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News from around the Diocese

Installation of Dean and Provost at Cumbrae

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The Very Reverend Andrew Swift, Dean of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles and the Very Reverend Nicola McNelly, Provost of the Cathedral of St John the Divine in Oban were installed as Canons of the Cathedral of The Isles on Saturday, 26th January 2013 at a special service in the Cathedral of The Isles. The two new Canons were presented to the Right Reverend Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Argyll and The Isles by Alastair Chisholm, Lay Chaplain, and they were then "coped" and "installed" in the stalls in the Chancel by the Bishop. After the Installation the Cathedral Choir sang an arrangement of the Celtic Blessing by John McIntosh especially composed for the occasion. During the Sung Eucharist which followed the Choir sang music from Schubert's Mass in G and *Panis Angelicus* by Camille Saint-Saëns. The Choir was directed by Alastair Chisholm, Master of the Music and the organist was Jonathan Cohen. The sermon was preached by the Right Reverend Dr Idris Jones, former Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway and former Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. As well as other members of the Cathedral Chapter - the Synod Clerk the Reverend Canon Hugh Lee and the Reverend Canon Joyce Pow (an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of The Isles) - clergy from the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles and the neighbouring Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway were in attendance. Servers from Holy Trinity Dunoon Priory of the Scottish Guild of Servers led the procession. The Cathedral was filled to capacity with many supporters from St Paul's, Rothesay, Holy Trinity, Dunoon and the Congregation of St Andrew, Isle of Cumbrae as well as

other friends of the Cathedral and College. The College of The Holy Spirit provided lunch for over 90 guests before the service in the Cloisters of the College and the Congregation of St Andrew hosted a reception after the service. It was a splendid occasion!

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St. Columba's Church, Gruline, Isle of Mull

Ecumenical Service 20th January 2013

On the 20th January a most joyful event took place at St. Columba's Church, Gruline – a joint service celebrating the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

This service followed the pattern begun last year when a member of each congregation introduced themselves and their church, read a lesson or prayer followed by their chosen hymn sung by the whole congregation.

The little church at Gruline was bursting at the seams with a congregation of 80 plus people.

Coffee/Tea and biscuits and friendly conversations then followed the formal part of the service.

Every church on the island had responded positively to a personal invitation both verbal and written proving beyond doubt there is a strong feeling of Christian Unity alive and well on the Isle of Mull.

Jeff Fielding,

(Lay Leader, St. Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Gruline, Isle of Mull.)

St Paul's Rothesay Christmas Day Lunch



Way back in August, when the two Alison Clarks of St. Paul's in Rothesay first came up with the idea of holding a Christmas Lunch at the church hall on the day itself, it seemed like a good idea – but what started out as a modest meal for ten or so rapidly grew to thirty members of the congregation and friends. "We wanted to hold a lunch for those folks who, for whatever reason, would like to spend it in the company of others."

And so, with a lot of help by way of donations, both of money and time, Christmas lunch was served and very much appreciated. Alison G. & Ed Clark catered with help from other volunteers. Alison G says "We couldn't think of a nicer or more fulfilling way to spend Christmas. So much more fun than being slumped in front of the telly. However, I have the feeling that we'll be expected to repeat it on a yearly basis from now on!" (Photo reprinted courtesy of The Buteman)

Fancy Dress Nativity at St John's, Oban

St John's Cathedral was full of young and old for the first Fancy Dress Nativity Service. Sunday School members, locals and visitors dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men, and a variety of animals participated as the black cat led them through the Nativity Story. Does anyone recognise the cat?



With the Advent Carol Service, Nine Lessons and Carols, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day Services and Eucharist said or sung throughout Advent and Epiphany, this was a very busy but lively time for all at St John's Cathedral. (The Christmas Eve Sermon preached by the Bishop is reproduced, by request, in this issue)

Strontian

A congregation of ten people attended the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services after which they enjoyed mince pies kindly provided by Lorna Tongue. Lay Reader, David Fuller took the service on 20th January whilst Rev Charles Tongue was in Fort William. The congregation look forward to David's next visit.

