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‘That they all may be one’ John 17.21.

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The Senior Chaplain's Notes

My dear friends,

This issue of TOGETHER covers both the final few weeks of the penitential season of Lent and also the fifty days from Easter Day to Pentecost which make up the great and joyous season of Easter. At the heart of this sacred time, we find the seven most solemn days of the liturgical year – the seven days of 'Holy Week'.

The former Dean of Westminster Abbey, Michael Mayne, used to say that we can learn more about God and God's love for us, understand more about the ultimate human questions, and be changed more profoundly during the hallowed, disturbing and ultimately joyful period of Holy Week than in the whole of the rest of the year put together.

I think he was right. Because in Holy Week we have an opportunity to appropriate the timeless truth's of Christ's passion, death and resurrection for ourselves and in our own lives. In Holy Week we can receive our Palm crosses and sing 'Hosannas!' just like the Jerusalem crowd. We can take our place at Christ's table for the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. We can wait at the foot of the cross on Good Friday and we can, ultimately, experience the joy of the resurrection on Easter Day. To turn again to Michael Mayne, he put it like this:

'This is not play-acting. This is a slow-motion spelling-out and meditating upon the great acts of God we rehearse at each Eucharist. This is how I meet God and respond to his love. This is how I discover what God has to say about my life, my suffering, my death, my resurrection.'

It's quite an opportunity. And, on the centre pages of this magazine you will find full details of Holy Week and Easter services in each of our congregations. May God give us the grace to participate as fully as we can in these holy mysteries.

With every best wish and blessing for a fruitful Lent and looking forward to a joyful Easter-tide.

Rev'd Darren McCallig
Senior Chaplain

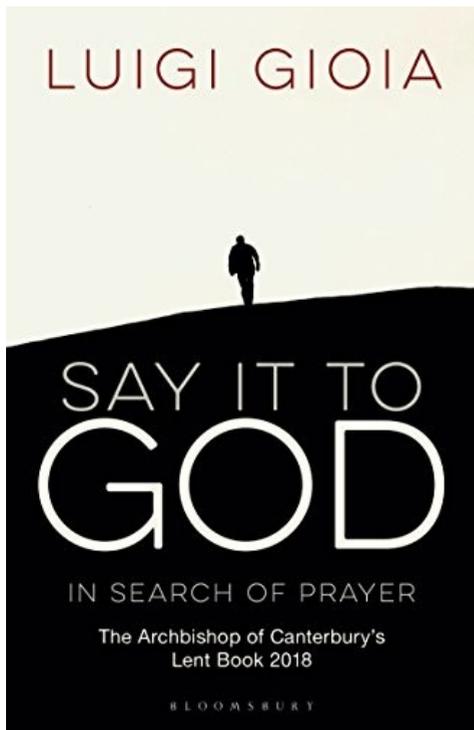
Bergen notes

It is hard to believe the seasons of Advent and Christmas have already come and gone! It has been a nice winter here in Bergen with colder temperatures that have kept some of the rain

away. Praise the Lord! However, the colder temperatures produced probably more snow and ice than some would have liked! Our carol services lived up to the annual hype once again as we nearly doubled the attendance from last year in our service in Korskirken and there was not a single seat available when the service began in Mariakirken. We are so grateful for all of the time and energy put in by our Christmas choir and our choir director, Roger Martin. These annual carol services are such a blessing to our congregation and the Bergen community.

The season of Epiphany offered us a spiritual eddy of sorts after the intensity of Christmas as we found time to slow down to reflect upon Christ coming into our broken world. We did this well this year as we brought back an old tradition of a Christingle service on the second Sunday of Epiphany. The scheduling of this service during Epiphany is a date we plan to keep. It works well to have this kind of service once the hustle and bustle of Christmas has passed. The service was led by our lay reader Iris who offered a very insightful sermon explaining the Christian symbolism of the Christingle along with other intercultural Christingle traditions throughout the world. And of course, I have to mention that her husband Per played a vital role in the service. In fact, he literally saved the day as he somehow managed to engineer a small electronic candle onto all of the Christingles just an hour before the service began (we are not allowed to use real candles in Mariakirken). Thanks, Per!

