

# Goa Anglican Centre News

(November 2018)

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this November edition of the Goa Anglican Centre News. We are enjoying a busy time with clergy visitors at the moment. Fr Tristan Chapman spent most of October with us and writes in this newsletter about the various joys of ministry in Goa. Now November sees the return of our regular Chaplain, Fr Robert Webb, along with a first time visit for Fr Eugene Hanshaw. We are so blessed to have clergy spending time with us here at the Centre. As in everything, the sacraments draw us ever closer to God and remind us that our work is His work. With no regular Anglican worship at all in Goa, now our clergy visitors are also a particular joy and blessing for the resident Anglican community here.

Here in Goa we have just celebrated the wonderful Hindu festival of Diwali. It is a time when the whole of India celebrates the victory of light over darkness, and every individual lamp reminds us that each little gift given in love is a vital part of the light shining through the darkness in our world. Our volunteers give so much in terms of their time, their skills and their love. They bring so much hope and joy to the people we work with here, including the local staff as well as the children in the homes and education centres. We look forward to welcoming Barry Cooper back in early December along with Conny from Germany. It is always an exciting and tense time for volunteers starting work here, especially for those coming for the first time. Please do keep Barry and Conny in your prayers. As ever, we need more volunteers to build up the work we do with local charities across Goa.

Fr Tristan is hoping to share, in his local schools and colleges, about the possibilities of volunteering in Goa. Could you do that too? If you could be part of this important job of spreading the word I would love to hear from you. It doesn't matter if you've never visited us or been to one of our events in England. I can share all the details with you along with pictures and testimonies from our past volunteers so that you have plenty to talk about and lots of materials to share. Just send me an email and let's talk about it!

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

With all best wishes,

*Richard Lees*

Richard Lees,  
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# Fr Tristan writes...

What a splendid place Goa is! And what splendid hospitality the Goa Anglican Centre and its friends offer! I spent pretty much the whole of October in the Centre, and very much enjoyed sharing in its routine of prayer, fellowship... and of course snoozing... an essential activity for all! As a clergyman on sabbatical, it was a wonderful opportunity to have time away from my parish duties, to read, pray and reflect, and the peace that the centre offered me was the perfect place to do so... both alone, and sharing in the Rosary and the offices. It was a great joy to celebrate the Eucharist at the Centre and at St Christopher's, Vasco too, and meet the small and joyous Goan Anglican Community! It was also a joy to share in worship with Goan Roman Catholic friends and neighbours, at home and as a parish community - I have been deeply inspired by their welcome, their buoyancy and their devotion!



As a trustee, it was of course great to see the Centre's work, and particularly to visit some of the local charities we support. A great welcome was given at the Margaret Bosco Boys Home... it was great to meet the Fathers and brothers who run it, and to meet the boys who live there... as well as hear how much they are all looking forward to Barry's return! Further afield, I accompanied Richard out into the sticks to visit the Boys School and Agricultural College at Sulcorna, to discuss it as a possible place for future volunteers... an extraordinary place doing great good... despite the odd panther in the grounds at night!

I return to my parish ministry refreshed and invigorated, and grateful to Richard, Iris and all whom I met in Goa for their kindness, their warm welcome... and their copious provision of beer, gin and feni (if you haven't tried this Goan, cashew-based spirit, you're in for a treat some day!)



# 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. **Please pray especially for all our chaplains and clergy visitors.**

**Monday:** People in need in Satari and Sanguem regions, for all who are hungry and starving and for the homeless

**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 the faithful departed and for all who are isolated or lonely

**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

## Diary

Please have the following dates in your diary:

<b>Wed 28 Nov</b> 7.30pm	<b>St Mary's, Bishophill Junior, York</b>	<b>Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre</b>
<b>Sun 2 Dec</b> 10am	<b>Emmanuel, Wylde Green West Midlands</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>Thurs 6 Dec</b> 10.30am	<b>St John the Baptist, Bathwick, Bath</b>	<b>Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre. Coffee and biscuits after Mass</b>

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