The Way Forward on the Isle of Skye



St. Columba's Church, Portree



St. John's Chapel, Caroy



St Mary's, Sleat



St. Michael & All Angels, Raasay

We are now in an interregnum. During this time we are seeking the way forward, through the power of worship, prayer and fellowship. We are already experiencing growth through working closely together. New energy and enthusiasm is emerging, especially as we are discovering new talents and skills from among our members, with many taking on new responsibilities.

Sr Elizabeth is now pastorally responsible, with a team of two priests and two lay members leading our worship to ensure the sacrament of Holy Communion is always available. An increasing number of our members are now taking part in our services through bible reading and leading the intercessions.

We are privileged to be under the direct responsibility of Bishop Kevin, and to have the guidance, wisdom and experience of all the Diocesan Staff and Janet McKinnell from the Edinburgh Diocese.

Although only two months has passed without an incumbent this is proving to be a rewarding and exciting time.

News and events from around the Diocese



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen was touched by the words of support and good wishes sent to her by the people of the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

The Queen has been deeply moved by the wonderful response to her Jubilee, and is most grateful for the trouble you have taken to send her your kind message in Her Majesty's special year.

The Queen hopes you will understand that, because of the enormous number of letters, cards and messages she has received in the past few months, it has not been possible to reply to you until now.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I send you my grateful thanks for the words of loyalty and support which you have so kindly sent on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of my Accession to the Throne.

ELIZABETH R

2012



Sermon from the Rt Rev'd Kevin Pearson Christmas Eve, 2013

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Gospel of Luke:

The angel said to the shepherds:

"Do not be afraid"

"Do not be afraid"

We hear the message of the angels tonight as clearly as the shepherds – that's why we carry candles tonight.

Those pathetic candles with their fragile flame are the sign that we hear again, that we seek to hear again, the message of the angels: "Do not be afraid" of the past, of the present, of the future. "Do not be afraid" because you carry within, the light of God's love, fragile as that feels, like the light of a penny candle, that light of love, of faith which gives you just enough light to take the next step on the journey of faith, on the journey to meet God, on the journey to see the child Jesus, the babe lying in the manger. Just enough light to take the next step, love is of God, that's what the birth of Jesus means. That's why we are here tonight - that's why our collect, our opening prayer, collects all our hopes and fears and joys and sorrows, which we bring, which we hold here in this candle with its weak, fragile flame and light, which we grip tightly because mysteriously, wonderfully, - there is just enough light, to see the words on the page, to take the next step.

Just enough light to show us that the love we share tells us something, just something, of what it is to be loved by Almighty God and mysteriously, wonderfully, we are drawn into God's life, whether we always recognise that fact or not. Do not be afraid, we are drawn into God's life that's what Jesus was born to show us, the Mother Mary holding her child, the child fragile, dependant, on her shoulder, the Madonna and child – we are that close to God. That is why Jesus was born, that is what we celebrate tonight, we celebrate that the baby, the human, dependant, fragile, small baby, was born to show that God wants you, dependant, fragile, small, as we feel. Jesus proved at his birth God wants you and he wants me and Jesus proved that we are good enough to be wanted, cherished, loved by God.

Good enough to carry the light of God's love into the World – Do not be afraid – the message of the angels – that's why we carry candles this fragile light, fragile as the love and light within us, this fragile light, love, faith, this fragile faith is good enough for God, good enough for Jesus, Son of God who is God, Jesus whose name is Emmanuel meaning God is with us, that is why we carry candles that is the sign of the Holy Spirit in us. This fragile light which is good enough, for us to take just one more step on the journey to God. This fragile light which is good enough to help us make sense of the past, light which is good enough to give meaning to the present, and light which is good enough to bring hope for the future.

