



Edmonton Newsletter

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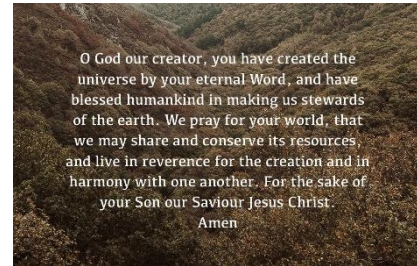
A Prayer for Our Planet

Most of you would know me as the Bishop's PA but may not have met me or spoken to me. Prior to being PA to the Bishop, I grew up in Devon and studied human geography at the University of Exeter (the attached photos taken at Castle Drogo, near Exeter). I focused a lot of my studies on the environment, justice, and development. My dissertation research focused on Christians and their environmental beliefs and behaviours. I found that whilst most Christians who took part in my research had great concern for the environment, those concerns did not always translate into action. Why does this matter?

2023 was the warmest year on record. It has now been confirmed that global warming exceeded 1.5C across the 12-month period between February 2023 and January 2024. We have already seen the impacts of climate change: more severe storms and flooding, increasing drought, wildfires, food insecurity. These are impacting the world's most vulnerable people first and foremost and are only going to get worse. The problem seems so huge and daunting to solve. But I believe it starts with you and me.

The Diocese of London's aim is to cut carbon (CO2e) emissions to 'net zero' by 2030. This is great, but I think we need to do more than this if we want to care for God's creation. Creation care goes beyond the carbon emissions of our buildings and what our senior leaders can do. Creation care starts with every one of us making small changes in our own lives which, in turn, have a huge impact collectively. It begins with us deciding to live out Micah 6:8 by acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. How can we truly love our neighbours "if their environment is degraded, their water is toxic, their air is polluted, their house is being flooded from the rising sea levels, and they have no access to safe and healthy food?" (Anthony et al., 2020: 151).

Loving our neighbours goes beyond those who live locally to us. It means loving all God's people, both near and far. Caring for the environment is one way we can all love our neighbours. Perhaps you can think about the small changes you could make in your own life to help the environment. In what ways could you make it a part of everyday life and encourage others to do the same? [Here is the link to the most recent Edmonton Creation Care Plan](#). For further information, please contact the Edmonton Area's Creation Care Lead [Fr Chrichton Limbert](#).



Lois Chappell – PA to the Bishop of Edmonton

EDMONTON EVENTS



2024 Common Fund Meetings

7pm on 16 May 2024 by [Zoom](#) or 7pm on 29 May 2024 by [Zoom](#)

The Common Fund is about every parish seeing itself as part of the big picture and giving generously and sacrificially. The Diocese of London is big: we represent over 400 parishes, serving over six million people. We can be present in every community because of the work our parishes do – and not just in bricks and mortar but in people.

The Common Fund pays clergy wages, their pension, their housing, their training and it even pays for the training of a parish's next vicar. For more information about the Common Fund please click [here](#). This year there will be two online meetings to talk about the 2025 Common Fund and you are welcome to attend either meeting.

2024 Churchwardens' Commissioning Ceremonies

This year there will be four ceremonies, one in each Deanery. The ceremonies will be joint events to "Celebrate Edmonton" with the Edmonton Director of Mission and **will be joined by the new Bishop of Edmonton**. All are welcome!

BARNET: 7pm on Thursday 11 July 2024 at [St John West Hendon](#)

CAMDEN: 6pm on Monday 1 July 2024 at [St Mary Magdalene Munster Square](#)

ENFIELD: 7pm on Monday 15 July 2024 at [St Luke Clay Hill](#)

HARINGEY: 7pm on Tuesday 16 July 2024 at [St Andrew Alexandra Park](#)



CLERGY MOVES



The Revd Canon Paul Conrad

Fr Paul was educated at Worcester College, Oxford, and he trained for ministry at St Stephen's House, Oxford. He served his title in the Diocese of Chelmsford and a second curacy St Mary Somers Town before joining St Martin Gospel Oak as Priest in Charge, later Vicar. Fr Paul has been at Christ Church Hampstead since 1995 alongside serving as Chaplain at the Royal Free Hospital. **Fr Paul will retire on 29 May 2024.**



The Revd Lee Clark

Fr Lee was trained for ministry at St Stephen's House, Oxford, and he was ordained in 2015. He served his title at St Gabriel Pimlico and St Benet Kentish Town and he has been the Priest in Charge of St Philip the Apostle Tottenham since 2018. **Fr Lee will be licensed as the Vicar of St Mary Lansdowne Road on 3 June 2024.**

NEWS

Worship Leader Sought by St John Whetstone

St John's Church is looking for a worship leader to join our vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community to lead our music during our weekend worship as well as establish a youth and adult choir. We enjoy a range of music during our worship and are looking for someone open to the breadth of musical traditions in the Church of England, both traditional and contemporary. Please send your CV to office.stjohnsn20@gmail.com by 29 March 2024.



