

Goa Anglican Centre News

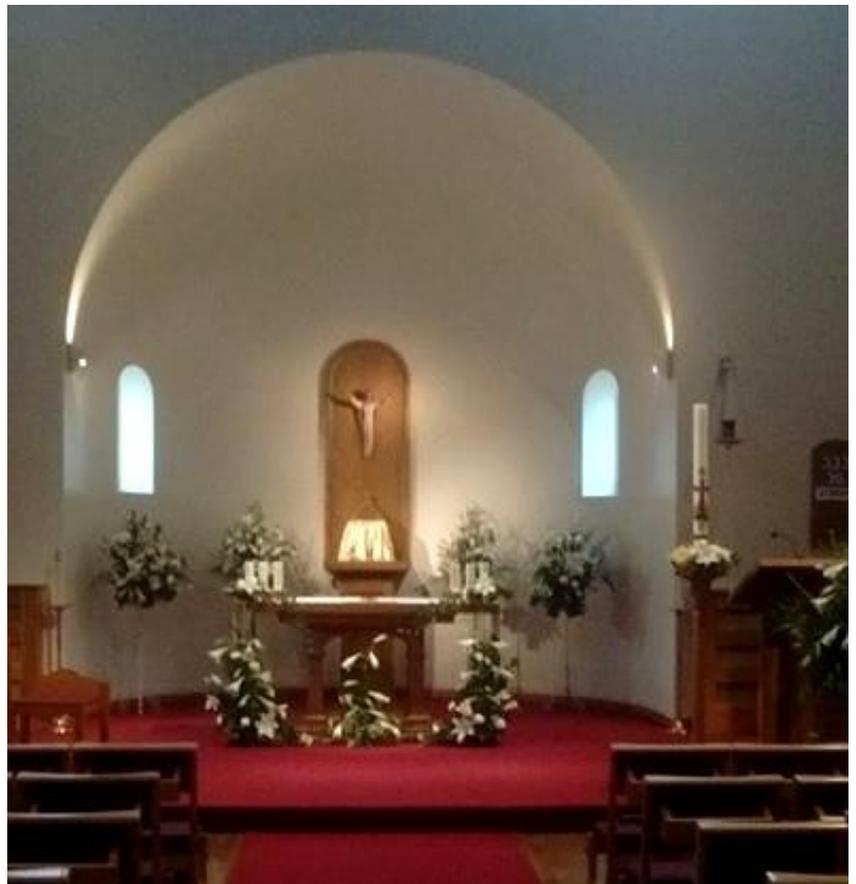
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to this Eastertide edition of the Goa Anglican Centre News! I hope that you had a blessed and meaningful Holy Week and are enjoying a happy celebration of Easter.

The last month has been an exciting one for the Goa Anglican Centre. I began it in Barnet where I had the privilege of preaching at the main Sunday services at St Mark's and St Stephen's churches. Fr Tristan, one of our new trustees, is the priest of both churches and I am delighted to say that there is much interest in and support for our work in Barnet. Both Fr Tristan and Fr Eugene, the parish curate, intend spending a month with us in Goa this year to assist in our chaplaincy provision and also to take an active part in the charity side of our work. We have a new parish associate for Barnet on the way too so we can look forward to much greater links with Barnet in the future.

I seem to have spent most of the last month at St Luke's, Kingstanding. I was the guest preacher in the parish for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday so our patient friends in the West Midlands had to hear from me five times in a week! It is always a joy to spend time at St Luke's and I am always made to feel very welcome. The liturgy was most beautiful and, as you can see in the picture (right) the church looked wonderfully joyous by the time we got to Easter morning.



The parish then kindly hosted our annual Festival. This has been a great success as an opportunity for prayer, reflection, fellowship and the sharing of news and ideas. My sincere thanks to all involved with the planning of this event and with the programme itself. Thanks especially to Fr Barry and the congregation at St Luke's for all their help over the weekend and also to all our friends who travelled from around the country to be with us. The festival finishes today so I look forward to bringing you a full report in the next newsletter.

We have another parish visit in the coming month and I look forward very much to being back with Fr Richard Warhurst and Anna in the Benefice of St Bartholomew. This year I shall be preaching at a Rogation Eucharist in the beautiful church of St Catherine's, Sedgehill at 10.30am on 29 April. There will be a three mile walk around the parish before the service. If you find yourself anywhere

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near Shaftesbury on that day please do join us, and if not please do pray with and for the Benefice of St Bartholomew as we seek to deepen our links with this lovely rural community.

Our linked parishes in Bath, York and Sutton Coldfield will all be offering prayers for our work as ever so there are plenty of opportunities to join a community of people who support our work in Goa.

Thank you as always for all your support in so many ways.

With all best wishes,

Richard Lees

Richard Lees,
Development Officer
The Goa Anglican Centre

Diary

Please have the following dates in your diary:

Wed 25 April 7.30pm	St Mary's, Bishophill Junior, York	Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre
Sun 29 April 10.30am	St Catherine's, Crate Lane, Sedgehill, Shaftesbury SP7 9JN	Rogation Eucharist with sermon and update on the work of the Goa Anglican Centre by Richard Lees, Development Officer
Thurs 3 May 10.30am	St John the Baptist, Bathwick, Bath	Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre. Coffee and biscuits after Mass.
Sun 6 May 10am	Emmanuel, Wylde Green West Midlands	Sung Eucharist with prayers for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the church hall after the service

The Friends of GAC

I am grateful for all those who can support us in prayer. We have a cycle of prayer for our work and surroundings (printed below) which you are more than welcome to join in with and **please pray especially for the new associates of the Goa Anglican Centre.**

Monday: People in need in Satari and Sanguem regions, for the faithful departed and for all who are isolated or lonely

Tuesday: People in need in Quepem and Canacona regions and for peace between India and her neighbours

Wednesday: People in need in Mormugao region, for all visitors to Goa and for those who live and work at the Goa Anglican Centre

Thursday: People in need in Salcete region, for the unity of the church and for all visitors to the Goa Anglican Centre

Friday: People in need in Bicholim region, for all who are hungry and starving and for the homeless

Saturday: People in need in Tiswade region and for all prisoners and those who are falsely accused

Sunday: People in need in Bardez region and that the churches in Goa may be an effective witness to God's love