"Do not be afraid" when the shepherds heard those words they were in the midst of things they did not understand. That is the hallmark of this story of Jesus birth, be it parable, allegory, metaphor, literal truth. Mary and Joseph, the innkeeper, the shepherds found themselves in the midst of things they did not immediately understand, into which the angels spoke the words "Do not be afraid" of which this fragile light is a sign – in the midst of things we do not always understand.

The past can haunt us, the shadows of the past overshadow us but the light of faith, fragile as that light, that faith is, we can face the darkness, we've proved that by being here. The past is a foreign country, they do things differently there. We are not haunted by the shadows of the past we can face who and what we are because the story of Jesus birth is the story of how God proved we are good enough, to be loved and to love, to show his love, hold the candle, stand upright, "Do not be afraid".

And the light of faith – after little children were slaughtered in Connecticut, how can we celebrate Christmas, where is God in Afghanistan, for the families of Norwegian teenagers, in Dunblane. Notice the media have lost interest, such things are too dark, too deep, hurt too much. Do not be afraid in the midst of things we do not always understand. God is with us and we are good enough to pray, to allow our hearts to go out in love to those who wait and watch and weep this night. That's why we carry candles – just light enough to see the tears, the tears of love, for love is of God, God weeps. God weeps that there are no answers to human feelings of anger, of being unloved, unlovable to the point of wanting to kill, kill all that is best, and most understanding, innocent and most accepting.

In the midst of things we do not always understand we carry candles for fragile as faith, as love is, it is all we have to offer and yet God in Jesus proved, it is good enough. Many of us light candles in front of the image of the Madonna to remind ourselves that we are that close to God and because we are good enough to know that we pray, our fragile prayer, our fragile light shows we care, even, especially, in the darkness.

And notice when we carry our candles in this place, suddenly we are together – in the darkness yes and yet, mysteriously, wonderfully, we are together. We produce a greater light, together there is something attractive, warm, we feel something of warmth, wanting acceptance even in the midst of things we do not always understand. That is why we carry candles, the sign of our fragile faith, the sign that God is with us. There is our hope for the future – there is the joy of this Holy Night. Amen.

+K, 24th December 2012

St Kieran's, Campbeltown

With most of the congregation away visiting family, it was reckoned that we might have between 6 to 10 people for the Christmas Day service at St Kieran's. In the end 27 people turned up, with a large number of visitors filling the seats. In the address, the focus was on the multicultural nature of Jesus's ancestry as described in the gospel of Matthew. Britain is an island and, alas, that sometimes creates an isolationist mentality almost to the extent of making foreigners unwelcome. The Book of Leviticus reminds us however that those who are strangers or refugees should be met with friendliness and caring. "When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the stranger. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the stranger as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

David O McEwan

All Age Worship at St John's, Oban



The first All Age Worship service was held in St John's Cathedral, Oban in January. With music provided by a small group formed for the occasion, the mixed generations learned about Baptism.

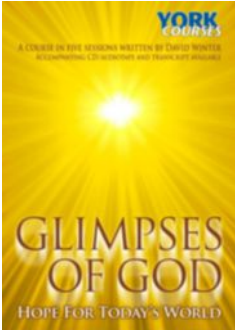
Led by the Very Rev'd Nicki McNelly, similar services will be held on the second Sunday of most months at 3.30pm. Contact provostoban@argyll.anglican.org (01631 562323) for details.



Lent Services in Oban

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9.30am Morning Prayer and Eucharist (Thursday followed by an informal Lent discussion group in the Chocolate Shop) and the usual 11am Eucharist on Wednesday.

Lent Resources



The 2013 York Lent course is entitled 'Glimpses of God - Hope for Today's World'. The Diocesan Office has a copy available - first come first served if you're in Oban. Or buy online or by post from www.yorkcourses.co.uk

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is in aid of the education of girls in the developing world. The idea is to raise sufficient funds to sponsor two girls, one in Asia, one in Africa through five year's of secondary education and support Millennium Goal 3 of the Scottish Episcopal Church (Promote Gender Equality & Empower Women).

