

Bishop Christopher writes:



Preaching at a Eucharist during the pilgrimage

Walking the Way of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem earlier in Lent was a powerful experience (see this month's centrespread on P.7-9 on the Diocesan Pilgrimage).

Journeying with Jesus through Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide, whether in our parishes or in the Land of his birth, is set in the context of a world getting on with its daily business.

For our band of pilgrims this journey - in the bustle of the souk - onto the roof of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre - took us through the agony of Holy Week and led us to the foot of the Cross of Calvary.

For us all the opportunity to journey together and to give thanks to God for Jesus' life, death and resurrection lies at the

heart of our Christian pilgrimage.

Holy Week is a time for reflection and preparation and it is good to think about the many encouragements that are happening daily in our Diocese.

At Pentecost last year I launched Hearts on Fire -Sharing God's Good News in the Diocese of Southwark blog- and in the past ten months we have had at least one blog a week telling us about the wonderful work that is happening here in the Diocese as we serve the people of South London and East Surrey.

People from different parishes and Deaneries and with different roles have written compellingly about the way that they see God at work among us and I have been struck once again by the amazing diversity of things that are happening in the Diocese.

We have heard about exciting work in our schools, of our chaplains in prisons and in hospitals, of parish initiatives that are bringing hope to people who are facing difficulties of one sort or another.

The work that our churches have been undertaking with refugees has been particularly moving as we show God's love in practical ways.

But there is also the regular work with winter night shelters and Street Pastors, not forgetting the vision of the Battersea to the Barrier Scheme (see last month's centrespread!) and so much more in the daily life of our parishes.

I am particularly grateful for generous giving as once again we have sought to raise money to support

projects in the Holy Land, Zimbabwe and here in the Diocese.

The Lent Call blog has enabled us to tell more stories concerning the projects which we are helping to support and to have videos of the work that is happening here and in other parts of the world as we show God's love by 'Caring for the Whole Person'.

Here in the Diocese of Southwark we have good reason to be thankful to God.

As we move on through Easter, mindful of all that God has done for each of us in Jesus Christ, may we all give thanks and take our part in sharing God's Good News with others.

I wish you a Blessed and Joyful Easter.

Christopher Southwark

Readers are encouraged to sign up for some of the blogs to make sure you hear more about the many exciting things that are happening in the Diocese - <http://southwarkcofe.tumblr.com/>



Marathon Mark

The Revd Mark Richeux (Vicar of St Alban's Streatham) will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 24 April to raise funds for the Nehemiah Project.

The Project based in Streatham (virtually opposite Bishop's House), is a registered Christian-based charity that has been working for 20 years in South London with men recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, most of whom are either prisoners or ex-offenders.

You can find out more at <https://www.justgiving.com/Marc-Richeux1>



Globe and Cathedral to mark Shakespeare anniversary

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and Southwark Cathedral will hold a joint celebration to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, in his workplace parish of Southwark.

On the morning of Saturday 23 April a special service will be held at the Cathedral, in the presence of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of The Globe. Attendance is by invitation only.

The service will draw on extracts of Shakespeare's plays and the Choir will sing a specially commissioned setting of Psalm 46 by Philip Moore.

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark said: "We hope that in word, drama and music the service

in the Cathedral will express something of our delight in our association with the world's greatest playwright."

The 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death will be a busy weekend for Shakespeare's Globe, with the return of the Globe to Globe

Hamlet company after their round-the-world tour.

Brand new short films of all 37 of Shakespeare's plays are being screened along the riverbank. Globe Education will also launch a host of events on the theatrical greats of 1616.

Palm Sunday in a south London market



On Palm Sunday clergy and parishioners of St Paul's and St Peter's, Walworth, made their now annual procession along Walworth Road and through the busy East Street market.

Rome date for St John's choir

The adult choir of St John the Divine, Kennington, has been invited to sing mass at St Peter's Basilica in Rome at 10.30am on 22 May 2016.

They will also be giving concerts in Rome over that weekend.



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