Responsibilities and Job Details

- To lead music at our Sunday services (11:15am each week)
- To establish a youth and adult choir and lead weekly choir practice
- To prepare music each week for services and liaise with the vicar as required
- 12 hours per week, including Sunday mornings and preferred Thursday and Friday evenings for choir, however we are happy to discuss flexibility for the right candidate
- Willing to cover services around major Christian festivals such as Easter and Christmas
- £15.00/hour + pension contribution
- 1-year fixed term contract

Key Skills and Experience

- Organist (preferred) but would consider pianist/keyboard player
- Proficient singer and able to lead worship from a piano/keyboard/organ
- Flexible between traditional and modern musical styles
- Confident working with children
- Able to establish and lead a choir including planning of choir practices
- Open to the inclusive community at St John's
- There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR) that the post-holder is a practising Christian
- Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010 applies

GMH/UKME Mentors Urgently Needed



Mentoring is crucial in the development and growth of individuals, regardless of vocation. The Racial Justice Unit is looking to identify GMH/UKME mentors to guide and support GMH/UKME lay leaders and ordained ministers in navigating the challenges and complexities of their vocational journey. Individuals with at least five years of ministry or lay persons with the relevant experiences are invited to apply. Those interested should contact racialjusticeunit@churchofengland.org for further details. An orientation and training programme will be provided to those with the qualities that enable them to fulfil this role effectively.

MAB Volunteers Needed

The Middlesex Association for the Blind (MAB) supports people with visual impairment in several ways: practical help at home, provide social clubs, help with seeking employment, counselling and specialist equipment, Braille courses and more. MAB operates in Haringey, Enfield and Barnet. There is one Support Worker in each borough and the role of the SW is to visit people at home and help them with food shopping, admin tasks, befriending and walks in local parks (no cleaning, personal care or DIY tasks). Volunteers will be expected to support visually impaired people for about 2 hours a week. They need to undergo DBS checks and will be given training on how to interact professionally around visually impaired people. If interested please call 020 8423 5141 or fill in a Volunteer Application Form on our [website](https://www.mab.org.uk/).



Candles for Ukraine



Fr Guy Willis, Vicar of Saint Benet's Kentish Town writes:

Do you have any old candle ends in your church? We did, and I have been trying in vain to find some good use for them. Then I heard about [Candles for Ukraine](https://www.candlesforukraine.org/), a project run by the Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP). We sent our box of broken and spent wax candles to them and they took them to where they are needed in Ukraine. There they are made into an important source of heat and light. It's a great way to save some wax from landfill and make a small but important difference to someone's cold night under bombardment. Mike Bowden coordinates the work and he would be pleased to hear from you on mzbowden@btinternet.com or by phoning 07379336627. Or you can just send him your candles to: Candles for Ukraine, Wood Farm House, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 9BZ.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

Multiply – Estates Mission

9am-2pm on 12 March 2024 at [St Barnabas North London](https://www.stbarnabas.org.uk/)

Multiply Estates Mission 2024 is an opportunity to explore what it takes to build estates churches for those searching for a sense of belonging and home. We want this to be a conference where everyone can experience the belonging we all find in Jesus. It's for practitioners with a deep love for estates communities and those new to the call. Tickets are £10, with lunch included. More details and booking please click [here](https://www.multiplyestatesmission.org.uk/).