Educating girls may be the single highest return investment available in the developing world. The benefits of women's education go beyond higher productivity for 50 percent of the population. More educated women also tend to be healthier, participate more in the formal labour market, earn more income, have fewer children, and provide better health care and education to their children, all of which eventually improve the well being of all individuals and lift households out of poverty. These benefits also transmit across generations, as well as to their communities at large. (From Educating Girls: what works by Barbara Herz [US Embassy publication]) Women perform 66% of the world's work, produce 50% of the food, but earn 10% of the income and own 1% of the property (UNICEF, 'Gender Equality—The Big Picture', 2007) See also www.girleffect.org/why-girls/

Labels are available from the Diocesan Office.

A Carbon Fast for Lent?

The Church in Society Committee works in partnership with the Diocese of Cape Town on matters related to Climate Change through the sharing of ideas and resources. The Church in Society Committee has just received the Diocese of Cape Town's *A CARBON FAST FOR LENT? Programme* It is full of great ideas of ways we can each reduce our carbon foot-print by making small adjustments to our daily living. The only one which may not be applicable to us in Scotland mid-winter is Friday 15th of March: Turn off the air conditioning. Use your automobile's flow-through ventilation system or open the windows at lower speeds! Perhaps replace with: wear a thicker coat in the car!

All the suggestions are do-able and could be fun.....

See Inspires online, the Diocesan website or the Diocesan Office for more information.

Pre-Synod Day Plans

The usual letter and Synod papers will be coming out soon but I'd like to offer here a trailer for pre-Synod which will take place on Tuesday March 4th.

What have you discovered this year that enables you to share the good news of God's love in your community?

This is the question you are invited to consider as we approach Synod and the conclusion of Year 2— Equipping for the Vision. Every congregation received a hard copy and CD of the Compass course at the pre-Synod day last year. Two thirds of the Diocese has tackled this – you'll recall that the December newsletter featured positive responses from congregations. If you are online, you can refresh your memory here .

Of course, learning and discovery happens in all kinds of ways so the 'discoveries' need not have come from the Compass experience. It may be for example that some of the MAD actions from year 1 of Building the Vision have borne fruit and you want to tell everyone about that.

As last year, each congregation may send up to 4 members to the pre-Synod day including the lay rep. Some will be invited to make a short presentation and all will have some space on display boards on which to show responses to the question and any relevant photos. (Maximum space roughly equivalent to 2 A4 pages)

If you have still to begin Compass, it is suitable as a Lent course. Contact the Congregational Development Officer (Alison Clark) on 01700 500489.



Pre-Synod is the start of YEAR 3 - *SHARING THE VISION*. Our guest presenter will be Ann Morisy who has a dynamic take on the meaning of 'mission'. Ann is a community theologian and an internationally acclaimed lecturer and writer and we're delighted that she's travelling up from London to be with us. She is the author of a number of books, notably 'Journeying Out –a New Approach to Christian Mission' .

Her most recent are "Bothered and Bewildered: Enacting Hope in Troubled Times"(2009) and "Borrowing From the Future: A faith based response to intergenerational equity"(2011).

In the Footsteps of St. Columba

14 – 19 October 2013

Led by Reverend Joyce Watson, Bishop's House, Isle of Iona
This year marks the 1450th anniversary of St. Columba's arrival on Iona. Enjoy autumn on Iona while learning more about this great man, as told by his follower St. Adamnan and brought back to life with relevance for our lives today by Reverend Joyce Watson. Ample time will be provided to explore the island, relax by the open fire, attend the daily services, and enjoy our wholesome home cooking. Only £325 per person for five nights with full board (single supplement may be applicable depending on availability).



Longer stays can be arranged with the Warden if desired. Email iona@island-retreats.org or call 01681 700111 for bookings or further information.