As we begin to turn our hearts and minds towards Lent, our congregation is looking forward to a new tradition. We will hold our first ever (hopefully annual) Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in Mariastuen! We will even be racing one another while flipping pancakes! Probably best to do this before consuming as many pancakes as our bellies will tolerate! Then after giving ourselves 24 hours to digest the pancakes, the next day on Ash Wednesday we will hold a joint ecumenical service with the Norwegian congregation in Mariakirken to begin Lent. We will also be reading a book entitled *Say it to God: In Search of Prayer* by Luigi Gioia in our Lent study, which will take place on three consecutive Monday evenings leading up to Holy Week. The study will again be bookended with a soup and bread supper and compline. Similar to last year, during Holy Week we will hold a



Maundy Thursday communion service, a Good Friday Tenebrae service, and then celebrate Easter morning with the Norwegian congregation in a joint service in Mariakirken. So, lots to look forward to as we move into the season of Lent.

Lenten and Eastertide blessings to all of you out there! May the God of new life and hope continue to nurture and sustain us in our mission here in Norway! Be well, friends.

*Revd Kirk Weisz
Bergen locum chaplain*

Trondheim notes

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793–1847

In Trondheim, we bury the ‘Alleluia’ on the last Sunday before Lent. The children hold up the letters A-L-L-E-L-U-I-A during our last sung Gloria until Easter. The letters are then wrapped in a violet-coloured cloth and the word fasted from during this reflective season.

On Shrove Tuesday, the day before the fast begins, we gather for a BYOT (bring your own topping) pancake dinner. After the feasting, we compete in a Shrovetide Quiz, with questions such as: What does it mean to be shriven? What does Fat Tuesday mean? Where do the ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from?

During Lent, we will continue our long-time tradition of Lenten Study Gatherings. Meeting weekly to break bread and eat soup, discuss our Lenten book—this year John Pritchard’s *Something More: Encountering The Beyond In The Everyday*—and closing with Compline (Night Prayer). It is a joy to have opportunity to share in Compline together at Lent – it’s such a peaceful and reflective service.

Speaking of evening services, we are thrilled that we will soon hold Choral Evensong again. Two weeks after Easter, we will celebrate this service together with the Nidaros Cathedral Choir and cantor. Our Senior Chaplain, Darren McCallig, will join us for this service.

We celebrate The Paschal Triduum in our usual way: Maundy Thursday with footwashing, in a bilingual service together with *Bymisjonen* and the Nidaros Cathedral and Vår Frue congregation. Good Friday with Trondheim Christian Council’s ecumenical city walking service –

Trondheim Anglicans participated in the closing service of the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Nidaros Cathedral.



Pictured: Revd Knut Refsdal (Methodist), General Secretary of the Christian Council of Norway, surrounded by the board of Trondheim’s Christian Council (l left to right): Anne Jorunn Midtkil (Methodist), Corps Leader Elin Kyseth (Salvation Army), Revd April Maja Almaas (Anglican), Ester Roen (KIA).

marking the stations of the cross and praying for our city, and Easter Morning in Vår Frue Church.

In May, we will again participate in the Archbishop of Canterbury's *Thy Kingdom Come* initiative by holding a Pray Walk on 15 May. We will break our tradition of holding Pentecost at Fjellseter Chapel this year and will keep to our morning/evening rhythm, holding that day in Thomas Angell's Chapel (where we are each first Sunday in the month this semester, while the Cathedral Chapter House is being renovated). However, on Trinity Sunday, 27 May, we will gather at Fjellseter for a morning service and Bring and Share community meal.

Grace and peace,

*Revd April Maja Almaas
Trondheim assistant chaplain*

Stavanger notes

Hello everyone, greetings from Stavanger. At the end of December we had some challenging news: Stavanger Domkirke, who owns our building, had sold it and that we had to leave! By the time you read this, therefore, we will be in new premises.

It is the end of an era for us. The congregation in Stavanger is over 50 years old and about twenty years ago the Domkirke took over the Bethel building. We became the worshipping community who used it on a Sunday morning. The building has served us well for many years but it's now time to make a change.

Bethel provided us with a flexible worship space, catering facilities, extra rooms for running our Children's church, (which at its height had four groups running) as well as office and storage space.

