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New Bishop of Rochester announced



The new Bishop of Rochester will be the Right Reverend James Langstaff, currently the Suffragan Bishop of Lynn in the Diocese of Norwich. In addition, he is now the Bishop designate of Rochester.

Bishop James (53) will become the 107th Bishop of Rochester later this year. He succeeds the Right Reverend Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, who retired in September 2009.

Bishop James is looking forward to joining the Diocese, but will not actually take up the role until he is officially installed as Bishop of Rochester at a special service in Rochester Cathedral later this year. He said, "Being appointed Bishop of Rochester is a huge privilege and also a weighty responsibility. I greatly look forward to sharing in the mission and ministry of the Church in the diocese, getting to know the

wider communities and their people and seeing the things of God's Kingdom grow."

The Bishop of Norwich, the Right Reverend Graham James said, "James Langstaff has been an outstanding Bishop of Lynn. In just six years he has become greatly respected in the Diocese of Norwich and the wider community alike. His people skills are well reflected in both his pastoral care and his extensive engagement with social issues, especially related to housing. He has energy, intelligence and a wonderful lightness of touch in speaking of God and the gospel. We will miss him and Bridget enormously. The Diocese of Rochester will soon discover its good fortune."

The Right Reverend Dr Brian Castle, Bishop of Tonbridge said, "I am delighted that Bishop James is to be the next Bishop of Rochester. He brings with him a rich and varied parish experience and the wisdom and insights to lead the diocese into the future to which God is calling us. I look forward to working with him. Both Bishop James, Bridget and their family can be assured of a warm welcome as they move into the diocese."

The Venerable Clive Mansell, Archdeacon of Tonbridge served on the Crown Nominations Committee that recommended the appointment to the Queen and Prime Minister, alongside five others, lay and clergy, from the Diocese of Rochester. He said, "I am delighted at the appointment of Bishop James.

His pastoral and leadership gifts, his concern for people and communities, and his rich experience of ministry and mission in urban and rural settings will all be greatly appreciated. We much look forward to welcoming him and to working with him in Christ's name."

Bishop James trained for the ordained ministry at St John's College, Nottingham. He served his curacy in the Diocese of Guildford before moving to the Diocese of Birmingham in 1986 as Vicar of Nechells. He served as Chaplain to the Bishop of Birmingham from 1996 - 2000 before being appointed as Rector of Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield, also becoming Area Dean of Sutton Coldfield in 2002. While in Birmingham he developed a particular interest in urban regeneration and began a continuing involvement in social housing. He has served as Bishop of Lynn since 2004.

Bishop James is married to Bridget and they have two adult children, Alasdair and Helen. Bridget is a Regional Development Manager with the National Treatments Agency for Substance Misuse, working especially in prisons. Together, Bishop James and Bridget enjoy walking, attending the theatre, reading and travelling. Bishop James is a keen choral singer.

The date of Bishop James' formal installation in Rochester Cathedral has yet to be announced.

Shortlands Residents' Association

A Guided Walk of Shortlands

on Saturday, 21 August

Learn more about the history of the area and its development and of famous residents past and present. The walk will take up to two hours and starts at Shortlands Station ticket hall at 2.30pm.

All welcome - please call 8460 0395 or 84642977 if you want to take part, as numbers will be limited.

Harvest Lunch

The Harvest Lunch will take place in the Church Hall after the 10.30am Family & Parade Service on Sunday, 3 October.

Tickets (adults-£10, children-£5, family -£25) will be available from the Parish Office or at the back of the Church after Sunday Services from 1 September.

September Review

The PCC are to consult the regular congregation and parish in order to develop a strategy for ministry and mission over the next 3-5 years.

There will be an open meeting on Monday, 20 September at 7.30pm in Church. All organisations and groups within the Church have been asked to respond to a questionnaire. We would also like to hear from people in the parish and in particular to receive responses to the question: 'If you don't come to St. Mary's regularly what could we do to make it more attractive.'

Please send your responses to the Parish Office, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley BR2 0PU, or email office@stmarysshortlands.plus.com

With holidays in mind..... When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

20 June Emily Rogers

11 July Samuel Marshall

Kaan Howell

At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

3 June Grace Waring

Interment of Ashes

10 July Grace Waring



Remembering

Grace Waring

Grace was born in 1919 - she was the youngest of seven. She was christened and later married at St. Hilda's Church in Crofton Park and confirmed by the Bishop of Woolwich at Southwark Cathedral.