Toben Lewis, Warden, Bishop's House, Isle of Iona PA76 6SJ

Diocesan Synod

Diocesan Synod will take place as usual in the first week of March with Pre-Synod Day on Tuesday 5th followed by the Synod Eucharist in St John's Cathedral. The business of Synod will take place on Wednesday 6th March. All members of the Diocese are welcome to attend but it would be helpful if you could let the office know so that we can cater appropriately.

Clergy and Lay Leaders are requested to announce Diocesan Synod at all Services.

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE

Hunger is the greatest scandal of our age.

It kills more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. Two million children die each year because of malnutrition. *Yet the world produces enough food for everyone, but not everyone has enough food.*

This is why the Scottish Episcopal Church has joined with more than 80 other organisations as part of the **IF** campaign to make sure that everyone has enough food to live.

Visit Enoughfoodif.org to find out more. **You, too, can sign up to join the campaign at Enoughfoodif.org or at www.christianaid.org.uk either as an individual or with your congregation**

There would be

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE

we stop poor farmers being forced off their land and we grow crops to feed people not fuel cars.

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE

governments and big companies are honest and open about some of the things that stop people getting enough food.

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE

we give enough aid to stop children dying from hunger and help the poorest families get enough food.

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we stop big companies dodging taxes in poor countries.

Please join the campaign to ensure there is

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE

Heritage Lottery Fund— New Grant Programme for Places of Worship

As previously the priority remains structural repairs urgently required within the next two years that have been clearly identified in a Quinquennial inspection. The scope of the new scheme has changed so that all listed buildings are eligible and there is increased emphasis on community engagement. Grants are available for development as well as upkeep. Applications must be supported by an RIAS conservation architect. Match funding is typically 25% and at present VAT can be recovered. See www.hlf.org.uk. Help with applications is available from the Dean.

Porvoo Prayer Diary 2013

The 2013 Porvoo Prayer Diary is now available on the Diocesan Website. Let the Office know if you would like a hard copy.

Faith in Action

Faith in Action in February asks us to consider "Wellbeing". Are your church and church premises available to all?

- Do you provide the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) Liturgy in Braille?
- Is there a hearing loop?
- Is there space for a wheelchair or buggy in the body of the church?
- Are the toilets accessible?

Is the language you use inclusive?

Help and advice can be had from the SEC's Church For All Group: contact churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org

You may wish to try the following:

- give blood regularly
- pray for the well-being of others
- fundraise
- undertake an accessibility audit for your church premises
- enrol on a first-aid course with the St Andrew's Ambulance Association or the Red Cross
- become a DJ on hospital radio
- volunteer in the local hospital or hospice
- volunteer as an advocate for one of the local advocacy charities
- become a reader for Talking Newspapers
- become a puppy walker for charities who train assistance dogs

A Prayer for people with disabilities

Lord, we give thanks for the glorious diversity of ability within your children,

Open us up to see you in the differing abilities of the different people we meet,

Let us recognise the insight of the blind,

Let us hear your voice in the deaf,

Let us encounter your Wisdom in those with learning difficulties.

For although different, together in our great diversity of gifts and abilities we reflect the inexhaustible richness of your love, and the beauty of your holy name. AMEN

A Prayer for those with mental illness

Father of all, we pray for those within our society who suffer from mental illnesses, In their anger, isolation and restlessness, comfort them with your peace.

We ask you for the guidance of your Holy Spirit,

so that we might seek to include them rather than to exclude, to understand them rather than to ignore.

Against our stigma, ignorance and impatience,

Let your love burn within us,

So that we might become true disciples of your Son. AMEN

Further information available from www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/church_in_society_committee/faith_in_action_prayer_guide/

Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association

Honorary Treasurer

The Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association is an independent mission charity, founded in 1875, that seeks to relieve poverty overseas.

We are seeking an Honorary Treasurer to join our Board of Trustees.

The post involves: three morning meetings per year in Edinburgh (near Haymarket), preparation of accounts in compliance with OSCR and making payments to our projects overseas.