Our challenge has been to find an affordable space that best suits our needs. A survey of our regular congregation identified that we want, ideally, a city centre venue that provides a flexible worship space for up to eighty people, that we can use on Sunday mornings and has access to additional rooms for our Children's church. It must also be possible to make and share refreshments after the services. We also need office and storage space for our chaplain and the church resources. All for about the same cost or less as we are paying now.

It is proving to be a big challenge to find somewhere that fulfils all our ideals, but we are already getting several options that come close.

As Lent draws near we will be having special services in the Bishop's chapel and the Cathedral, on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday (Footwashing) and Good Friday (reflections). We will also be following a weekly series of home study for Lent.

Do hold us in your prayers and by the next issue we will report about our new home.

God bless you in your ministries..

*Revd Peter Hogarth
Stavanger assistant chaplain*

Oslo notes

The Irish theologian Michael Paul Gallagher used to say that prayer was 'relaxing into the reality of being loved by God, in order to rise into the realism of loving others.' I cherish those words as they remind me of the indispensable link between contemplation and action in the Christian spiritual life. Here in Oslo there has an abundance of both in recent months.



Pictured leaving Saint Olaf's Roman Catholic Cathedral on the occasion of the annual ecumenical Church Walk are (left to right, by row):

Revd Gints Kronbergs (Latvian Congregation at Margaretakyrkan), Revd Tor Even Fougner (Norwegian Church), Revd Darren McCallig (Anglican Senior Chaplain), Revd Anssi Elenius (Finnish Congregation at Margaretakyrkan), Revd Joel Rova-Hegener (American Church) and Revd Anna Runesson (Swedish Church). Photo: Gints Kronbergs

PLEASE NOTE: Time and venue for the Stavanger services marked with an asterisk (*) are to be announced. Check www.stavangeranglicans.net

		Oslo			Bergen		Readings		Stavanger		Trondheim	
MARCH												
Sun	04	Lent 3	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Eucharist	1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	10:30	Café Church*	18:00	Anglican Evening Prayer Thomas Angell's Chapel	
Sun	11	Lent 4	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church*	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	18	Lent 5	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	10:30	Family Communion*	18:00	Anglican Holy Communion Nidaros Cathedral	
Sun	25	Palm Sunday	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church*	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Thur	29	Maundy Thursday	19:00	Holy Communion	18:00	Maundy Thursday Eucharist	1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	18.30	Service of Footwashing Bishop's Chapel	18:30	Porvoo joint bilingual Holy Communion with footwashing Vår Frue Church	
Fri	30	Good Friday	10:00	Joint Service at the American Lutheran Church	11:00	Good Friday Tenebrae	Various	13:00	Service of Reflections on Stations of the Cross Stavanger Cathedral	13:00	Ecumenical Good Friday Walking Service from Vår Frue Church	
APRIL												
Sun	01	Easter Day	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Easter Joint Service Eucharist	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	10:30	Easter Family Communion*	11:00	Easter Festival Eucharist Vår Frue Church	
Sun	08	Easter 2	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Service of the Word	Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19-end	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church*	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	15	Easter 3	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48	10:30	Family Communion*	18:00	Choral Evensong with Nidaros Cathedral Choir Nidaros Cathedral	
Sun	22	Easter 4	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church*	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	29	Easter 5	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8	10:30	Family Communion*		Sorry, no service (5th Sunday)	
MAY												
Sun	6	Easter 6	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 10:44-end John 15:9-17	10:30	Café Church*	18:00	Anglican Evening Prayer Thomas Angell's Chapel	
Thur	10	Ascension Day	19:00	Sung Communion			Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-end					
Sun	13	Easter 7	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 1:15-17, 21-end John 17:6-19	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church*	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	20	Pentecost	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	10:30	Family Communion*	18:00	Anglican Holy Communion Thomas Angell's Chapel	
Sun	27	Trinity Sunday	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church*	11:15	All Age Holy Communion Fjellseter Chapel with Bring & Share	

December, in particular, brought in its wake plenty of action. With carol services in St Edmund's and in Bragernes Church (Drammen) as well as Christingle and Nativity services there was plenty to organise and undertake in the weeks coming up to Christmas. Many thanks to all those who helped to plan and lead the services which, I hope, provided plentiful opportunities for reflection and inspiration to those who attended.