Grace entered the Civil Service in 1938 and during the war served firstly at the Home Office and then at the Foreign Office in the American Department. In June 1945 at the end of the war she was posted to Chancery at the British Embassy in Washington. Grace travelled on a small plane with the Ambassador and one colleague across the Atlantic - an experience she never forgot.

She was a frequent visitor to the White House and she enjoyed the work and the very different lifestyle over the two years she stayed in America. She met some of the most important people of the war years.

Her return journey to England in 1947 was more comfortable than the outbound one. This time she crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary - also on board were Dwight Eisenhower and the actress Mary Martin with her young son Larry Hagman.

Grace met Bram at the Foreign Office in 1947 and they were married on 3 July 1948. They lived in Highbury, North London where their children, Bramwell and Ruth were born. Grace became a member of the Mothers' Union at St. John's Church, Highbury and Bramwell and Ruth received their primary education at St. John's Church of England School.

In 1964 the family moved to Shortlands and Grace confirmed her membership of the Mothers' Union at St. Mary's. Grace then trained as a teacher and was appointed to The Bishop Challoner, Roman Catholic Secondary School in Stepney, East London run by the Sisters of Mercy. She introduced Commerce and Economics into the curriculum and was promoted to Head of Department. She was at one time London Secretary of the Economics Association, becoming an Honorary member on her retirement in 1984.

Grace had two children, Ruth and Bram, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband passed away in 2004 and in his memory the Holy Family Banner at St. Mary's was given.

She was a great correspondent and enjoyed the arrival of the post each morning. She was an inspiration to many. She still completed the Daily Telegraph crossword puzzle every morning - even on 2 June before she was taken ill.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St. Mary's Church prior to cremation at Beckenham. The service was conducted by Canon Paul Miller and The Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt Rev Michael Campbell.



Canon Paul Miller (left) with Ruth Felton, the Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt Rev Michael Campbell, and Bram Waring, Deputy Churchwarden at St. Mary's, after the Thanksgiving Service for Grace Waring in June.

Services and Events

Sunday, 12 September

Patronal Festival

10.30am - Family Communion

Sunday, 3 October

Harvest Festival

10.30am - Family & Parade Service

followed by Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall

Sunday, 10 October

Animal Welfare and Pet Service

4.00pm - Bring your pets (or toy pets) along!

Mission of the Month

St. Christopher's Hospice

Dame Cicely Saunders founded St. Christopher's as the first hospice to link expert pain and symptom control, compassionate care, education and clinical research. St. Christopher's has been a pioneer in the field of palliative medicine, which is now established worldwide.

St. Christopher's serves a population of 1.5 million across south east London, Bromley and Croydon and currently cares for over 2,000 dying individuals every year. St. Christopher's cares for individual patients with life limiting illnesses and supports their families and friends.

They treat their patients as individuals and strive to understand and meet their unique needs, in the hospice or, increasingly, in the familiar surroundings of their own homes.

St. Christopher's Hospice is St. Mary's Mission for the Month of August. There will be a display on the Missions notice board during August and further information can be found on www.stchristophers.org.uk

The Maypole Project

The Maypole Project provides a lifeline of support for children with complex medical needs and their whole family. They support over 100 children with life threatening, life limiting illnesses and their families every year across South East London.

The Maypole Project provides unique emotional support that is ongoing, flexible, responsive, professional and confidential. Each family is supported by one of their key workers who are specifically trained and supervised to offer emotional support, which ranges from befriending to counselling or therapy. This can be offered to whole families, one to one, couples, groups, and also extends into provision of information, advice and advocacy.

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20:10 20/10 2010 Vision

20:10 20/10 2010 is a very special moment.

At ten past eight in the evening of 20th October 2010 everyone in the UK who is involved with Guiding will be renewing their Promise as a climax to this very special Centenary year. It will be the grand finale to a year of celebrating 100 years of Guiding.

At St. Mary's there will be an evening of excitement including a short service in church to which all current AND all past members of Girlguiding UK from the parish and Bromley Central District are welcome. Everyone from the smallest Rainbow to the oldest past member is invited to share the celebration.