Charing Meetings/ APCMs

10am-4pm on 14 March 2024 at [London Diocesan House](https://www.london-diocese.org.uk/) for Clergy

A day for clergy looking at good practice in charing meetings and exploring how to get the best out of an Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The day combines looking at the practicalities and processes with insights into how to work effectively with others. Book [here](https://www.london-diocese.org.uk/)

CMD Clergy Law – Facilitating Faculties

10am-12pm on 21 March 2024 by Zoom for Clergy

The talk will look at the overriding objectives of the Faculty Jurisdiction regime; Lists A & B where a full faculty is not required; temporary licences for minor re-ordering and how to apply for a faculty, including the petition and consultation, licences under faculty for events and film locations. It is led by our Diocesan Registrar, Stuart Jones, Kevin Wilson (Deputy Registrar), and the Priest in Charge at Grosvenor Chapel Mayfair, the Revd Stephen Coleman (who is also the deputy course director of the LLM in Canon Law at Cardiff University). Book [here](#)



Using your Buildings for Mission

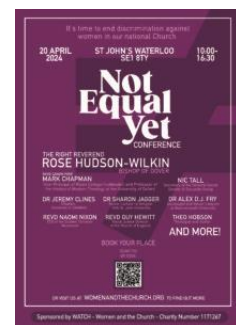
10am-4pm 17 April 2024 at [London Diocesan House](#) for Clergy

This session is designed to think through the practical realities of having a building as well as viewing its missional possibilities. Speakers: the Ven Peter Farley-Moore, the Ven Luke Miller, Diocesan registrar team, LDF property team, Diocesan Disability enabler and Alison Moulden, Westminster Churches Net Zero Officer. Please bring a packed lunch. Book [here](#)

Not Equal Yet – A WATCH Conference

9.30am-4.45pm on 20 April 2024 at [St John Waterloo](#)

Women have been ordained as priests in the Church of England for 30 years now but churches can still say no to women applying to be their vicar and they can still say no to having a bishop who is either a woman or a man who has ordained women. There's hardly any transparency about these arrangements so it is very difficult for ordinary churchgoers to know whether or not their church limits women's ministry or not. We believe that it is time to find a generous way to bring the arrangements that permit ongoing institutional discrimination against women to an end. At the conference, our speakers will be reflecting on this proposition. The programme is available [here](#) and to book please click [here](#).



Finding Home: Christian Responses to Homelessness

10am-2pm on 23 April 2024 at [St Mark Kennington](#)

Do you support those who experience homelessness, or are you interested in starting a ministry in this area? Would you appreciate some time to reflect on our Christian response to this issue? If so, you are warmly invited to this face-to-face event which provides an opportunity for church communities and chaplaincies across the Dioceses of London & Southwark to come together to reflect on provision for those who experience homelessness. This event will be hosted by the Diocese of London's [Compassionate Communities Team](#) and the Diocese of Southwark's [Together Southwark](#). There is no charge for this event, and EVERYONE is welcome. For more information and to book your place, click [here](#).

Living with Back Pain in Ministry

10am-12.30pm on 30 April 2024 at [London Diocesan House](#) for Clergy

Back pain affects one-third of the UK adult population and can lead to depression and frustration. A 2½ hour session will discuss strategies to live positively with back pain, including pacing daily routines, posture, ergonomics, movement, stretches, and psychological strategies. The session will also address managing back pain in ministry. Revd Cara Lovell, Director of Ministry, will lead the session, which will have a waiting list. Book [here](#)



GMH/UKME Women's Conference 2024

5-9 August 2024 at [Carden Park](#)

A women's journey to encounter God, reconnect, reflect and rest with God. The event is being hosted by the Willesden team and is led by the Revd Anthea Carmichael and the Revd Karen Greenidge-Silcott. If interested please take a look at the [2023 Experience](#) where over 50 women came together to Rest, Reflect and be Delivered. To register please click [here](#).

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST LIVING GARDEN

inspire
AT ST JUDE ON-THE-HILL

**WILDLIFE GARDENING & BIODIVERSITY IN HGS
ST JUDE ON THE HILL, HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB, NW11 7AH.**

To celebrate Earth Day, join us for a fantastic evening to mark the launch of the ambitious Britain's Biggest Living Garden project. Dr Stephen Head, Oxford ecologist and founder patron will speak about the important role gardens play in supporting urban biodiversity.



Steve will also discuss why he is so excited about the Britain's Biggest Living Garden project and the national impact it can have; and local resident, Dominic Rose, will outline different ways the community can get involved.



LIVE MUSIC & BAR

Drinks will be served before and after, accompanied by music from musician and storyteller Caroline Chan, who is passionate about inspiring children and families to take care of the planet and take action.

The event is in partnership with St Judes on The Hill
HGS Residents Association, U3A & HGS Horticultural Society.

DATE: 29TH APRIL 2024
DOORS 6.30PM - 9PM - ENTRY - FREE
INFO & TICKETS: www.stjudeonthehill.com/events