Then, in the new year, we took contemplation and action onto the streets of Oslo with the annual ecumenical Church Walk during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Along with our sisters and brothers in the Swedish, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches we sang hymns and psalms as we trudged the icy pavements between the five churches in our neighbourhood, before entering each building for shared prayers and – at the final stop – gratefully received refreshments.

And now, as we enter the season of Lent, prayer is once again our focus, not only at our Sunday morning worship but also at our Lenten Book Group. This year we will reflect together on *Say it to God: In Search of Prayer* by Luigi Gioia. This book, which is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lenten recommendation, has been described as a 'welcome encouragement to all those who feel the need to freshen their practice of prayer' – a description which I dare say, applies to most, if not all, of us.

Another Lenten activity this year will be led by our Youth Group, who will sell 'Real Easter Eggs' in aid of the Shearly Cripps Children's Home in Zimbabwe. The 'real' element of these eggs is that they are the only ones which are Fairtrade and come with a copy of the Easter story in the box. A limited number of Real Easter Eggs will be available for purchase in the crypt during Sunday morning church coffee time. Finally, we will also have our traditional Lenten lunches of soup and bread during the pre-Easter season – proceeds again in aid of Shearly Cripps.

All in all, the weeks ahead promise to be a time of both contemplation and action. Through it all, may we be given the grace to relax into the reality of being loved by God, in order to rise into the realism of loving others.

Looking Ahead

Our puppet ministry will offer the address during the All Age Service with Holy Communion

on Sunday 4 March and we again thank our 'puppet masters' Guy and Coral Morgan.

Bishop David Hamid will be with us at Saint Edmund's on Sunday 17 June to preside at a Service of Confirmation. Anyone considering confirmation should make contact with the Chaplain so that they can join the preparation classes for this important rite.

Finally, the AGM of the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway will be held after the service on Sunday 22 April.

Revd Darren McCallig
Oslo Chaplain

AGM of the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway

will be held at St Edmund's on Sunday 22 April after the morning service. It's an opportunity to get involved in the governance of the Chaplaincy. But you need to be on the Electoral Roll to vote. If you're not on the Roll and would like to be added, then simply fill in and sign a form (available locally or by emailing ing-woer@online.no). The deadline for registration is Sunday 1 April. Please note that the Electoral Roll form is different from the Membership Form used to enable us to claim funding from the Norwegian government.



Spiritual direction - what's the point?

Most, if not all, of the dioceses in the C of E now have spiritual advisers and teams of spiritual directors, and our Diocese in Europe is no exception. About 3 years ago I was invited to join in a training course to learn about this work with a small group from all over our diocese. I already had experience from my local Norwegian diocese of Nidaros, and had felt drawn to this kind of work for some time. That first group is now fully trained and a second group on the way.

The term 'spiritual director' is not universally popular, and is much discussed. The danger is that it may sound as if there are experts out there who want to examine you and to tell you what to do – an intimidating thought for many of us! But think of the word 'director' not in terms of 'authoritative boss', but more in terms of 'sign-post' or 'map-reader'.

When a spiritual director meets with a 'directee', (i.e. anyone who would like to talk about their relationship with God with someone they believe to be experienced and trust-worthy), they meet on an equal footing. No one believes they know the mind of God or the 'truth' about the other person. Rather, you enter into an agreement where you both seek to listen to each other and to God, to be honest and considerate in your use of words, and to provide a safe space for thoughts, questions and experiences to be shared and to be better understood. Miracles are not expected, nor clear-cut answers, but there is a commitment to care and to be constructive.

Director and directee meet on an equal footing, because it is God who is the true and only director. But the director is there for the directee, and not the other way round. Everyone in our church who acts as a spiritual director commits themselves to receiving regular direction themselves, and to be accountable to other trained supervisors. Freedom is key to these relationships. We are all responsible for our own lives, but sometimes it can be beneficial to share our thoughts and concerns (you don't have to feel you have 'big problems'), with someone else. Sometimes just putting words on to our vague feelings can provide valuable insights!