Girlguiding

100

girls in the lead

If you would like to join us for this great occasion, please contact Nicola Blake on 020 8460 7951 or email her at nicjbmailbox-100@yahoo.co.uk



This year St. Mary's Church celebrates its 55th birthday. Actually a church has stood here since 1870 but during the Second World War the church was bombed twice and destroyed. Due to the hard work and generosity of the community of Shortlands a new building was commissioned and dedicated in 1955.

Of course a church is more than just a collection of stones, it is a living, thriving community, one which continues to be inspired by that vision of God which led our forbears to build the church as a sign; a sign of God's presence and God's love for the world. It is these 'living stones' that make things happen.

The church in so many different ways continues to be a beacon of hope and inspiration to a great multitude of people. They are drawn from a wide cross section of humanity and united, if not at the same time, under one big roof. As your Vicar I see the side of these stones which offers protection, comfort and solace to those in most need and the difference that can make. At a time of economic hardship at home and military action overseas, the church acts as a refuge and sanctuary. This unseen life often goes unrecognised.

So my thanks to all those who continue to support the life of the church and make both its public and hidden life possible. In so doing not only is the building's structure maintained but its mission inheritance of hospitality is enhanced.

Very soon we shall have added an extension to our facilities – some new washroom and toilets and facilities for the disabled. We are very grateful to all who have supported this appeal and we trust you will all enjoy using them.

by Canon Paul Miller

Flying Colours!

On 22 May, 21 Cubs and 3 Leaders from Mowgli Pack went to Biggin Hill Airfield to do the Aviation Badge. The course Scout leaders, Dave and Tom inspired them throughout a fairly intensive day of learning.

There were opportunities to clamber in and out of light aircraft (easier to learn all the technical terms whilst sitting in the cockpit!), to explore old bunkers and hidden gun emplacements. In preparation for the course, the boys had learnt to spell their names using the NATO Alphabet, which proved most helpful.

At the end of an exciting day, all Cubs passed "with flying colours" and were awarded their treasured badges. It certainly was a day to remember

Tricia Braithwaite ("Chil") Mowgli Pack

4 Play Sax



A very successful summer soiree was held in the church grounds at the beginning of July. It was coordinated by the Friends of St. Mary's and raised over £200. People brought picnics, enjoyed the garden on a wonderful warm and sunny evening and listened to the saxophone quartet 4 Play Sax.

New appointment - and farewell!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Emma Parker as the new Assistant Parish Administrator. Emma lives in St. Mary's Avenue and will commence on 6 September.

Emma succeeds Janet Fiddeman who leaves the post at the end of July. Janet has been Assistant Parish Administrator for two years and we would like to thank her for her diligence and commitment to her work. She has brought organisation and a calmness to the role in what is always a very busy and sometimes frenetic working environment. She leaves with our deep gratitude.

Parenting Course in Shortlands

We are delighted to announce that a Parenting Course is to be offered in Shortlands in September.

Julianne Medway, a trained facilitator for the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program Course, is to lead two courses in Shortlands during 2010/2011. One will be for parents of teenage children and the other for parents of under 11s.

'I am excited by this opportunity,' enthused Julianne. 'The course equips parents from every walk of life with skills that can directly and positively affect their children's welfare.'

Triple P is an eight week course. It is a support strategy aimed at the prevention of behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children. This is achieved by enhancing the

knowledge, skills and confidence of parents. It helps to improve parenting skills and assists parents in building positive relationships with their children.

The first course in Shortlands will commence on Tuesday, 28 September at 8.00pm and will run for 8 weeks. It will be for parents of under 11s. The course for parents of teenage children will commence in January 2011.

If you would like to register your interest please contact the Parish Office.



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Every Sunday

08.00	Holy Communion
10.30	Family Communion, except the first Sunday in the month in term time. During term time there are separate groups in the Church Hall for children aged 2½-14.
10.30	All Age Eucharist or Parade Service (1st Sunday in the month, term time).
18.30	Evening Service

Every Monday

17.00	Evening Prayers
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Every Wednesday

10.00	Holy Communion
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Further information about all services
can be obtained from the Parish Office.

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