includes refreshments and lunch.

[To book and full details](#)

An updated version of the Diocesan Directory 2023 is uploaded on the login area of the website:  
[southwark.anglican.org](https://southwark.anglican.org)

## EVENTS

**Webinar on security funding scheme****Monday 10 July, 7pm**

The SAFE ('Security Advice For Everyone') programme run by the Community Security Trust is offering a free Zoom webinar, which will cover the details of the scheme (including what is eligible or not) and how to apply. Please register in advance.

To book your place go to <https://events.zoom.us/j/https://events.zoom.us/j/758253252197>

**'Find Your Voice' - speak up for your generation**

**Friday, 1 September 2pm - Sunday, 3 Sep 12pm, Christ Church Saint Aldate's, Oxford OX1 1DP, free**

The new CofE Racial Justice Unit is inviting young adults (aged 18-23) of all UKME/GMH backgrounds to represent their diverse communities.

To book your space go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/find-your-voice-speak-up-for-your-generation-tickets-658253252197>

**Dinner with Southwark Multi Faith Forum**

**5.30pm at Southwark Council, Tooley Street**

With a focus on Food and Dignity. This will be a great opportunity to meet with people of all faiths across the borough. Please sign up with the following [link](#).

**Filling in your Energy Footprint Tool**

**Monday 10 July, 1 - 2pm OR Tuesday 11 July, 7 - 8pm**

A drop in webinar walking you through the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) - what facts & documents you need, where to start and why it matters.

There will be time for questions and an offer of further targeted, direct help.

**Breakfast with Church Leaders**

**Thursday 13 July, 9.30am, Southwark Cathedral**

Share breakfast with Church leaders from across Southwark and hear from Revd Les Isaac OBE the founder of Street Pastors. [Click here to book](#)

**Planning a church fundraising capital appeal**

**Monday 31 July, 10.30am - 12noon, online webinar**

Gain a greater insight if your capital appeal target is feasible or not; hear more about the different income streams available to you and the techniques to get money from these; understand what people, processes and resources you need before you even start fundraising; see helpful examples of resources to help and execute your fundraising appeal.

<https://www.churchgrants.co.uk/training>

# DIOCESAN TRAINING

## Praying in Summer

*Thursday 13 July, 7.30 - 8.30pm,  
Zoom, free*

The Revd John Philpott-Howard follows up his joyful and moving winter-themed evening of prayer with an hour in which to think about what is distinctive about praying during the long, warm days of summer. It is a contemplation of summer-time spirituality, and a celebration of light, life and colour. But most of all, it is an opportunity to pray together with hope and heart on one of the longest evenings of the year. John is a priest in the East Greenwich Team Ministry and the chair of Spidir, the network of spiritual directors.

To book: [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

## Praying with the prophet Amos

*Thursday 20 July, 7.30 - 8.30pm,  
Zoom, free*

750 years before Jesus a shepherd from the southern part of Israel travelled north to deliver a message from God to the rulers of the northern kingdom. He denounced the cheats, the brutes, the hypocrites and those who had become rich by keeping poor people poor. The issues of violence, injustice and unfair trade are still with us in 2023. We will take inspiration from the words of the prophet Amos to pray for our world - silently and aloud, formally and informally. The session will be led by Susan Patterson, Reader at St Stephen, South Dulwich.

To book: [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

## Vocations forum

*Saturday 22 July, 9am - 4pm,  
Southwark Cathedral and Trinity  
House, free*

This is a day during which you can reflect on what kind of ministry God is calling you to. Might you have a role in a recognised ministry in the Church - an ordained ministry such as a Priest or a lay ministry such as a Reader, pastoral worker (SPA), leader of children and young people, or Pioneer? A vocations forum is an opportunity to reflect, pray and discuss it with others. Before you attend a day like this you should have a thorough conversation with your vicar. He or she will be able to help you decide whether the time is right to start exploring God's call and can book your place by emailing [sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:sue.stewart@southwark.anglican.org)

## Together 2023: Your voice, your choice

*Saturday 22 July, 12noon -3pm, The  
Salmon Youth Centre, 43 Old Jamaica  
Road, London, SE16 4TE, free*

This is a celebratory event for young people aged 8-18 in the Woolwich Episcopal Area, and their leaders. The Bishop and Archdeacons would like to meet you, eat with you, have fun with you, and worship with you. There will be workshops involving song-writing (with Noel Robinson), football (with KICK London), and art (with clay and mosaics). The afternoon will conclude with a service to thank God for the volunteers and paid workers who nurture children in this part of the Diocese.

Book your place at [bit.ly/4194x6J](https://bit.ly/4194x6J)

## DIOCESAN TRAINING

### Ground floor guide to how the Bible was written

*Tuesday 1 August, 7.30-8.30pm,  
Zoom, free*

With scores of writers over hundreds of years, the Bible that has come down to us is more of a library than a book.