If you might be interested in learning more about spiritual direction or are considering finding your own spiritual director, you can contact our Diocesan Spiritual Adviser Revd Canon John Newsome jknewsome49@gmail.com, or get in touch with me. By the way, in our large diocese, spiritual direction via Skype is a practical possibility!

*Greetings from Trondheim, Revd Mary Strømmen
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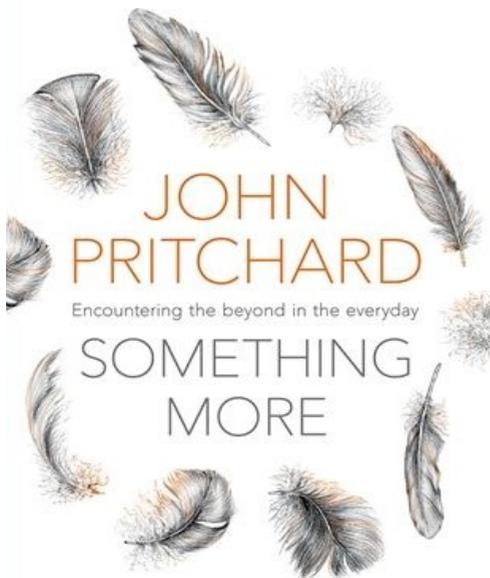


Upcoming events



Trondheim

- Fri 2 Mar Anglican-led Ecumenical, bilingual
Taize mass (Bymisjon), 18:00, Vår Frue Church
- Fri 2 Mar Anglican Youth Group. Info from
Priscilla Ringrose: priscilla.ringrose@ntnu.no
- Sun 4 Mar Sunday School 11–12.30 *Waisenhuset*
Info: Caroline Cheng Liem
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- Thu 8 Mar Lenten Gathering 3: 18:00 Soup &
Bread, 18:30 Discussion on chapt. 3 of John
Pritchard's book *Something More*,
19:45 Compline.
- Thu 15 Mar Lenten Gathering 4: 18:00 Soup
& Bread, 18:30 Discussion on chapt. 4 of
John Pritchard's book *Something More*,
19:45 Compline.



- Sun 18 Mar Sunday School 11–12.30
Waisenhuset
- Thu 22 Mar Lenten Gathering 5: 18:00 Soup
& Bread, 18:30 Discussion on chapt. 5 of
John Pritchard's book *Something More*,
19:45 Compline.
- Sat 7 Apr Spring Book Café (Community Event)
13:00–15:00, *Waisenhuset*.
- Sun 8 Apr AGM 12.30–13.30

- Tue 10 Apr Radical Welcome Course 1 of 2,
Waisenhuset
- Sun 15 Apr Sunday School 11–12.30
Waisenhuset
- Tue 17 Apr Radical Welcome Course 2 of 2,
Waisenhuset
- Sun 6 May Sunday School end of year party
11–12.30 *Waisenhuset*
- Tue 15 May 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer walk,
09.00–10.00 from Vår Frue Church

Oslo

- Sun 18 Feb to Sun 25 March inclusive:
Lenten Lunch of soup and bread, in aid of the
Shearly Cripps Children's Home, Zimbabwe.
- Sun 25 Feb, Sun 4 March and Sun 11 March:
Lenten Book Group after Church Coffee.
- Sun 11 March to Sun 25 March inclusive:
Youth Group sells Real Easter Eggs during
Church Coffee, in aid of the Shearly Cripps
Children's Home, Zimbabwe.
- Mon 26 Feb, Mon 19 March, Mon 30 April:
Ladies Guild Meetings, usually 11.30.
See website for details.
- Sun 22 Apr AGM of the Anglican Chaplaincy in
Norway. St Edmunds after Sunday service.

Anywhere else?

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St Edmund's, Oslo

Sunday 28 January 2018

Chisom Ariel Chinonso-Obiora
Ingrid Vaduva

Sunday 11 February 2018

Kamsiyochukwu Phoebe Agbalakwe
baptised by the Senior Chaplain



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St Edmund's, Oslo

Monday 19 February 2018

Ronald Campbell Gerrett Allison MBE
The service was led by the Senior Chaplain

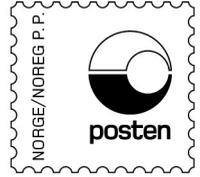
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