You would have experience as a fully qualified accountant, or would have held a similar position.

A full job description can be obtained from and informal enquiries directed to:-

The SECMA Provincial Secretary,

Mrs Hilary Blyth, Tue-Thu, 10am - 2pm

0131 225 6357 or by email at secma@live.co.uk

The Big Sing

You and your congregation are invited to get involved with the Big Sing in aid of CLIC Sargent for children with cancer. The aim of the event is for your congregation to sing 50 hymns or 50 verses in one day while raising sponsor money.

Every day, 10 children and young people in the UK hear the shocking news that they

have cancer. CLIC Sargent provides clinical, practical, financial and emotional support.

Further information from thebigsing@clicsargent.org.uk or call 0141 572 5700.

34th German Kirchentag, Hamburg 1st to 5th May 2013

2,500 events over five days. 100,000 full-time visitors. 30,000 active participants. This is the German Protestant Kirchentag.

As much manna as you need is the theme for the 2013 Kirchentag. How much do we actually need to live? What will cities of the future look like? What's our responsibility to the world of economics and global finance? What are the resources for stable democracy? How do we work together and dialogue with other faith communities? How can we create a successful society that meets the needs of all people? There is a small subsidy available from the ICRC or ACTS towards a person's costs and it is a fantastic event and suitable for all ages. No knowledge of German is required.

These are just some of the issues the Kirchentag will address, woven together with culture, discussion, new friendships and a variety of opportunities to worship God together. So it's a great opportunity for individuals and groups to meet with people from all over the world. Feedback from previous participants is that although it is very useful to have a knowledge of the German language, it is not a necessity.

Accommodation in private homes can be arranged for a small administration fee. Those wishing to stay in hotels have to make their own arrangements. An admission pass for five days costs 89 Euros, which includes programme booklet, songbook, city map and free use of public transport in Hamburg. A reduced pass for the same period costs 49 Euros for visitors under 26, students, people with a disability, or retired people.

You can register as an individual: <http://www.kirchentag.de>

Or join a group and find out about subsidies, especially for young people (under 30) from both the SEC and ACTS, by contacting John Lindsay: johnlindsay@gofast.co.uk

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Santiago Pilgrimage

Rev Michael Paterson, SEC priest and veteran pilgrim is offering to lead small groups of 8 pilgrims along the Camino de Santiago in 2013.

French Option— 7 days

Cathedral of Le Puy to Abbey of Conques

Spanish Option— 9 days

Knights Templar Castle of Ponferrada to Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela

Visit www.joiningthedots.org.uk or contact Michael@joiningthedots.org.uk for more details. See an article on the pilgrimage in the Autumn edition of Inspires.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

A SCPO Briefing paper has been prepared on the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill. Open for consultation until March 2013, this Bill will legislate for same sex marriage, and bring in new marriage laws, including the creation of a third category of marriage ceremony; the ability for religious or belief celebrants to conduct same sex marriage or civil partnerships if their religious body/organisation has been authorised to do so; and safeguards for those who do not seek to do so. Published January 2013, the full briefing paper is available to read on the SCPO website, where it is also available to download. www.actsparl.org (reprinted from Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office Newsletter) The response from the SEC is available on the website.

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Communications

NEWSLETTER

The March Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received at the Diocesan Office (e-mail above) by Monday **25th February** 2013.

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Diocesan Diary

5th March	Pre-Synod Day
	Diocesan Synod Eucharist
6th March	Diocesan Synod
13th April	Lay Leadership Day
22nd-25th October	Diocesan Retreat

Easy Fundraising

If you shop on line or use a computer search engine, you could be raising funds for free! With over 2000 popular retailers, including Argos, M&S, John Lewis, Debenhams, HMV, Vodafone, Dell, The Body Shop, PLAY.com, Interflora and many more. Register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnsoban as a supporter or register your own church. You can also raise funds by using easysearch as your search engine.