Peter Graystone, the Lay Training Officer, tells the fascinating story of the authors, the editors, the compilers and the translators. You might find that some of the legends about how the Bible was written are less reliable than you thought. And you might find that some of the truths captured in its brilliant pages are more reliable than you thought. There will be surprises, discussions, and laughs along the way.

To book: [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

### The Aurora Youth Ministry Course

The Aurora course starts in September and lasts nine months, and is the first part of a two-year course. It equips people to be effective leaders of young people in church, and (following a selection process) ends with a with being formally commissioned as a Youth Worker - a qualification that which is recognised throughout Southwark Diocese. There is also an Aurora Children's Ministry course, and that will begin in September 2024.

The course is taught both in person at Trinity House and online. You can register your interest at [bit.ly/41rarjo](https://bit.ly/41rarjo)

### Leading funerals

*Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 and 25 October,  
6.30 - 8.30pm, Trinity House, free*

A course for Readers who have been

licensed for more than a year who wish to be authorised to take funerals. Part 1 of the course covers bereavement, grief patterns and processes, practical preparation for a funeral, resources, 'difficult' funerals and current issues.

Part 2, which is more practical in nature, follows over the course of a year. It is led by the Revd Hilary Fife, who until recently was Senior Chaplain of Croydon Health Services NHS Trust.

To book: [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

### Lay Ministry taster session

*Wednesday 11 October, 7.30 -  
8.30pm, Zoom, free*

This is an opportunity to take a tentative look at exploring a vocation to a lay ministry. That might be a SPA (pastoral ministry), a Reader (teaching ministry), a Pioneer, a leader of Children and Young People, or an Evangelist. You can discover more and ask questions about what it is like from someone who has experience of it.

Similar events will be held throughout 2024 in Trinity House on Saturday 27 January, and online on Wednesday 21 February and Wednesday 10 April.

To book: [learning@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:learning@southwark.anglican.org)

### Workspace for hire in St Peter, Battersea

If you are a church or Christian charity needing extra office space, we have a spacious room available to let (subject to contract), within our stunning contemporary church building at 23 Plough Road SW11 2DE. Great location, 10 minutes walk from Clapham Junction Station. £800 per calendar month - bills inclusive. Contact [Raheel@spb.church](mailto:Raheel@spb.church) with any questions and to arrange a viewing.



## Bishop Karwei writes...

### Called to Serve

This week has marked the flourishing of vocations in the Petertide ordinations in our Cathedral and churches in each Episcopal Area and also Church of England across the land. It is an annual cycle of ordinations where those called are publicly recognised and authorised for ministry in one form or another as deacons or priests, including a vast array of celebration of Lay ministry and reaffirmation of our calling to be part of universal priesthood of all believers.

As a matter of fact, we all are called to be members of the universal priesthood of all believers in the words of Apostle Peter; "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9 NIVUK)

So, whatever has happened this season to you or those close to you, our calling is universal, and also of a universal nature, scope and reach in God's world, declaring the praises of him (God) who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light to shine our little light (his light in us) in this dark world.

As I write this, I reflect on the last Deanery confirmation service of 11 amazing candidates I led at St Anne's Bermondsey on Sunday 2nd July. I'm sure you remember the point at the end of the service when the candidates are given lighted candles and encouraged to shine in the world. The Bermondsey congregation simultaneously broke out singing, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine..." It was so refreshing to hear them supporting the candidates in song and also expressing our calling to shine as God's light in the world, it made my day.

But, how are we to do it? In the rubrics of the ordination service it says to those to be ordained, "you cannot do this in your own strength, pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit." Today, I urge you to pray earnestly today for the gift of the enabling Holy Spirit, so that you can fulfil your calling to shine his light in your/our world.

Jesus Christ spoke to his disciples and said, "I

am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." (Mt. 10:10f). Christ sent them out as sheep among wolves, sheep that is meek, humble, harmless, weak, unable to protect themselves and dependent on Jesus Christ. They were to be out in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ in their work, leisure, relationships, church life, community service, voluntary work etc. serving God and Christ through serving the world and neighbour in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our calling is also in the words of Jesus Christ to be conducted in a manner that is conducive for God's mission - *Missio Dei*, to which we are called to participate in our commission as co-Missioners with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Triune God. In a manner that is against the grain of our humanity, "shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." That is to be wise, discerning and selfless and loving just as Christ would, not doing it our own way, but his way all the time, knowing that he is the Good Shepherd who knows his flock of sheep and looks after them with his life.

My friends, I encourage you therefore to do the work we are called to, that is; "calling others to become sheep in the Lord's flock just as we ourselves were called into his flock." It is our given role to proclaim his love and saving grace to all we share our lives with so they too can share with us the gift of eternal life offered freely to us and all who believe in him and repent of their sins.

So, come what may, as the apostles and many others faced persecutions, they were grateful to suffer for their faith in Christ, as some of us suffer today in various forms and degree of persecution as Christians all over the world.

Finally, in this season of Petertide, let us embrace our calling into the universal priesthood of all believers according to Apostle Peter, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Shalom.

*+Karwei Woolwich*